



## RheinPfalz Bowling Association 2023-2024 Annual Youth Handicap Tournament Rules

The Rheinpfalz Bowling Association (RBA)'s Annual Youth Handicap Tournament will be conducted at the Ramstein Bowling Center on Saturday, 3 February 2024. The following rules were established, reviewed and approved by the RBA Tournament Committee. This tournament is sanctioned through the USBC with Certification Number #07693.

### 1. Eligibility

- a) Participants must be USBC and RBA members in good standing.

### 2. Format

- a) Teams will have a playing strength of 1.
- b) Members will be placed in groups of no more than 3 bowlers within their division.
  - i) Peewees: Ages 3-5
  - ii) Under 11: Ages 6-11
  - iii) 12 and Over: Ages 12-17
- c) Divisions will be further divided into Boy and Girl.
- d) Handicaps will be 90% of the average difference subtracted from 200 rounded down.

### 3. Entry Fees.

- a) The entry fees for this tournament will be as indicated below. The League Secretaries will collect entry fees prior to the start of the tournament and will be responsible for paying this fee for their house for those participating.

|                     | Lineage | SMART   | Total   |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Peewee</b>       | \$5.00  | \$5.00  | \$10.00 |
| <b>11 and Under</b> | \$7.50  | \$22.50 | \$30.00 |
| <b>12 and Over</b>  | \$7.50  | \$22.50 | \$30.00 |

- b) Fees must be paid prior to the start of the tournament.

### 4. Awards

- a) Awards will be issued to the top 50% in each division.
- b) High Handicap Series in all divisions will also be awarded \$50 SMART.

### 5. Registration

- a) Participants must be registered by 27 January 2024.
- b) Check in will start at 0900.
- c) Tournament will start at 1000.

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## 6. Late Arrivals

- a) Late arrivals are authorized.
- b) If the bowler arrives before the last bowler on the lane set finishes the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame, the late bowler is allowed to make up the missed frames.
- c) If the bowler arrives after the last bowler on the lane set has finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame, the late bowler will receive a 0 for all frames missed.
- d) Late arrivals will not be permitted practice time.

## 7. Warm-Up

- a) Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice.
- b) In the event of a lane breakdown, bowlers will be allowed practice throws on the new set of lanes; 2 throws per lane.

## 8. Competition

- a) Peewees will bowl 2 games on the same pair of lanes.
- b) All other divisions will bowl 3 games on the same pair of lanes.
- c) Bowlers will not shift lanes each game.
- d) Total pins plus handicap will determine the winners in each division.
- e) A modified sport pattern will be used on all lanes.

## 9. Bowler Conduct

- a) The Youth Bowling Code, Rule 400 will be in effect.
- b) Appropriate language, actions, and interactions must always be used by participants and spectators.
  - i) Appropriate language, actions, and interactions included but are not limited to encouragement, praise, applause, congratulations, “high fives”, cheering, etc.
- c) The use of inappropriate language, actions, and interactions are NOT PERMITTED and will NOT BE TOLERATED by participants or spectators.
  - i) Examples of inappropriate language, actions, and interactions include cursing, offensive hand motions, name calling, criticism, disparaging remarks, aggressive movements involving others or bowling equipment, etc.
- d) Participants must adhere to the following dress code.
  - i) Bowlers are highly encouraged to wear their House League bowling shirt or jersey.
  - ii) Bowlers are authorized to wear a generic bowling jersey.
  - iii) If a house league bowling shirt or jersey, or generic bowling jersey is not worn, the participant must wear a collared shirt.
  - iv) Slacks, jeans, and similar pants will be worn at the waist. NO elastic at the ankles.
  - v) All clothing will be clean and free of holes and fray's.
  - vi) Short-shorts; scooters; halter-tops; or shirts exposing the stomach area, the showing of underwear, displaying obscene gestures, profanity, or graphic/ offensive material are not allowed.
  - vii) Hats will not be worn during competition.
- e) Electronic devices are not authorized in the pit area.
  - i) Participants will be asked to remove these items if discovered.

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- ii) Failure to remove these items will result in forfeiture of frames/games/series.
- iii) This rule is in effect until all lanes are finished bowling, not just the participant's lane.
- f) The consumption of alcoholic beverages is NOT PERMITTED by participants or spectators during tournament play. This includes board members and any coaches.
- g) Bowlers must be in the pit area ready to bowl when it is their turn in the rotation. If you must leave the pit area for a bathroom break, please let your lane monitor know you are leaving.
  - i) If a bowler is not in the pit area when it is their turn, and no notification was given, their score for that frame will be 0.
  - ii) Spectators (i.e., Parents or other non-bowlers) must remain outside the pit area.
  - iii) Parents of Pee Wees may sit with their children in the pit area to keep them focused.
  - iv) Please leave the coaching to the coaches.
- h) NO FOOD will be eaten in the pit area and all drinks will be in spill proof containers.
  - i) Food should be consumed behind the pit area on the back counter or tables and should be eaten prior to the start of bowling.
  - ii) Spills in the pit area cause a safety hazard on the approaches. Spills need to be cleaned up immediately and can cause a delay.
- i) Bowlers shall not touch the computers in the pit area.
  - i) If a problem arises, bowlers will bring it to the attention of the lane monitor, score keeper, or tournament official for correction.
  - ii) Score keepers will not "Start New Game" until the scores have been verified.

## 10. Protests

- a) Verbal claims for errors in scoring or general rules must be made to the Tournament Director no later than the end of the game or series. The Tournament Committee will decide questionable errors. Formal protest must be initiated before the awards are presented. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final.

## 11. USBC Rules

- a) The 2023-2024 USBC Rule Book will be followed for this league. If a conflict arises between the league rules and the USBC Rule Book, the USBC Rule Book will take precedence.

## 12. Tournament Committee

- a) The following people comprise the tournament committee:
  - i) Jennifer Clark (Tournament Director)
  - ii) Kat Allen
  - iii) Karen Anderson
  - iv) Peter "Buck" Buchikas
  - v) Devin Kirby

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