

The Next Little Thing

Youth Scholarship Events plus optional Jr. Gold Qualifiers

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Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT START TIME

Check-in will be 9:00am. Tournament will start at 10:00am.

ELIGIBILITY

Tournament shall be USBC certified and open to all USBC sanctioned youth bowlers as follows:

U12 (8/1/12 or later), U15 (8/1/09 - 7/31/12), U18 (8/1/06 - 7/31/09), and USBC sanctioned adult bowlers as follows: U22 (8/1/02 - 7/31/06).

DIVISIONS

Each division must have a minimum of 4 participants to complete the division. If there are not 4 players in a division, the players who would qualify to participate in the division will be combined with the next appropriate age division (U12 to U15, U15 to U18). Bowlers may opt to "bowl up" an age division. U22 is considered an "adult division".

FORMAT

There will be no handicap for this tournament. Tournament will consist of a singles scratch event with the 4 divisions names above. Divisions will be separated into boy/girl after 7 or more of each gender is participating. Each bowler will bowl a 5-game qualifying block moving to a different lane after each game. The field will then be cut to the top 50% (plus ties). Advancing bowlers will bowl 2 more games. Scores from the qualifying round will carry over into the advancers round. After 7 games, the field will be cut to the top 5, based on a 7-game total pinfall, who will compete in a stepladder final to determine the tournament champion. Stepladder matches will be one game total pins. Games will be bowled on a sport or challenge oil pattern. Pattern will be announced prior to the event and posted at the bowling center the day of the event. There will be no re-oil after qualifying.

TIES

If there is a tie in any division to determine the advancing player into the championship round (stepladder round), the bowlers who are tied will compete in a 9th and 10th frame roll off until the advancing player is determined. If there is a tie during a stepladder round match, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be used until the advancing player is determined.

ENTRY FEE/SIGN UP

Cash or check will be accepted the DAY OF the tournament only. Pre-pay accepted via Venmo – Shelley-Carroll-2. However, a **pre-sign up** (bowler's name + division, DOB, USBC #) is required. The Next Little Thing entry fee is \$65.00 (\$24.00 lineage, \$38.00 awards and \$3.00 expenses). Walk-in entries will be accepted, provided there are available spots remaining. Bowlers who are unable to attend the tournament for which they have signed up in advance must notify the Tournament Manager prior to the start of the tournament.

Pre-sign up: TournamentBowl.com, select Tournaments Upcoming/Next Little Thing. Click on **ENTRY FORM** in green.

PRIZE FUND

All prize money, for U12, U15 and U18 divisions, will be returned 100% and deposited into the bowler's SMART account. Payouts will be awarded to the top five (5) bowlers in each division and will be published after the event. Payouts are subject to change based on participants. The U22 division will have an option; the Next Little Thing will follow USBC rules and that an adult USBC member can receive cash if they would prefer not to have their winnings deposited into their SMART account.

DRESS CODE

Bowlers MUST wear a polo shirt, sash or butterfly collar, or mock t-shirt. Shirts with bowler's name on back is strongly encouraged. Male bowlers MUST wear dress pants or dress shorts. Female bowlers may wear skirts, slacks, or dress shorts. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length when arms are down on the sides. Ordinary cotton T-shirts will not be allowed. Absolutely NO JEANS of any color or HATS of any type will be permitted.

AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to 1st place winners in each division. Scholarships will be awarded to the top 5 in each division.

CONDUCT/BEHAVIOR

Conduct that is deemed unsportsmanlike, offensive, crude, or detrimental to the sport will not be tolerated. First offense will result in a verbal warning. Second offense will result in disqualification.

JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFYING RULES

Bowlers must be Junior Gold members prior to the start of qualifying. You may purchase a Junior Gold membership at www.bowl.com under Youth, Junior Gold Championships, select Memberships. (Membership fees may vary). This event will advance 1:4 eligible individuals in each division. The winners will be determined based on the FIRST 4 games of competition. Major fraction or EARP may be honored. The Junior Gold qualifier is a separate event within The Next Little Thing tournament. Individuals will be placed in 3 divisions: U12, U15 and U18 (see birthdate ranges above). Each division must have a minimum of 4 participants to complete the division. If there are not 4 players in the division, the players who would qualify to participate in that division will be combined with the next appropriate age division (U12 to U15, U15 to U18). Ties will be determined using rules of The Next Little Thing tournament. Junior Gold qualifiers will be announced prior to finals. Entry fees for Junior Gold qualifying event will be in addition to The Next Little Thing tournament entry fee. The cost for each division is as follows: U12 - \$25.00; U15 - \$37.50; U18 - \$50.00

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament manager.

Please contact your tournament manager for further questions or concerns.

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