

# Youth Leaders 9 Pin No Tap Tournament Format and Rules

This tournament is set up and based on many different playing factors; we will list these in the rules for explanation.

- This is a youth tournament for scholarship monies to be determined after the end of all stops, with disbursements to SMART.
- This tournament is usually held in the 4 centers of the Upstate Association. We have decided to expand and reach out to other centers in the area, outside of the association for competition.
- We encourage all youth bowlers from other associations to come out and participate.
- This tournament is set up as a handicap event, with handicap based on 90% of 220. This tournament is also set up over 4 divisions for tournament play.
  - Division I (176 and above)
  - Division II (151 – 175)
  - Division III (121 – 150)
  - Division IV (120 and under)
- Scholarship money is earned at each stop.
- Scholarship money is determined on a 1:6 ratio per division.
- Cost to enter the 9 Pin No Tap tournament is \$20.00 per event.
- This is an accumulative scoring tournament. Champions will be determined in each division based on Total accumulated pins across the 9 stops.
- You will bowl in the division, based on your current average, before each stop.
- Please make sure to bring a current league standing sheet to each event, as this is the average that will be used for divisional entry placement.
- Once you have bowled up into a higher division, you can't bowl down. Example.... If you start in DIV II and get your average high enough to compete in DIV I and bowl one stop and your average drops again, you can't move down to division II, you must continue to compete in the higher division.
- This tournament will enforce an electronic rule. No phones or any other electronic device in the pit during tournament play.
- Rules:
  - NO smoking or vaping permitted
  - NO hats or head coverings
  - Alcohol is strictly prohibited in or around Youth Bowlers
  - NO hitting or kicking of the ball returns will be allowed
  - NO slamming equipment down on the tables will be allowed
  - NO showing of disrespect to any bowler or tournament worker allowed
  - NO spectators will be allowed in the pit, **ONLY tournament officials** and they must always have **RVP lanyard on and visible.**

**Any youth bowler that is in violation of the COC or breaks any of the above rules will be disqualified without refund.**

For questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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