

Virginia

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League Level Qualifying	November 5-18, 2023	January 21-February 3, 2024
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	April 13-14, 20-21 & 27-28, 2024	Bowlero Mechanicsville (Mechanicsville, VA)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #05213
Rules	See Below	

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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CHECKLIST - 2024 VIRGINIA STATE PEPSI USBC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



Review 2024 PEPSI USBC Youth Championships packet sent by USBC or found online at www.bowl.com.

Review Virginia State Pepsi STATE LEVEL rules and LEAGUE

QUALIFIERS form included in this packet. *In case you didn't get the league kit; download the league level handbook and State rules at <http://www.bowl.com/pepsiyouth/>.*

Run NOVEMBER qualifier (Qualifying window is 5 Nov - 18 Nov 2023)

-- First week: List ALL bowlers (present and non-present) by division on USBC worksheets. (Make copy for use in February). List birth dates, averages and scores. Have each bowler initial sheet. **Provide copy of league rules and state level rules to each bowler.**

-- Second week: Add any **new** bowlers. List averages, and scores.

-- At completion of qualifying window, rank each bowler's highest series score. Then rank bowlers, high to low, based on bowler's highest single week's score.

-- Determine number of qualifiers based on **one in seven advance rules** to STATE LEVEL. **Base qualifiers on number of bowlers eligible in each division, NOT bowlers actually present during the window. Count each bowler only once within each 2-week window.**

-- Complete NOVEMBER QUALIFIERS FORM for each league and forward to me (email with information is acceptable). Any questions, please contact me and I will glad to assist as needed. (Make copies of form for each league.)

Run FEBRUARY qualifier (Qualifying window is 21 Jan – 3 Feb 2024)

-- Repeat November qualifying instructions to determine number of qualifiers.

-- February qualifiers DO NOT replace the November qualifiers. They are another set of qualifiers.

Verify with qualifiers whether they will attend the STATE LEVEL tournament. Collect STATE LEVEL fees from qualifiers planning to attend STATE LEVEL, **including optional handicap event fees.** List qualifiers, bowler IDs, and averages on LEAGUE QUALIFIERS form. Forward LEAGUE QUALIFIERS forms, league standing sheets and fees. **Please use league check, certified check, cashier's check or money order. *Mail by March 13, 2024.***

NOVEMBER QUALIFIERS FORM

LEAGUE: _____ CENTER: _____

COACH: _____ ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

<u>DIVISIONS:</u>	<u>NO. OF BOWLERS IN DIVISION</u>	<u>NO. OF QUALIFIERS (1 in 7)</u>
U8 BOYS	_____	_____
U8 GIRLS	_____	_____
U10 BOYS	_____	_____
U10 GIRLS	_____	_____
U12 BOYS	_____	_____
U12 GIRLS	_____	_____
U15 BOYS	_____	_____
U15 GIRLS	_____	_____
U18 BOYS	_____	_____
U18 GIRLS	_____	_____

FORWARD TO KEN SPRIGINGS, 1518 OLDE COURSE LANE, SALEM, VA 24153

Or email to springsk@comcast.net

RULES - STATE LEVEL – VIRGINIA



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#05213) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Dates of LEAGUE LEVEL qualifying are November 5 – 18, 2023 and January 21 – February 3, 2024. Advancement from LEAGUE is a one-time entry. If an individual who qualified cannot participate in the STATE LEVEL competition, replacements will be eligible based on order of finish in LEAGUE LEVEL competition.
3. Advancement ratio from LEAGUE LEVEL competition to the STATE LEVEL competition is at **least one (1) for every seven (7) entries per division, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties**. Advancement from LEAGUE LEVEL competition to the STATE LEVEL will be based on scratch scores. The base number for each division is the number of league members that would have participated in that division. In all cases at least one person per division shall advance. The advancement ratio shall be applied uniformly to all eligible divisions.
4. **Advancers out of the LEAGUE LEVEL must remain in the division they qualified in during the STATE LEVEL. If a bowler advances out of LEAGUE LEVEL in more than one state/zone, the bowler must declare one state/zone to continue competing before the next competition level. Participation in any level of competition past the LEAGUE LEVEL in more than one state/zone will result in automatic disqualification.**
5. Competition will take place at: Bowlero Mechanicsville, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. Telephone Number: 804-559-2600. Dates are April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2024. Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day. *Lanes will not be dressed between squads*. Squads may be cancelled at the discretion of the tournament director.
6. Entry closing date is 12 March 2024. Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' names, averages and USBC ID numbers; coaches' addresses and telephone numbers must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
7. Divisions are based on the participant's date of birth.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U8 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2015 or later | <input type="checkbox"/> U8 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U10 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2013 thru 7/31/15 | <input type="checkbox"/> U10 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U12 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/13 | <input type="checkbox"/> U12 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U15 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2008 thru 7/31/11 | <input type="checkbox"/> U15 Girls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U18 Boys | Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2005 thru 7/31/08 | <input type="checkbox"/> U18 Girls |

Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. Athletes must be Junior Gold Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the Junior Gold Championships. Competition shall be conducted in **ALL** divisions.

