

# ***Howie Kolhoff Invitational***

## **Registration:**

- Entry Fee is \$150 per team. Money and completed registration form must be postmarked no later than February 7, 2020. No refunds for cancellations after February 23, 2020.
- Maximum of 64 teams accepted.
- 2 shifts of Team qualifying available ~ Saturday, February 29 ~ 8am and 12pm. 12pm shift will open only after 32 entries received.
- Players must be in High/Middle School and USBC sanctioned. Unsanctioned bowlers are welcome and will be sanctioned during team check in for \$4 fee. No home-schooled athletes eligible for this event.
- No more than 7 bowlers per team. Schools may enter multiple teams; however each bowler may only participate on one team.
- Teams must be formed from the same organized team from the most current competitive season or may combine bowlers from a maximum of two schools. Combined teams will bowl in their respective divisions based on gender. Co-ed teams will bowl in Boys/Coed division.
- Up to two coaches allowed per team. All coaches must be a USBC RVP member or a registered volunteer with another youth organizations. Coaches must be certified in SafeSport program. Confirmation of qualifications required. Coaches not meeting qualifications may coach team from spectator seating.
- A minimum of 8 Girls teams is required. If the minimum number of entries is not received, Girls teams will be given the option to bowl in the Boys/Co-Ed division or receive a refund of their entry fee.
- Handicap will be assigned by individual bowler during qualifying ~ 90% of 210. Handicap is based on bowlers 2018-2019 season average unless current average is 10 pins higher. If no average from prior season, bowler will use current season average as of February 1, 2020 with 12 or more games bowled. All other bowlers will be scratch bowlers. Tournament Committee retains the right to re-rate any bowler.
- Bowlers average must be able to be verified by Tournament Committee. Documentation showing bowlers confirmed averages must accompany registration. Source of average validation must be visible on documentation. (ie, League Secretary, league standings documentation, web link to league standings, etc.)
- Teams must wear 'like' uniforms signifying their team. Co-Ed/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.
- All bowlers must be eligible to compete per their schools participation policies. All bowlers must be able to show proof of school attendance (ie, school id, report card) upon request from Tournament Staff.

## **Tournament play:**

- The Howie Kolhoff Invitational will be held rain, snow or shine.
- Check in for each day's completion is 1 hour prior to shift start time. Coaches meeting 30 minutes prior to shift start time.
  - Saturday Team Qualifying – 8am or 12pm start time
  - Sunday double elimination Baker match play – 9am start time
- Modified challenge pattern will be released 1 week prior to event. Fresh oil will be applied prior to each qualifying shift and prior to beginning Baker match play on Sunday.
- 7 bowlers and 2 coaches allowed in the bowler's area. Spectators and bowlers not actively bowling in current shift may not enter the bowling area.
- Additional details pertaining to the event activities will be communicated during coaches meeting each day.

## **QUALIFYING (Saturday) -**

- 5 bowler teams will complete 3 regular games on same pair.
- All teams will be assigned a team handicap during qualifying based on active bowlers in each game.
- Top 24 boys/co-ed teams and top 8 girls' teams will qualify for Sunday double elimination Baker match play. The number of teams qualifying may be adjusted based on teams registered.
- Top qualifying team in each division will receive \$250 scholarship money applied to bowlers' SMART accounts.
- All bowlers are eligible for All-Tournament Team honors. The All-tournament Team will be presented prior to match play on Sunday. Top 6 boys and top 6 girls will receive All-tournament Team honors and scholarship money applied to bowlers' SMART account.

## **BAKER MATCH PLAY (Sunday) -**

- 5 bowler teams will compete in double elimination match play ~ best 2 out of 3 Bakers games. If the same team wins the first 2 games, a 3<sup>rd</sup> game will not be played.
- No handicap pins will be awarded during Baker match play.
- Championship match will be best 3 out of 5 Baker games. If the team coming from the loser's bracket wins the first match, a final championship match series will be played to determine the winner. (3 out of 5 Baker games)
- All tournament winnings will be dispersed to bowlers' SMART account. Prize amount based on number of team entries.
  - \$6000 guaranteed scholarship money available based on minimum 40 team enrollment. Tournament Staff reserves the right to adjust max payout amount if fewer than 40 teams participate in event.
  - Based on event enrollment, the top 4 boys/coed teams and top 2 girls teams will receive scholarship money.