



Arkansas Blue Jr Gold Series Qualifier & Tournament Rules

Hosted by: Alaska Blue Challenge Inc.



- 1) JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFIER: The Junior Gold (JG) Qualifier shall be conducted by Alaska Blue Challenge Inc. in conjunction with Allfam Entertainment Center and Conway Family Bowl. It will be sanctioned by USBC Junior Gold and shall be a singles scratch tournament. Scores will be tallied for 4 games. Winner will be determined by total scratch pinfall. Games will be bowled on rotating pairs after each game. This will be a bracket tournament with the top 4 bowlers (per division if separate) competing for scholarship funds. This qualifier is NOT a premier event. Junior Gold spots will be given at a ratio (1 : 4) -major fraction thereof.
- 2) ELIGIBILITY: The tournament shall be open to youth members in good standing of the USBC. Youth bowlers must have a current USBC membership (and USBC Junior Gold Membership if wanting the opportunity to qualify for Jr Gold). Youth bowlers should purchase their Junior Gold Membership prior to beginning the tournament. Memberships will be available on-site.
- 3) ENTRY FEE. The entry fees are as stated below and on the entry form. Payment of entry fees must accompany entry application unless paying cash or check on the day of the tournament. Postdated checks will not be accepted. Refunds shall not be permitted unless the division fails to field the required minimum. There shall be a \$40.00 fee on any returned checks. Bowlers with a returned check will not be permitted to compete in future tournaments held by these officials. Cash will be accepted for memberships and entry fees. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Alaska Blue Challenge Inc.
- 4) DIVISIONS.
 - a) Division will first be determined by gender then by their birth-date.
 - b) U12: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2012 or later; Entry Fee is \$50.00.
 - c) U15: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2009 to 07/31/2012; Entry Fee is \$50.00.
 - d) U18: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2006 to 07/31/2009; Entry Fee is \$50.00.
- 5) SCHEDULING & CHECK-IN. Entries will be scheduled in order of receipt. The schedule will not be changed except for emergencies. Lanes will be assigned by the Tournament Manager/Directors. These events will be bowled on a pair of lanes; "league style." Check-in time is no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled tournament time. All participants in the Junior Gold qualifier must have a 2024-2025 USBC membership and USBC Junior Gold Membership. Bowlers USBC memberships will be verified by the Tournament Manager/Directors.
- 6) SCORING. A tournament entrant will not be allowed to re-bowl a game or series except as authorized by the Tournament Manager/Directors when the scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device. Any scoring corrections must be accomplished prior to the end of the game. A score correction must be requested as soon as the error is observed.
- 7) PROTESTS & APPEALS. The Tournament Manager/Directors shall decide any question not covered by these tournament rules and shall have authority to hear and act on all protests concerning the tournament. Any rule questions not addressed in these rules, shall be referred to the USBC rule book for clarification
- 8) YOUTH BOWLER ETIQUETTE.
 - a) Bowlers are required to stay in the bowlers' area. Parents, coaches and other spectators will not be allowed in the bowlers' area. Obscene language or gestures by the bowlers and/or spectators will not be tolerated. Final decision on tournament attire and behavior rest with the Tournament Manager/Directors. Any bowler or spectator not conducting themselves in an appropriate sportsmanlike manner, will be disqualified in the case of the bowler, or asked to leave the tournament area, in the case of a spectator.
 - b) Bowlers shall not play coin-operated devices while bowling in this tournament.
 - c) There shall be no use of tobacco products or consumption of alcoholic beverages by youth participants or other persons in the area used by the youth bowlers during tournament, defined as the lanes, bowlers' area, and concourse area directly behind the lanes being used by the youth bowlers.
 - d) Bowlers may be disqualified for any infraction of the rules or for conduct detrimental to the best interests of this tournament or the game of bowling, either on or off the lanes.
 - e) Bowlers will only be given one warning by the Tournament Manager/Directors in reference to any rule violation.
 - f) Bowlers will not be allowed to alter the surface of their bowling ball after tournament play begins. Cleaning the surface of the ball is also prohibited after tournament play begins.
 - g) All finger holes that are drilled in the bowling balls MUST be utilized while bowling.
- 9) WITHDRAWAL. If the Junior Gold bowler advancing must withdraw from the National Junior Gold Tournament, they must immediately inform the Tournament Manager at alaskabluechallenge@gmail.com as well as contact the JG offices at USBC.
- 10) COMBINED DIVISION. Must have at least 4 entries in a division to have separate divisions. Tournament Manager/Directors has the authority to combine divisions as deemed necessary with parent's consent. Combining divisions will be done as shown below.
 - a) Male and Females in each age group: If not enough,
 - b) Males U12/U15 combined, Females U12/15 combined: if not enough,
 - c) Males and Females combined in U12/U15
 - d) Males and Females combined in U18/15
- 11) EARP. Once an event has met their initial ratio (1 in 4) -major fraction thereof and has additional entries in excess of that ratio, the next player in line will have the option to claim that spot by paying any remaining shortfall between the monies collected and the entry fee for the Junior Gold Championships. This option is available only to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, it ceases at that point and is not available to other finishers down the line in the standings. If younger division is combined with older division, younger division bowlers will need to pay the difference in the entry fees between divisions. Tournament officials shall inform bowlers and parents if combining divisions is needed. Should a division have 3 or less bowlers and the bowlers choose not to bowl in a combined division, they may bowl in the proper division, however they would not be eligible for a Junior gold entry due to division not meeting the 1 in 4 ratios. They would be eligible for scholarship prizes however.
- 12) LANE PATTERN. This tournament will be on a sport or challenge shot. The pattern will be announced at least 48 hours in advance.
- 13) DRESS CODE. Collared shirts or bowling jerseys for boys and girls; slacks for boys; slacks or skorts/skirts for girls. Shorts are prohibited. No jeans, shorts, sweatpants, hats or sleeveless shirts will be allowed. Tournament Manager/Directors reserve the right to disallow any apparel that does not meet this criterion and that decision is final.
- 14) LANE COURTESY. To maintain a consistent pace of play, all bowlers are required to observe one-lane courtesy and deliver the ball in a reasonable amount of time.
- 15) CELL PHONES/AUDIO DEVICE. These items are prohibited during tournament play. They include but are not limited to: cell phones, tablets, laptops, earbuds, headphones, or speakers.
- 16) BOWLER'S AREA. Food and drink are prohibited in the bowlers area. Food and drink must stay on the back tables. Parents are prohibited from being in the bowler's area once tournament play begins. They must stay beyond the tables.
- 17) TIEBREAKER. In the event of a tiebreaker, bowlers will have a 3 frame roll-off with the higher total pinfall advancing.

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