



Junior Gold Qualifying Rules



Covid Protocols are in effect at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes. All Bowlers and spectators will be required to follow whatever protocols are in effect at the time of the events. Only 2 spectators will be permitted per bowler

- 1) **JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFIER:** The Junior Gold (JG) Qualifier shall be conducted by James Ryan Jr. and Mike Montagna in conjunction with AMF Bristol Pike Lanes. It will be sanctioned by USBC Junior Gold and shall be a singles scratch tournament. Scores will be tallied for 4 games. Games will be bowled on the same pair. Brackets will be available for scholarship funds. This qualifier is NOT a premier event. Each day is a separate event.
- 2) **ELIGIBILITY:** The tournament shall be open to all members in good standing of the USBC. Youth bowlers must have a current USBC Card and USBC Junior Gold Membership. Youth bowlers should purchase their Junior Gold Membership prior to beginning the tournament. Memberships will be available onsite.
- 3) **ENTRY FEE.** The entry fees are as stated below and on application. Payment of entry fees must accompany entry application. 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 on for memberships. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "AMF Bristol Pike Lanes" when mailing in. Call tournament manager at 215.605.4318 to use credit card.
- 4) **DIVISIONS.**
 - a) Division will first be determined by gender then by their birth-date.
 - b) U12: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2008 or later Entry Fee is \$40.00
 - c) U15: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2005 to 07/31/2008 Entry Fee is \$55.00
 - d) U18: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2002 to 07/31/2005 Entry Fee is \$65.00
 - e) U20: Bowlers whose birthday is 08/01/2000 to 07/31/2002 Entry Fee is \$65.00
- 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 director. These events will be bowled on a pair of lanes. Check-in time is no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled squad time. All participants must have a 2020-2021 USBC membership card and USBC Junior Gold Card. Original entries USBC cards will be verified by the Tournament manager. Junior Gold Membership can be purchased onsite. Check in starts at 9:00 AM. This tournament consists of 2 separate events. There will be two sets of winners
- 6) **SCHOLARSHIPS.**
 - a) Scholarship prize funds will go to non-advancing bowlers. All prize money collected will be returned 100% to bowlers in form of an entry or scholarship money placed in the USBC SMART Fund.
 - b) There shall be at least 1 in 4 ratio for scholarship money for non-advancers.
 - c) In the event of a tie for first place in any event, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off.
 - d) In the event the first place bowler has already qualified, first place bowler will then receive scholarship prize and event entry shall go to next in line.
- 7) **SCORING.** A tournament entrant will not be allowed to re-bowl a game or series except as authorized by the Tournament Director when the scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device. Any scoring corrections must be accomplished prior to the end of the game.
- 8) **PROTESTS & APPEALS.** The tournament director 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
- 9) **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 director and manager. 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 director or manager in reference to any rule violation.
- 10) **WITHDRAWAL.** If the Junior Gold bowler advancing must withdraw from the National Junior Gold Tournament, they must immediately inform the Tournament Manager at mam0856@aol.com as well as contact the JG offices at USBC.
- 11) **COMBINED DIVISION.** Must have at least 4 entries in a division to have separate divisions. Tournament director/manager 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
 - e) U20 will not be combined with any other age groupIf 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) **EARP.** Once an event has met their initial ratio (1 in 4) 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
- 13) **LANE PATTERN.** This tournament will be on a sport shot, which will be released the day of the tournament. Data will be available at the center.
- 14) **DRESS CODE.** Collared shirts or bowling jerseys for boys and girls; slacks or dress shorts for boys; slacks, dress shorts or skorts for girls. Shorts and skirts/skorts must be at least fingertip length when standing with arms down to the side. No jeans, shorts, sweatpants or yoga-type pants, hats or sleeveless shirts will be allowed. Any apparel depicting cigarettes, alcohol, drugs or weapons will not be allowed. Tournament director/manager reserves the right to disallow any apparel that does not meet this criterion and that decision is final.
- 15) **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.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AMF Bristol Pike Lanes
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