Registration -

- Entry Fee is \$100 per team (\$60 lineage, \$40 scholarships). Completed registration form must be submitted no later than 8:00pm October 14th, 2023. Payment can be made on the day of the tournament.
- Maximum of 32 teams accepted. Entries received after maximum number of teams received will be contacted and wait listed. Head coach will be contacted in the case there is a cancelation in their respective division. A full refund will be provided for all wait listed teams that were not accepted into the tournament.
- One shift of Team qualifying available ~ Sunday October15th 9:00am.
- Players must be USBC sanctioned bowlers in High School/Middle School/Home School or bowlers 10-20 years old by August 1, 2023.
- No more than 5 bowlers per team. Schools may enter multiple teams; however each bowler may only participate on one team.
- Building your Team
 - Every effort should be made to construct your teams from a single team or school before opting for the additional options to form your team.
 - Teams may be formed from one of the following options -
 - Same organized league team from the most current 2023-2024 competitive season (ie. High School Team, Club/Travel Team, Saturday Youth League Team, etc.)
 - An organized league team must be within a USBC sanctioned league, and you must be able to supply current league standings upon request from the tournament staff.
 - May combine bowlers from a **maximum** of two schools.
 - May combine bowlers from a **maximum** of two teams.
 - Coed teams will bowl in the Open division. Bowlers on Coed teams will bowl in their respective divisions based on gender for All-Tournament awards.
 - o Approval of all combined teams is at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Any questions on qualifications can be emailed

to jenniferkuusela@gmail.com

- All bowlers <u>must</u> provide proof of school attendance (ie, school id) prior to qualifying. Proof of attendance may be provided prior to event (preferred) by emailing evidence to jenniferkuusela@gmail.com. Proof will also be accepted during team check-in.
- Up to two coaches allowed per team. All coaches must be USBC RVP members. Coaches must be certified in the SafeSport program. Equivalent certification through a state athletic association will also be accepted. Confirmation of qualifications will be completed by the Tournament Director prior to the event. USBC RVP lanyards must be worn by all coaches during tournament play.
- A minimum of 4 Girls teams is required to host Girls Division. If the minimum number of entries is not received, Girls teams will be given the option to bowl in the Open division or receive a refund of their entry fee.
- All bowlers will be scratch bowlers. No handicap will be awarded for this event.
- Teams must wear 'like' uniforms signifying their team. Coed/Combined teams may wear their jersey from their respective teams. All teams are encouraged to wear like dress pants and/or skirts. Denim, leggings, sweatpants, hats and attire with offensive language/images are not allowed. Coaches must be identifiable with their team. Uniform acceptance is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- All bowlers must be eligible to compete per their school's participation policies. All bowlers must be able to show proof of school attendance (ie, school id, report card) if requested from Tournament Staff.

Code of Conduct -

- Cell phones/Headphones/AirPods: the use of electronics is prohibited during gameplay.
- Unsportsmanlike Behavior: this behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conducting, including, but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons. ANY taunting by bowlers, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from the event.
- **Profanity**: No profanity is allowed on or off the lanes.
- Alcohol: No alcohol is allowed during the competition.

• ONLY BOWLERS AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLING AREA.

Tournament play -

- Check in for the event starts 45 minutes prior to shift start time. Coaches meeting will be held prior to shift start time. Doors open at 8am. Please do not enter the building prior to 8am.
- Modified challenge pattern will be released one week prior to event.
- 5 bowlers and 2 coaches allowed in the bowler's area. Spectators may not enter the bowling area.
- No more than 2 balls per bowler in the bowling area.
- Additional details pertaining to the event activities will be communicated during coaches meeting(s).

Qualifying -

- 4 bowler teams will complete 3 regular games on same pair. Regular games will be followed by 3 baker games bowled on a different lane in each game.
- Substitutions will be allowed at the start of each regular game. The person(s) taken out cannot re-enter that game unless there is an injury. The original player(s) may re-enter the next game.
- Baker play will be a 4-bowler rotation. Substitutions are allowed during Baker play. If a substitution is made during the game, the bowler taken out cannot re-enter that game. Bowlers taken out can re-enter the match during the next game.
- Bowlers may <u>NOT</u> change scores for themselves without the agreement of all bowlers on the pair. Scores changed without consent may result in a zero score for that frame.
- Lineup changes may only be completed when a substitute bowler enters before the beginning of a new game.
- 10 minutes warm up will be given prior to qualifying shift. Please remember lane courtesy.
- Top 8 Open teams and top 8 Girls' teams will qualify for the single elimination Baker match play. The number of teams qualifying may be adjusted based on teams registered.
- List of qualifying teams will be announced after qualifying is complete. Results will also be posted on tournamentbowl.com @ Grand Island Invitational.
- Teams will be seeded into single-elimination bracket play based on qualifying results.
- All bowlers are eligible for All-Tournament Team honors. The All-tournament Team will be presented prior to match play. Bowlers will be selected based on their gender. The top 8 Boy bowlers and top 8 Girl bowlers will receive All-tournament Team honors and scholarship money applied to bowlers' SMART account.

Baker Match Play -

- 4 bowler teams will compete in single elimination match play ~ best 2 out of 3 Bakers games. If the same team wins the first 2 games, a third game will not be played. Winning coach must report match results.
- Highest seeded team will have choice of starting lane. Teams will change lanes at the end of each completed game until the completion of the match.
- 10 minutes of warm up will be allowed prior to teams' first match. A warm up pair will be identified for teams bowling in next round of bracket play(if needed).
- Baker play will be a 4-bowler rotation. Substitutions are allowed during Baker match play. If a substitution is made during the game, the bowler taken out cannot re-enter that game. Bowlers taken out can re-enter the match during the next game.
- Please remember lane courtesy and do not bowl more than 2 frames ahead of your opponent.
- Tie breaker will be a 10th frame roll off (with the bowlers originally bowling in those frames). All tie breakers will be completed prior to the next game starting. If still a tie, will do best frame roll off, rotating through the remaining team members until there is a winner.
- 1st and 2nd place teams will receive medals upon completion of match play bracket.

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament director. Tournament Director – Jennifer Kuusela jenniferkuusela@gmail.com