

OCTOBER 2023

Dear League Supervisor/League Level Coordinator;



Welcome to another bowling season and the Virginia State USBC Pepsi Youth Championships. We are maintaining the advancement ratio to the STATE LEVEL at least one (1) for every seven (7) entries per - division, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. To accommodate the increase in bowling lineage fees, entry fees have increased to \$23.00 for the U8 and U10 divisions, and to \$39.00 for the U12, U15 and U18 divisions.

The optional Handicap divisions remain as previous years with no change in cost, staying at \$10. Bowlers will continue to qualify for the STATE LEVEL based on their scratch scores at the League Level. If they opt to bowl at the STATE LEVEL, bowlers will be able to also enter the optional handicap divisions by paying the additional fee. The tournament is still ALL scratch in ALL divisions to determine STATE LEVEL qualifiers. See the STATE LEVEL rules for additional details. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Scholarships will be awarded at the STATE LEVEL in ALL divisions. More than \$37,000 in scholarships were awarded in the 2023 tournament. Make sure your bowlers have their opportunity for this year's scholarships.

The STATE LEVEL champions in the U12, U15, and U18 divisions will receive a paid entry into the 2024 Junior Gold Championships conducted during July 2024. Champions of the optional handicap divisions will NOT receive an entry to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships. A travel stipend will be available to the Junior Gold qualifiers. See the State Level Rules for additional details.

League qualifying will be in accordance with USBC rules included with your league kit. *In case you didn't get the league kit; you can download the league level handbook and other information at either <http://vastateusbc.com/youth/> or <http://www.bowl.com/pepsiyouth/>. Make sure your bowlers initial the worksheet forms confirming their birth dates, divisions and they are provided with a copy of all level rules. Qualifying windows for your league qualifying are as follows and feel free to adjust to suit your league's schedule, center events, and of course, the weather:*

NOVEMBER WINDOW: November 5 - 18, 2023 FEBRUARY WINDOW: Jan 21 – Feb 3, 2024

Enclosed are your copies of the format and rules for the STATE LEVEL competition of the 2024 VIRGINIA STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS. Also, enclosed is a checklist with the November Qualifiers Form to help you schedule your events and the STATE QUALIFIERS form to list your qualifiers for the STATE LEVEL.

Return the STATE QUALIFIERS Forms (**one form per league**) and STATE LEVEL fees to me as soon as **possible after the end of the February qualifying period. Fees are \$23.00 for Divisions U8 and U10 and \$39.00 for Divisions U12, U15 and U18. Optional handicap event fee is \$10.00 for all divisions. The STATE LEVEL deadline for submitting qualifiers is March 12, 2024. All entries must be postmarked by March 13, 2024.**

The STATE LEVEL competition will be held at Bowlero Mechanicsville, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. **Dates will be April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2024.** Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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Tournament Director

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