

RULES - STATE LEVEL – VIRGINIA



1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (#4498) and shall be governed by USBC rules.
 2. Dates of LEAGUE qualifying are November 6 – 19, 2011 and January 22 – February 4, 2012. 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 competition.
 3. Advancement ratio from LEAGUE competition to the STATE LEVEL competition is at least one (1) for every ten (10) entries per - division, or major fraction thereof, including last-place ties. 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: AMF Hanover Lanes, 7317 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia. Telephone Number: 804-559-2600. Dates April 21, 22, 28, and 29, May 5 and 6, 2012. Squad times will be 10:00am and 2:00pm each day.
 6. Entry closing date is 20 March 2012. Tournament entry form containing qualifiers' names and averages, coaches' addresses and telephone numbers must be submitted to the tournament director by this date.
 7. Divisions are based on the participant's age as of August 1, 2011. **Athletes must choose the division in which they will compete. ***Bowlers in the 12 and above divisions who have entering averages of 211 or higher MUST compete in the Scratch Division.*** Athletes are not mandated to be USBC Junior Gold members to enter the Scratch Division. However, athletes must be Program Members or be eligible and buy membership prior to advancement to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.** Competition shall be conducted in ALL divisions:
 8. The tournament format shall be:
 - **Divisions Ages 11 and Under:** Bowlers will bowl three (3) games on the same pair of lanes.
 - **Divisions Ages 12 and Above:** Bowlers will bowl six (6) games in two 3-game blocks switching lanes for each block.
 - Total pinfall plus handicap, where applicable, will determine winners in each division.
 9. **Entry fee is:**

<u>Ages 11 and under:</u>	<u>Ages 12 and above:</u>
Lineage	Lineage
Expenses	Expenses
Scholarships	Scholarships
TOTAL	TOTAL
- Awards and scholarship fees shall be returned 100% to the bowlers.
Scholarships will be held in SMART - Account Number 8551.
10. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. **Wearing of the “official USBC Youth Jersey” is encouraged. No hats/caps allowed. No smoking by guests or athletes on the concourse or in the settee area, only in designated areas.**
 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. Competitors shall be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice time on their starting pair.

13. 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.
14. Bowlers shall use their **highest current** certified league average, minimum of 21 games, as of February 5, 2012. If the minimum has not been met, the bowler will present a league standing sheet closest to the date of competition with a minimum of 12 games. Bowlers will bowl scratch if none of the above are met. League averages that are sport averages will be adjusted using the USBC rule for average adjustment. **Averages must be verified by a standing sheet.**
15. Handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 210.
16. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
17. Ties for positions involving scholarship awards will remain; awards will be combined and divided equally among the tying bowlers.
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 30 STATE LEVEL entries per division, or major fraction thereof.
21. **The first place winners and runners-up of the 12 and above Girls and Boys Scratch Divisions will advance to the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships on July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana. They must be USBC Junior Gold members to advance to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships or purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the championships. USBC will waive the \$200 entry fee for the athletes. These athletes will compete for additional scholarships available to all athletes at the championships, as well as other prizes and awards. All U.S. citizens are vying for a spot on USBC Junior Team USA 2013 to represent the United States in national and international competition. If the Scratch Division Champions or runners-up are unwilling or unable to become a USBC Junior Gold member and will not advance to the Championships, the athlete will still retain the state scholarship, but the berth to the Championships will be awarded to the next eligible athlete. Virginia State Pepsi USBC Youth Championships will provide partial payment of expenses based on available funds, with a maximum of \$300. Payment amount will be announced at the State Finals.**
22. Eligible advancers must agree to bowl in the North Pointe 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.
23. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations shall be determined by the State/Zone 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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