

**NEBRASKA**  
BOWLING PROPRIETORS' ASSOCIATION  
  
**ADULT-YOUTH 2018**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**OFFICIAL RULES**

1. THE NSBPA TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY ENTRY.
2. YOUTH BOWLERS MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN A USBC CERTIFIED YOUTH PROGRAM AT A NSBPA MEMBER CENTER DURING THE 2017 – 2018 BOWLING SEASON.
3. COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN 4 DIVISIONS: PARENT/YOUTH, PARENT/TEEN, ADULT/YOUTH, AND ADULT/TEEN. BOYS AND GIRLS WILL COMPETE IN THE SAME AGE DIVISION. YOUTH AGE GROUPS ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
 YOUTH – 12 YEARS OLD & UNDER AS OF AUGUST 1, 2017  
 TEEN – 13 – 19 YEARS OLD AS OF AUGUST 1, 2017
  - PARENTS ARE DEFINED AS PARENTS, STEP PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, STEP GRANDPARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, STEP BROTHERS, STEP SISTERS, OR COURT APPOINTED LEGAL GUARDIANS. AS USED HEREIN, STEP PARENTS SHALL INCLUDE DOMESTIC PARTNERS IN RECOGNIZED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS. PARENT MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE AS OF 8/1/2017 AND HAVE AN ADULT USBC MEMBERSHIP IN THE 2017-2018 SEASON.
  - ADULTS ARE DEFINED AS ANYONE NOT LISTED IN THE ABOVE PARENT DEFINITION. ADULTS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE AS OF 8/1/2017 AND HAVE AN ADULT USBC MEMBERSHIP IN THE 2017-2018 SEASON.
4. THIS TOURNAMENT IS CERTIFIED BY THE USBC. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE USBC OR PAY A PARTICIPATION FEE. (\$5 FOR ADULTS). BOWLERS PAYING ONLY THE PARTICIPATION FEE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR USBC AWARDS.
5. COST TO ENTER TOURNAMENT: IN-HOUSE QUALIFIER - \$30, REGIONAL FINALS - \$30, AND STATE FINALS - \$30.
6. SUBSTITUTES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY LEVEL OF THE TOURNAMENT. IF FOR ANY REASON AN ENTRANT IS NOT ABLE TO ADVANCE TO ANY LEVEL OF COMPETITION WITH HIS/HER TEAM, THE TEAM IN THE NEXT PLACE IN THE DIVISION WOULD THEN BE ELIGIBLE.
7. DATE OF COMPETITION: IN-HOUSE QUALIFYING MAY BE SCHEDULED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND JANUARY 20, 2018. REGIONAL FINALS ARE BETWEEN JANUARY 30, 2018 AND MARCH 1, 2018. STATE FINALS ARE BETWEEN MARCH 16, 2018 AND APRIL 15, 2018.
8. ENTERING AVERAGES:  
 IN-HOUSE QUALIFIER - EACH PLAYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE HIGHEST OF THE FOLLOWING USBC CERTIFIED AVERAGES AT THE TIME OF BOWLING THE IN-HOUSE QUALIFIER:
  - HIGHEST 2016 – 2017 AVERAGE: MINIMUM OF 12 GAMES FOR YOUTH AND 21 GAMES FOR ADULT
  - HIGHEST 2017 – 2018 AVERAGE: MINIMUM OF 12 GAMES FOR YOUTH AND 21 GAMES FOR ADULT
 REGIONAL FINALS - EACH PLAYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE HIGHEST OF THE FOLLOWING USBC CERTIFIED AVERAGES AS OF JANUARY 15, 2018:
  - HIGHEST 2016 – 2017 AVERAGE: MINIMUM OF 12 GAMES FOR YOUTH AND 21 GAMES FOR ADULT
  - HIGHEST 2017 – 2018 AVERAGE: MINIMUM OF 12 GAMES FOR YOUTH AND 21 GAMES FOR ADULT
 TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT IF AN UPWARD ADJUSTMENT IS WARRANTED BASED ON THE ADDITIONAL AVERAGE AND PRIZE WINNING INFORMATION SUBMITTED. ANY AVERAGES FROM SPORT BOWLING COMPETITION MUST BE DESIGNATED AS SUCH AND THOSE AVERAGES WILL BE ADJUSTED USING THE 2017 – 2018 SPORT AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT SCALE. ALL ENTERING AVERAGES MUST BE USBC CERTIFIED OR THE BOWLER MUST BOWL SCRATCH (220). FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE AVERAGE INFORMATION WILL MAKE ENTRY SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST A PLAYER'S AVERAGE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH USBC RULE 319C. RULES 319D, REPORTING PRIOR PRIZE WINNINGS, AND 319E, AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR ENTRY, APPLY. ALL BOWLERS WHO HAVE EVER BEEN RERATED, REFUSED A RERATE, OR BEEN DISQUALIFIED IN A TOURNAMENT MUST REPORT THIS PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING AT THE TOURNAMENT FOR A POSSIBLE RERATE.
9. FORMAT: 3 GAMES OF BOWLING BY EACH BOWLER. TOTAL PINS PLUS HANDICAP WILL DETERMINE THE WINNERS. HANDICAP IS 100% OF 220, DROPPING ALL FRACTIONS, FOR ALL BOWLERS ON A PER GAME BASIS.
10. ADVANCEMENT RATIOS: TOP 5 PLUS 1 OUT OF EVERY 2 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION WILL ADVANCE FROM THE IN-HOUSE QUALIFIERS TO THE REGIONAL FINALS. TOP 5 PLUS 1 OUT OF EVERY 2 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION WILL ADVANCE FROM THE REGIONAL FINALS TO THE STATE FINALS.
11. AWARDS: TOP 5 PLACES IN EACH DIVISION AT EACH REGIONAL FINALS SITE WILL RECEIVE PERSONALIZED CERTIFICATES SUITABLE FOR FRAMING. 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION AT BOTH STATE FINALS SITES WILL RECEIVE \$400 SCHOLARSHIPS AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION AT BOTH STATE FINALS SITES WILL RECEIVE \$100 SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY THE NSBPA. 1 OUT OF EVERY 6 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION AFTER THE TOP 2 POSITIONS WILL BE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF ENTRIES IN EACH DIVISION. ALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL RECEIVE PERSONALIZED CERTIFICATES SUITABLE FOR FRAMING.