

1. The Annual Virginia State USBC Youth Tournament is open to any certified USBC youth bowler within the jurisdiction of the Virginia State Alliance. Bowlers **MUST** bowl in a league that is certified through the State Alliance and averages must come from these leagues. Averages from outside the State Alliance will not be used. Bowlers must have USBC youth membership cards before entry into the tournament.
2. Tournament will consist of a 4 bowler team event (team), 2 bowler team event (doubles), an individual event (singles) and a bumper individual event (singles). Teams may consist of any combination of bowlers. A bowler may enter the Team event only, the Singles and Doubles event only or all three. Bowlers must bowl both the Singles and Doubles events to be able to bowl in either one. The bowler bowling in the bumper singles must be a bowler in a bumper league.
 - 2a. The first Team, Doubles and Singles event will go towards All-events.
 - 2b. Scholarships will be awarded on a basis of at least 1 for every 10 entries in the Team, Doubles and Singles and Bumper Singles. All-events at least 1 for every 10 entries will be given both in the handicap division and the optional scratch division. Scholarship money will be held in the SMART Program at bowling headquarters. The account number is #9302.
3. Averages will be taken as of February 20, 2011. Bowlers bowling in more than one league **MUST** use their highest average for 21 games or more. Bowlers who do not have an average as of this date may use their highest average as of April 10, 2011 for 21 games or more, if none the bowler may use their summer average for 21 games or more. If none of the above then the bowler must bowl with a 200 average. Handicap will be based on a average of 230. **Averages must be from a league certified in the VSUSBC ASSOCIATION - YOUTH DIVISION.**
4. **AN AVERAGE SHEET FOR ALL LEAGUES WITH FULL NAMES, TOTAL PINS, NUMBER OF GAMES AND AVERAGES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY FORM.**
5. The bowler's coach (coach only) must sign the entry form certifying that the bowler is USBC Youth certified and that the average on the entry form is correct.
6. Entry fees are \$20 per event (team, doubles, singles and bumper singles). There is a \$20 entry fee for the scratch all-events. All entry fees must accompany the entry form. Fees not paid in full will be returned and the entry will be declared void. **MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY AND MADE OUT TO VSUSBC YOUTH STATE TOURNAMENT.** No entry fee will be returned after confirmation letter has been accepted. All entries must be completed with a full complement of names and addresses. Entries without such completion will be returned.
7. **All bowlers will bowl three games in each of the following events: Team, Singles and Doubles.** A bowler may bowl only once in the Singles event. A bowler may sub in the Team and Doubles event as many times as needed. **Bowlers in the Bumper Singles will bowl 2 games.** A bowler may bowl only once in the Bumper Singles event.
8. Bowlers may bowl all games in one day provided there is an open shift between the Team event and the Singles and Doubles event. If the tournament is held in one center this rule does not apply.
9. Singles will be bowled first followed by the doubles event. There will be no break or changing of lanes between the events.
10. **ALL BOWLERS WILL WEAR PROPER ATTIRE: BOWLING SHIRTS MUST HAVE SLEEVES AND MUST GO OVER THE WAIST BAND OF YOUR SLACKS, SKIRT OR SHORTS SO AS TO PREVENT EXPOSURE OF THE MIDRIFF. IF WEARING SHORTS OR SKIRTS THEY MUST REACH MID-THIGH OR LOWER. WE ASK THAT THE BOWLING SHIRTS NOT TO BE LOW CUT- NO SHORT SHORTS. THE BOWLING CENTERS DO NOT ALLOW HATS OR HEADGEAR WORN BY BOWLERS DURING SQUAD TIMES.** A committee of three coaches will be appointed by the house directors to determine if the bowler's outfit is acceptable. **Bowlers may need to change or be disqualified pending their decision.**
11. Handicaps will be computed based on 100% of the difference of the individual average and 230. The tournament will divided into 3 class divisions.

	CLASS 3	CLASS 2	CLASS 1
TEAM	519 & UNDER	520 - 679	680 & ABOVE
DOUBLES	259 & UNDER	260 - 339	340 & ABOVE
SINGLES	129 & UNDER	130 - 169	170 & ABOVE
BUMPER SINGLES	ALL AVERAGES		
12. **LATE BOWLERS WILL RECEIVE NO SCORES FOR FRAMES MISSED.** This applies during a game as well as in the beginning
13. Teams and Doubles will bowl in the order listed on the original entry form. Substitutes will be permitted only in the same line-up position. Violators of this rule will be disqualified for that event. No changes will be made except by the tournament committee.
14. Substitutes must check into the tournament office at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled bowling time. Team captains check in at least 45 minutes before scheduled bowling time if there are no substitutes. Should the average of the substitute change the class division of an entry, the entry will be reclassified automatically.
15. Any appeal or protest regarding the tournament must be confirmed in writing within 72 hours after the decision is made. If no written protest is entered prior to the 72 hour period, the decision will stand.
16. Acceptance of entries begin **MARCH 1, 2011** and the closing date for all entries will be **April 15, 2011.**
17. Members of the USBC youth division who conduct themselves in a manner not within the standards expected of youth bowlers while en route to, while in or en route from the tournament city shall be suspended immediately. They shall be disqualified from further participation in the tournament and reported to USBC youth division for formal suspension.
18. USBC rules will govern any situation not covered by these rules.
19. Standings will be posted on the Virginia State website: www.virginia.state.usbc.com

