

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING 2022 STORM – ROTO GRIP YOUTH HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

- I. **BASIC FORMAT** — This is a handicap tournament conducted in 4 Divisions.
- A. Bantam Division *8 years old and under
 - B. Prep Division *9, 10, 11 years old
 - C. Junior Division *12, 13, 14, years old
 - D. Major Division *15 years old through 18 years

***AGES ARE AS OF JULY 31, 2021**

Tournament will be conducted in Three Stages:

- A. **Preliminary Round In-League** --- February 19 – March 6, 2022
- B. **In-Center Roll-Off** --- Conducted either March 12-27, 2022 (date at center's discretion)
- C. **State Finals** --- Conducted on May 21 & 22, 2022 at CAMELOT BOWL, Collinsville, IL.

- II. **ELIGIBILITY** — Tournament is open to all boys and girls who are members of a 2021-2022 organized youth league in ANY ISBPA MEMBER CENTER. Bowler must bowl preliminary round in home establishment of his/her league. **If youth bowls league in more than one center, they may enter the preliminary round In-League in each center in the same division, but will only advance to the state finals from the center where they bowled the highest score.**

- III. **HANDICAPS** — Handicaps for all Divisions shall be based on three games. The **ILLINOIS STATE BPA YOUTH TOURNAMENT HANDICAP CHART** shall be used for this purpose (90% of 160 Bantam & Prep Divisions, 90% of 210 Junior & Major-Senior Divisions). **ALL BOWLERS AVERAGING OVER 210 MUST BOWL SCRATCH.**

- IV. **AVERAGES** — The bowler's average used in computing handicaps shall be their highest verifiable league average (certified or non-certified leagues) for at least 9 games posted as of time of qualifying. If the bowler does not have 9 games he/she can use 2020-21 final average, minimum 21 games. Averages for the **In-Center Roll-off** will be the highest average as of **March 6, 2022** or average used in preliminary round, whichever is highest. **Averages for the State Finals will be the highest average used in the previous rounds or highest current 21 game league average as of March 27, 2022, whichever is higher. High School averages do not apply.**

V. PROCEDURE FOR ADVANCEMENT

- A. **Preliminary Round In-League** - All qualifying scores are rolled DURING league, using 2 consecutive weeks at the centers discretion (**No Pre-Bowl or Post-Bowl scores are allowed**). After comparing 2 consecutive weeks scores, the highest 3 game total from each division will be used for tournament advancement. The top bowler in each division will advance to the **In-Center Roll-off**, plus 1 additional bowler for every 2 entries thereafter, (i.e., 3 entries, 2 advance, 5 entries, 3 advance etc.). The center advances 1:2 bowlers per division. Leagues independent from one another at the same center may qualify separately (i.e., bowls on different day of week or unaffiliated from "house" league). No entry fee at this level.
- B. **In-Center Roll-off** - All divisions will bowl 3 games & use handicap based off of highest average (See **Averages rule IV**, above). The highest 3 game total from each division will be used for tournament standings. **The top finalists in each division will advance to the State Finals at a ratio of 1:4 entries per division, (One Bowler in Each Division out of every four bowlers (1:4) will advance to the State Finals).** At the In-Center Roll-off bowlers will be responsible for the \$25 Entry Fee (\$15 Prize & Expense Fee + \$10 center lineage fee).
- C. **State Finals** - Those advancing from the In-Center Roll-off will bowl on May 21 or May 22. All divisions will bowl 3 games at the State Finals. The winner in each division will be declared Tournament Champion. There are no additional fees at the State Finals.

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VI. AWARDS

- A. The Illinois State BPA will award scholarships to the top ten places in each division of the State Finals. \$2,500 per division will be awarded in scholarships as follows:
1st Place - \$750 2nd Place - \$500 3rd Place - \$300 4th Place - \$250 5th Place - \$200
6th Place - \$150 7th Place - \$125 8th Place - \$100 9th Place - \$75 10th Place - \$50

A total of \$10,000.00 in scholarships will be awarded at the State Finals, which will be administered by the SMART program #10705.

VII. DRESS CODE FOR STATE FINALS:

Acceptable apparel: Slacks, shorts, turtlenecks, sports shirts with collars, T-shirts with a commercially lettered center name/logo, nice jeans and or skirts are acceptable.

Unacceptable apparel (includes but is not limited to); tank tops, cutoffs, T-shirts that advertise alcohol, drugs or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or headgear and or boxer type shorts. **The Tournament Director on site has final decision.**