**Tournament Rules**

Check in for each event is 9:00 am with the event start time of 10:00 am.

1. These are USBC certified events and are open to youth bowlers that hold a current/sanctioned USBC youth/adult membership. Non-members are not eligible. No one who has graduated high school is eligible for these events. Birthdates for events include:
	1. U12 (08/01/2012 or later), U15 (8/1/2009-07/31/2012), U18 (08/01/2006-07/31/2009).
	2. The tournaments are run with two divisions, scratch and handicap. Handicap division is an average of 189 or below. Each tournament’s handicap for the handicap division will be run as 70% of 200.
	3. The 2023-2024 end of season averages are used and will be determined by averages reported on bowl.com. Bowlers are responsible for notifying the tournament manager for average changes of 10 pins or higher than the 2023-2024 end of season average with a minimum of 12 games in a league.
	4. All events will be held on a challenge pattern and patterns are not released until the day of tournament.
2. **Entry fee/sign-up:**
	1. ***ONLY*** ***CASH*** will be accepted the **DAY OF** the tournament. No pre-pay accepted, however pre-sign up is recommended and appreciated.
	2. Pre-sign up at tournamentbowl.com, select tournaments upcoming/JST (location). Click on ENTRY FORM. Please provide bowler name, USBC #, average and contact information of parent. If the bowler wishes to participate in the optional Junior Gold qualifier, please indicate DOB and if Junior Gold membership is already held. This information can be added to the comment section of the entry form.
	3. $50.00 Entry Fee ($20 lineage, $30 scholarship).
	4. Walk-in entries are accepted; however, it is encouraged to pre-register.
3. **Brackets:**
	1. Optional brackets are available for $5.00 each.
	2. There are brackets for each division (scratch and handicap).
4. **Scholarships/Payout:**
	1. Scholarships will be a minimum of 1:4 and may be adjusted per event. Scholarships will be finalized the day of the event.
	2. All scholarship funds, for both divisions, will be returned 100% and will be deposited into the bowlers’ SMART account within 30 days of conclusion of event.
5. **Format:**  The format for each JST event will vary.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will determine the winner/advancer. Further ties will be determined by a 1 ball roll-off.

1. **Late**: Any bowler arriving late shall begin play and the score to count, beginning with the frame being bowled. Frames missed shall be credited with a 0.
2. **Dress Code:** Bowlers must wear a collared shirt or bowling jersey. 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 at sides. Ordinary T-shirts will NOT be allowed. Jeans of any color, sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, hats are NOT allowed. Any apparel depicting cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, or weapons will NOT be allowed. Tournament manager has the right to disallow any apparel that does not meet these criteria and the tournament manager decision is final.
3. **Code of Conduct/Behavior:**
	1. Cell phones/Headphones/Air pods or any use of electronics are strictly prohibited during game/tournament play. These may be used during warm-up **ONLY;** however, cell phones can be used to calculate scores after each game. Individuals are subject to fees or ejection for failure to comply.
	2. Unsportsmanlike conduct/behavior: This behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to fees or ejection for engaging in any improper tactics or conduct, including, but not limited to physical and verbal abuse.
	3. Profanity: No profanity is allowed on or off the lanes. Individuals are subject to fees or ejection for such behavior.
	4. Alcohol/smoking/vapes etc.: Use of alcohol, smoking/vaping or any illicit drug use is prohibited on or off the lanes. Individuals are subject to fees or ejection of such behavior.
	5. Only bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the bowling area.
4. **Junior Gold:**
	1. Each event will hold a Junior Gold Qualifier. This is optional for any bowler and is a separate fee.
	2. Bowlers must purchase a Junior Gold membership for $30 (U15/U18) or $10 (U12) prior to participating in a qualifying event. Forms will be available to complete membership at time of check-in, but it is strongly encouraged to complete prior to event.
	3. Members who have already earned entry in the 2024-2025 season can still enter and participate in qualifying events. However, athletes can only earn one entry into the Junior Gold championships, he/she must accept the berth from his/her earliest completed competition.
5. All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament managers. Please contact your tournament manager for further questions or concerns.

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