

OCTOBER 2009

Dear League Supervisor/League Level Coordinator;



The 2009-2010 bowling season is underway! The qualifier advancement format for the 2010 Virginia State USBC Pepsi tournament will be same format as last year. Center qualifiers will advance straight to the State Level. Scratch bowlers only advance past the State Level. Scholarships will be awarded at the STATE LEVEL in all divisions.

An estimated **\$13,000** in scholarships will be awarded in this year's tournament. Make sure your bowlers have their opportunity for this year's scholarships.

The 1st and 2nd place STATE LEVEL winners in the *12 & Above Scratch Divisions* will receive a paid entry into the 2010 USA Junior Gold National tournament in July 2010 in Indianapolis. A travel stipend will be available to qualifiers. See the State 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; download the league level handbook from bowl.com at*

<http://usbcongress.http.internapcdn.net/usbcongress/bowl/tournaments/pdfs/pepsichamp/2009-10LeagueLevelHandbook.pdf>

Make sure your bowlers initial the forms confirming their divisions and they are provided with a copy of all level rules. Qualifying windows for your league qualifying are as follows:

NOVEMBER WINDOW: November 8 - 21, 2009 FEBRUARY WINDOW: January 17 - January 30, 2010

If you need to adjust these dates because of weather or other events at your center, please feel free to do so.

As a reminder, bowlers ages 12 and above (as of 1 August) **must decide before they bowl, whether they will participate in the scratch or handicap division.** They will bowl in the chosen division in this league during the qualifying period. They may choose a different division in a different league.

Enclosed are your copies of the format and rules for the STATE LEVEL competition of the 2010 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) with average verifications and STATE LEVEL fees to me as soon as **possible after the end of the February qualifying period.** *Fees are \$16.00 for Division 11 & Under and \$26.00 for Division 12 & above bowlers.* **The STATE LEVEL deadline for submitting qualifiers is March 9, 2010. All entries must be postmarked by March 9, 2010.**

The STATE LEVEL competition will be held at AMF Hanover Lanes, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. Dates will be April 24, 25, May 1, 2, 8 and 9. Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day.

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

Sincerely yours,

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