

## RULES

**1.** All bowlers participating in the tournament must be a certified USBC member 23 years old or younger as of Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to participate.

**1a.** Check in time begins at 7:45am. Walk-ins are welcomed if space permits, but need to check in one hour before the start of the tournament. Tournament starts at 9:00 a.m. Practice starts at 8:45 a.m. Entries close at practice time.

**2.** Any bowler who is ineligible to take the full amount of scholarship money offered may participate, but is only required to pay the lineage, expenses and year end for a total of \$25. All late fees still apply. The bowler will also not be eligible to make match play due to not being able to receive scholarship.

**3.** This tournament will be conducted on a sport condition; however it is not sanctioned sport. All honor awards shot during a tour tournament will be eligible for basic honor awards, not sport.

**4.** This is a scratch and a handicap tournament. The divisions are as follows using league averages for new tour bowlers: Scratch boys and girls with an entering average of 180 and up; Handicap with an entering average 179 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 divisions.

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

**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. Cost to enter is \$5 each bracket and will count for games 2, 4, and 6.

**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. Entry fee for brackets and Mystery Doubles will be returned 100% as scholarship.

**6.** Tournament format: Bowl 6 games, moving lanes to the right after each game (Number of lanes to move will be determined based on entries and lanes used). The top 6 in each division will bowl 6 games of match play against each bowler making the cut, with the last game being a position round. The winner of each match play will receive 20 bonus points and in ties they will split 10/10. Position winners are based on a total accumulation of pin fall, bonus points, and handicap, where applicable.

**7.** Each tournament will also be a Junior Gold Qualifier. This is optional for an additional \$50 entry fee for U20 division, \$37.50 entry fee for U15 and \$25 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 purchase the remaining portion of their junior gold entry, but only the next seed in line. If that person does not choose to purchase, 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. If there is not enough bowlers for a U15 division then they will bowl in the U20 qualifier for a \$50 entry fee if they so choose. Keep in mind, when bowling in a U15 ONLY division qualifier you will not be eligible at Nationals to bowl up to the U20 division. If there are not enough bowlers for the U12 division, their money will be refunded and qualifier canceled. If U12 bowlers so desire they may participate in the older divisions. 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 sign up at the tournament for a \$30 fee. U12 Memberships are \$10. (Memberships run in accordance with the bowling season, August 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>.) Anyone can be a Junior Gold Member with no restrictions or requirements. First 6 games bowled in tournament play are also the Junior Gold Qualifier tournament.

**8.** 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. Any ties that occur after match play is complete shall be determined by total scratch pin fall minus any bonus pins.

**9.** This tournament is for scholarship money only and will be held at the Smart Fund account #8745. Tournament entry fee is \$50: \$25 to scholarship, \$18 lineage, \$4 expenses, and \$3 for the Year End tournament. Money will be distributed by division. Seasonal membership is \$10. Late fee of \$10 for entry fees not prepaid. This money will be used for various tournament expenses with any leftover going into the year-end scholarships.

**10.** Scholarship money will be awarded 100% to places 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>. 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, 7-9, or 10-12.) High game for the first 6 games; each game will be \$10. (If a tie exists for high game or high game of the day, the amount will be divided evenly.) Money is awarded per each division. Plaques are awarded to the winners of each division as well as scholarship certificates to top 6 in each division.

**11.** 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 average from the previous USBC league season unless their current season with 21 games is 10 pins higher or lower than the previous year.

**12.** 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.

**13.** 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.

**14.** 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. If a bowler gets sick or is disqualified in match play, the opposing bowler must bowl 90% of his tour average to receive the bonus pins.

**15.** 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.

**16.** Bowlers must be dressed in proper attire; a shirt with a butterfly or mock collar and dress pants for boys. Girls must be dressed in proper attire: a shirt with butterfly or mock collar and either dress pants, capris, shorts or skort/skirt (shorts and skirts/skorts must meet fingertip rule).. No hats, jeans of any type, spandex leggings, yoga pants or t-shirts are allowed. **No Exceptions!**

**17.** Bowlers must participate in at least 3 of the tour tournaments in order to bowl at the season end tournament in June.

**17a.** Should a bowler attend all 7 events and the year-end, the bowler shall receive an additional \$100 in scholarship money and a free entry into the year end event.

**18.** Phone reservations will be taken for each tournament at (309)369-3862. CLEARLY leave your first and last name, your call back phone number, as well as the division you will be participating in. Then mail in the entry along with fees to: Patti Mauerman, 25765 Eastpoint Road, Tremont, IL, 61568 prior to the tournament to ensure your spot for the tournament. Reservations can be made by posting messages to the facebook page directed to Patti, or texting number above or emailing Patti at [pattimauerman@gmail.com](mailto:pattimauerman@gmail.com). Check the facebook page or website to see that your reservation has been confirmed.

**18a.** All non pre-paid reservations must be checked in prior to 8:30am. Those who are not will forfeit their spots to any walk-ins that day. Paid entries take precedence over phone reservations.

**19.** Point system: Anytime a bowler participates in a regular tournament, they are awarded points based on their 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 an additional \$50 in scholarship plus a plaque.

**19a.** Points are distributed as follows: Each 200 game (scratch)=5 pts; Attendance=3 pts; 300 game=11 pts; 1st place=20 pts; 2nd place=18 pts; 3rd place=16 pts; 4th place=14 pts; 5th place=12 pts; 6th place=10 pts; 7th place=8 pts; 8th place=6 pts; 9th-Last place=2 pts.

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