

West Virginia

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League Level Qualifying	NA	NA
Sectional Level Qualifying	NA	NA
State Finals	March 1-2 & 8-9, 2025	Mountaineer Lanes (Bluefield, WV)
State Finals Certification Number		Cert. #05008
Rules	See Below	



****SCRATCH** USBC# 05008**

2025 West Virginia State USBC Pepsi

Mountaineer Lanes, 3224 E Cumberland Rd, Bluefield, WV

Entries must be post marked midnight Feb. 10, 2025

Squad Dates & Times: Sat. March 1 @ 2 PM
Sun. March 2 @ 10 AM Sat. March 8 @ 10 AM
Tournament finals: Sun. March 9, 2025

Divisions are determined by your D.O.B. as of 08/01
Please see Rule 5 for age divisions

U8 U10 U12 U15 U18
Bowling fee \$25.00
Scholarship fee \$10.00
Expense fee \$5.00
\$40.00 per bowler

*** Additional Scholarship money will be added from existing SMART funds**

First _____ Last _____ USBC # _____ Last 4 SSN * _____
Required* U12-U15-U18

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ph. _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Bowling Center: _____

Month Day Year

Check division: M _____ F _____

Send entry form, entry fee and league standing sheet as of Feb. 1, 2025 to:

West Virginia State USBC

2620 Orchard Ave, Huntington, WV 25704

304-638-1211

Facebook: West Virginia Youth Bowling

Make Checks payable to: West Virginia State USBC

2025 West Virginia State USBC Pepsi-Tournament Rules

1. **WV State USBC Pepsi Championship is certified, all USBC rules and regulations will be in effect.**
2. **Bowler must be a USBC youth member, and bowl in a WV USBC certified youth league.**
3. Competition: March 1 @ 2 PM, March 2 @ 10 AM, March 8 @ 10 AM. Finals March 9.
4. **Squads times will be added if needed.**
5. Qualifying competition is held in divisions based on the bowler's date of birth as of the dates below:
 - U8 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2016 or later → U8 Girls
 - U10 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2014 thru 7/31/16 → U10 Girls
 - U12 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2012 thru 7/31/14 → U12 Girls
 - U15 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2009 thru 7/31/12 → U15 Girls
 - U18 Boys Bowlers whose birthdate is 8/1/2006 thru 7/31/09 → U18 Girls
6. Symbolic awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in all divisions (U8, U10, U12, U15, and U18).
7. All bowlers must wear proper attire. Dress code: NO shorts above the kneecaps, NO wearing of clothing depicting foul language or gestures. NO hats allowed. NO smoking or drinking of alcohol in the center.
8. Bowlers must have a minimum of 21 games as of February 1, 2025 for the current season. If minimum games not reached, bowler must have a minimum of 21 games for the previous season. All others will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
9. No entry fee will be returned after tournament closing date.
10. **Tournament Format:** Bowlers in U8, & U10 will bowl a 3-game series without advancement.
11. Divisions U12, U15, & U18 will bowl a 3-game series.

For Divisions U12, U15 & U18, if we have a minimum of 8 bowlers in that division, 50% of the bowlers will go onto the finals, with a maximum of 24 moving onto the finals. If we have less than 8 bowlers in the division, 4 bowlers will move to the finals. All pin fall from the previous games will be dropped each round. Bowlers will bowl 3 games, then the top 5 will move onto the step ladder finals to determine the champion.

The top qualifier in Divisions U12, U15 & U18 will be awarded additional scholarship money in their SMART account.
12. **Finals are on March 9, 2025. Finals times for each age group will be announced once the number of bowlers have been determined.**
13. Scholarship fee returned 100% Scholarship will be awarded as follows: all divisions 1 out of 10. Scholarship will be held in the **USBC SMART FUND #08552**
14. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes of practice. Practice will start 10 minutes before the start time of the shift. Bowlers and officials only allowed in the seating area. **Coaching is permitted but BOWLER must come back to the coach or parent on the carpet area.**
15. Bowler(s) arriving late shall begin play and score shall count beginning with that frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Bowler(s) not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame.
16. Only bowlers, score keepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the immediate bowling area.
17. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be given to the tournament director no later than the start of the block or 30 minutes after the completion of competition. Questionable errors shall be decided by the tournament director. All other protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director before the awards are presented. Under this rule, each protest must be specific in itself.
18. If a bowler cannot finish their game(s), they will receive a score of zero for the remaining frame(s)/game(s).
19. The First-place winners of the **U12, U15, and U18** divisions for both Males and Females will advance to the 2025 Junior Gold Championships on July 11-19, 2025, location will be Green Bay. They must be **USBC Junior Gold** members to advance to the Junior Gold Championships.
20. Bowlers without a current Junior Gold membership **MUST** purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to June 1st. USBC will waive the \$200 U18 and U15 and \$100 U12 entry fee. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, and international competition.
21. If the **U12, U15 and U18** Division Champion is unwilling or unable to become a Junior Gold member they will not advance to the Junior Gold Championships. However, the athlete will still retain the State/zone scholarship, but the spot to the Junior Gold Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Travel expense for 1st place winners will come from the ball raffles, and fund raisers. 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/zone level. Replacements will occur all costs associated with changing airline ticket, if applicable. In the event that a qualifier needs to be replaced and there is a tie to determine who will advance to the Junior Gold Championships, the high game from the qualifying scores will determine who will advance. If the high score for each is the same, the next subsequent high score will be used until the tie is broken.
22. **Tournament Director is responsible for verification of memberships.**
23. The tournament director has the right to disqualify a bowler if he or she violates **USBC RULE 17d.**
24. **All Bowlers in the Host Zone MUST bowl the FIRST squad!**
25. The WV State USBC board of directors will decide any questions not covered by these tournament rules.

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