8. The tournament format shall be:
 - **Divisions U8, and U10:** Bowlers will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes.
 - **Divisions U12, U15, and U18:** Bowlers will bowl six (6) games on the same pair of lanes.
 - Total pinfall only will determine winners in each above division.
 - **Optional Handicap divisions will be available to all STATE LEVEL entrants in each of the same age divisions. Scratch scores from above will be combined with handicap to determine winners in each handicap division.**

9. **Entry fees are: U8 and U10 Divisions:**

Lineage	\$13.50
Expenses	\$ 0.50
Scholarships	<u>\$ 9.00</u>
TOTAL	\$23.00

U12, U15 and U18 Divisions:

Lineage	\$27.00
Expenses	\$ 2.00
Scholarships	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$39.00

Optional Handicap Event

Entry fees are: U8H and U10H Divisions:

Scholarships	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10.00

U12H, U15H, and U18H Divisions:

Scholarships	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10.00

There is **NO** advancement from the STATE LEVEL to the National Junior Gold Tournament in the optional handicap divisions.

Scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers. **Scholarships will be held in SMART.**

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10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **No hats/caps/headgear/electronic devices allowed. This includes headphones, ear buds, etc. Bowling shirts must have sleeves and must meet the waist band of the bowler's shorts, skirt or slacks. Collared shirts are suggested, but are not required. If wearing shorts or skirt they must be at least half way to the knee – no short shorts. No smoking by guests or athletes in the bowling center in accordance with Commonwealth of Virginia law.**
11. No substitutes will be permitted **once athletes have started tournament play.** However, replacements may be used for bowlers not present ten (10) minutes prior to the squad time as stated in Rule 2. **Replacements must be from order of finish from LEAGUE LEVEL (i.e. the same window, same league and same center as the “no-show” bowler. They must follow the order of advancement within that window/league.)**
12. Bowlers entering the optional handicap events shall use their **highest** certified league average, minimum of 21 games, as of February 1, 2024. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standing sheet closest to the first date of competition with a minimum of 12 games. Bowlers will bowl scratch if none of the above is met. League averages that are challenge or sport averages will be adjusted using the appropriate USBC rule for average adjustment. **Averages must be verified by a league standing sheet.**
13. **Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 200 for the U8H and U10H divisions. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230 for the U12H, U15H, and U18H divisions.**
14. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair.
15. If no replacement has been made, bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. **Frames may not be made-up.** A bowler not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. Ties for positions involving scholarships will remain; scholarship awards will be combined and divided equally among the tying bowlers. Ties for advancement to the National Junior Gold Championships will be broken by comparing scores of the 2nd 3-game set (games 4, 5 & 6) from the STATE LEVEL competition with the higher set score advancing to the National Junior Gold Championships.
18. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the start of the next block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director. All other protests must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the infraction. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
19. Symbolic awards will not be given.
20. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 1st place in each division plus additional awards based on one award for every 10 STATE LEVEL entries per division, or major fraction thereof. Scholarship awards will be given in ALL divisions; scratch and optional handicap. **No National Pepsi scholarship funds will be used in the optional handicap events.**
21. **The first-place winners of the U12, U15 and U18 Divisions for both Girls and Boys will advance to the 2024 Junior Gold Championships. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership must purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to June 8, 2024. USBC will waive the \$200 (U18), \$150 (U15) and \$100 (U12) entry fee for**

these athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the Junior Gold Championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2025 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the U12, U15, or U18 Division Champion is unwilling to become a USBC Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Virginia State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships will provide partial payment of travel expenses based on available funds, with a maximum of \$400.

If an athlete cannot advance or has won a spot in the Junior Gold Championship through a previous qualifier, the athlete retains his/her scholarship, but the berth will be granted to the next eligible bowler. Also, if an athlete has won a spot through a previous qualifier, he/she retains the stipend. If the athlete already has a stipend, they would retain the higher stipend amount, they are NOT allowed to earn multiple stipends. The stipend, in this case, would go to the next eligible athlete.

22. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, or, failing to do so, agree to waive all rights. Replacements will be selected based on the order of finish in their division at the STATE LEVEL. Replacements will incur all costs associated with changing the airline ticket, if applicable. If the eligible advancer decides not to attend the Junior Gold Championships, any stipends offered will be forfeited. However, any scholarships earned will be retained.
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the Virginia State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee. The National Pepsi USBC Youth Championships Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

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