RULES

1. All bowlers participating in the tournament must be a certified USBC member 23 years old or younger as of Aug. 1st, 2026 to participate. Check in starts at 7:45 am with practice commencing at 8:45 a.m. Walk ins are welcomed if space permits with a $10 fee. Entries close at practice time.

2. Any bowler who is ineligible to take scholarship money offered may participate, but is only required to pay the lineage, expenses and year end for a total of $34 plus seasonal membership fee. All late fees still apply. The bowler will also not be eligible to make match play due to not being able to receive scholarship. If a bowler can only take a set amount of scholarship; that is their responsibility to let the tournament director know in advance.

3. This tournament will be conducted on a sport condition.

4. This is a scratch and a handicap tournament. The divisions are as follows using league house and sport averages for new tour bowlers: Scratch boys and girls with an entering average of 180 (175 sport) and up; Handicap with an entering average 179 (174 sport) or below. Handicap based on 80% of 200. All new handicap members MUST have a sanctioned league average verification. All bowlers will be re-rated after 6 games of tournament play and then will carry a tournament average.

4a. At the beginning of each new season, previous members will carry their last year's average, min. 18 games, until their new 6 game average is in effect.

4b. Bowlers ending the season with a sport average of 175 or higher will be moved up to the scratch division. Scratch bowlers ending with a sport average under 175 may inquire about changing to Handicap division.

4c. Once a bowler has moved up to the scratch division for one tour event during the season, they are no longer allowed to bowl handicap for the remainder of the season unless TD deems it ok.

4d. Any bowler, regardless of average, is allowed to bowl in the scratch division, keeping in mind rule **4c.**

5. **Brackets** are an optional side event that pairs you against another bowler randomly in a head to head three round format. Entry fee for brackets will be returned 100% as scholarship. Cost to enter is $5 each bracket and will count for games 2, 4, and 5. **Mystery Doubles** is an optional side event that randomly pairs you with another bowler to be partners. Cost to enter is $5 for each entry and will count for games 1, 3 and 5.

6. Tournament format: Bowl 5 games of qualifying, movement after each game will be determined at each event. The cut will be determined by the number of participants that day as well as the match play format. Ties for the last qualifying position going into match play will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off with a sudden death ball by ball continuation until there is a winner.

7. Each tournament will also be a Junior Gold Qualifier. This is optional for an additional $65 entry fee for U16/U18 division, $50 entry fee for U14 and $40 entry fee for U12. We will advance a ratio of 1:4 with next seed in line over the ratio number having the option per USBC rules to fund the remaining short fall of their junior gold entry, but only the next seed in line. If that person does not choose to do so, it does not carry down to next person in line. There will be a separate division between boys and girls, if we have at least 4 entries in each division. Any questions please ask before signing up.

7a. If you are not already a Junior Gold member or need to renew your membership, you may do so at the event online with a credit card. U12 Memberships are $25; U14 $40 and U16/U18 $50. (Memberships run in accordance with the bowling season, August 1st – July 31st.) First 6 games bowled in tournament play comprise the Junior Gold Qualifier tournament.

8. This tournament is for scholarship money only and will be held at the Smart Fund account #8745. Tournament entry fee is $60: $26 to scholarship, $22 lineage, $9 expenses, and $3 for the Year End tournament. Money will be distributed by division. Seasonal membership for all bowlers is $25. Walk-in fee is $10. See rule 17b. for possible additional fees.

9. Scholarship money will be awarded 100%. In addition, high game of the day in each division is $25 (based on first 6 games). Any 300 games or 800 series shall award $50 for each. (800 series awards count for games 1-3 & 4-6.) High game for the first 6 games; $10 each game. (If a tie exists for high game or high game of the day, the amount will be

divided evenly.) No. 1 Seed after first 6 games will receive an additional $25 Scholarship. Money is awarded per each division. Banners and Champion Jerseys are awarded to the winners of each division.

10. All new bowlers must bring proof of their previous season's average if it is not listed on bowl.com. New members will use their highest league average or sport average, if they have one, from the previous USBC league season unless their current season with 21 games is 10 pins higher or lower than the previous year.

11. While bowling in the tournament, all bowlers must have their scores verified by an opponent by initialing their score sheets. All scores not verified, illegible or falsified will be disqualified. Refer to rule 327b in the USBC rulebook.

12. Only bowlers and scorekeepers are allowed in the bowling area during tournament play. All score corrections must be made or approved by a league official before they are made and must be done in the frame they occur in, no exceptions.

13. Bowlers bowling in the tournament must be present at all times and ready to bowl. Bowlers who leave and have qualified for the next round will be replaced by the next qualifying bowler.

14. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated during the tournament. The first offense will be considered a warning. A second offense will result in disqualification from the tournament, and will not receive your money back.

15. Bowlers must be dressed in proper attire; a shirt with butterfly or mock collar; dress pants, dress shorts. For girls, skorts or skirts are allowed that meet the fingertip rule. No hats, jeans of any type, spandex leggings, yoga pants or t-shirts are allowed. No Headphones will be allowed to be worn on the lanes without a medical documentation. **No Exceptions!**

16. Bowlers must participate in at least 4 of the tour tournaments in order to bowl at the season finale tournament in June.

16a. Should a bowler attend all of the events, the bowler shall receive additional scholarship money and a free entry into the year end event.

17. Reservations will be taken for each tournament by filling out the reservation form on the website isyl.org. Then mail in the entry along with fees to: Patti Mauerman, 25765 Eastpoint Road, Tremont, IL, 61568 at least 7 days prior to the tournament to ensure your spot for the tournament. Any questions contact pattimauerman@gmail.com. Confirmations will be emailed out once a week. Make check payable to ILUSBC.

17a. Reservations NOT paid 7 days in advance will forfeit their spot to any prepaid spots on the waitlist. Anyone on the waitlist that prepays and doesn't make it in will have their check shredded. Paid entries take precedence over any reservations. Space is limited so please PREPAY to guarantee your spot.

17b. No shows who do not cancel at least 24 hours prior to start time for each tournament will have to prepay for any future tournaments.

18. Point system: Anytime a bowler participates in a regular tournament, they are awarded points based on their qualifying position, finishing position, attendance, and any scratch games over 200. Points accumulated during the year will be used in determining Bowler of the Year, per division. Bowler of the Year will receive additional scholarship plus a plaque/trophy.

18a. Points are distributed as follows:

Qualifying Position – 1st=20; 2nd=18; 3rd=16; 4th=14; 5th=12; 6th=10; 7th=8; 8th=6; 9th=4; 10th=2

Each 200 game (scratch) =5 pts;

Attendance=2 pts;

300 game=30 pts;

Final Standings: 1st=25 pts; 2nd=20 pts; 3rd=15 pts; 5th=10 pts; 9th= 5 pts.

19. The tournament officials and/or the USBC rules will determine any rules not covered above.