

## NEBRASKA JUNIOR BOWLING TOUR

### 2018 Playing Rules (3rd Season of Competition)

1. The organization shall be known as the Nebraska Junior Bowlers Tour (NJBT).
  - 1a. The organization will conduct 5 monthly tournaments each season beginning in April and ending in August each year. The 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Tournament of Champions that will be held in August with qualifying members only.
2. Each tournament shall be USBC certified and open to USBC youth certified bowlers who have not reached their 21st birthday by August 1 of the following season. Bowlers who have not reached their 21st birthday as of August 1 may bowl the following season, even though they may turn 21 during the season.
3. Each tournament will consist of a singles event with 4 separate scratch divisions of U15 Boys & Girls, U20 Boys & Girls.
4. All scoring is done on a scratch (no handicap) basis.
5. Entrants are required to submit their entry fee prior to the tournament. Entries close one hour prior to the tournament. Walk-in entries will be accepted, provided there are available spots remaining.
6. Any check returned because of non-sufficient funds (NSF) must be paid in cash prior to participation in the next event.
  - 6a. Each NSF check will also require a \$20.00 bank fee, which also must be paid in cash prior to entry into the bowler's next event.
  - 6b. Only one non-sufficient fund (NSF) check per bowler per season will be allowed. After that, cash only will be accepted for that bowler.
7. Bowlers who are unable to attend a tournament for which they have paid in advance must notify Tournament Directors prior to the tournament that they will not be attending.

7a. The bowler must also notify Tournament Directors if they would like to have their entry fee held over for the next tournament. This check will be carried over for 1-MONTH ONLY. After that, the check will be destroyed, and a new entry fee check must be submitted.

7b. Any bowler who fails to notify Tournament Directors at least 48 hours in advance may forfeit their entry fee. Directors' decisions regarding forfeiture of entry fees will be final.

8. Bowlers are required to check in at the tournament desk prior to tournament competition. Each bowler shall draw for his or her lane assignment. Once their lane assignment sheet is drawn, they must immediately sign this sheet at the check in desk.

8a. Check in begins at 9:15, or at Tournament Directors discretion.

8b. Tournament bowling will begin at 10:00, or Tournament Directors discretion.

9. Bowlers arriving after the tournament has started will take zero for each frame missed. Tournament Directors may refuse to allow a bowler to enter the event once competition has started.

10. In the event that an entrant becomes injured or ill during a tournament, they must take zero for each frame missed.

10a. In the event a competitor must withdraw from competition, they must first notify a tournament director.

11. All scholarship funds shall be returned 100%.

12. All scholarship funds for each event will be deposited in the SMART Fund.

13. Prize ratio shall be at least 1 in 5.

14. The scholarship prize list for each tournament will be the decision of the tournament Directors.

15. Entry into each tournament shall be \$45.00 (ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN: \$20.00 scholarship fund, \$15.00 lineage, \$5.00 expenses, \$5.00 Tournament of Champions).

16. Nebraska Junior Bowling Tour annual membership fee shall be \$15.00 for a Nebraska resident. Out of State bowlers must pay a \$30.00 annual fee. The out of state is any one that the primary residence is not Nebraska. Your College Dorm address is not considered a primary address. This must be paid prior to competition in the year's first tournament. Any new member starting after the 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament will pay reduced membership fee of \$10.00 in state, 30.00 out of state.

17. One lane courtesy will be in effect.

18. Volunteer scorekeepers are encouraged.

19. ONLY Bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the bowling area.

20. Each bowler shall be responsible for his or her own scoresheet. This scoresheet MUST be turned in to tournament officials following completion of each round. Scoresheets not properly completed, or not turned in, MAY result in NO points awarded to the competitor.

20a. Any bowler who TWICE fails to turn in a scoresheet will NOT BE ELIGIBLE for participation in that seasons' Tournament of Champions.

20b. Any discrepancy in a competitor's scoresheet during or after the qualifying round MUST be reported to tournament officials prior to the start of match play.

20c. Each player is responsible for ensuring his or her scoresheet is correct and is initialed by another player following each game.

21. All bowlers will roll 6 (six) qualifying games.

21a. Minimum 8 per division. If not enough to allow a division, the boys division may combine. The Girls division have the option to move to the boy's division in same age group or combine girls division. Player may opt out of tournament if they choose not to move divisions.

22. Following completion of the qualifying round, the top 25% of each division will advance to earn scholarship and approximately 25% will advance to round robin finals. **(NOTE: Minimum of 4 and Maximum of 8 finalists.)** If the 25% is an odd number of participants for the finals, then the number shall be rounded up to either 4,6 or 8 finalists.

22a. If there is a tie for the final spot in match play, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. If still tied, 9th and 10th frame roll-offs will continue until there is a winner.

22b. All qualifying pins carry over to match play.

23. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be reviewed by the tournament directors, and the bowler may be subject to a warning, or immediate disqualification from the tournament. In severe cases, a bowler may have his or her membership revoked. The tournament director's decision regarding conduct will be final.

23a. Any bowler compromising the integrity of the sport, or the NJBT may be subject to disqualification, suspension or expulsion.

24. Tobacco products and alcohol WILL NOT be permitted at any time during competition by participants, parents, coaches, scorekeepers, or tournament officials. Violation of this rule may be cause for immediate disqualification from the tournament, and offending members may have their membership revoked.

24a. PHONE USE: A cell phone may only be used for scoring app or calculator. Phones must be put on silent mode, if in case of emergency call please exit the bowler's area as soon as possible. Tournament director reserves the right to ask any participate to remove phone from bowler's area at any time deemed as a distraction.

25. DRESS CODE: All bowlers MUST wear a polo shirt with collar or a mock t-shirt. Male bowlers MUST wear dress pants. Female bowlers may wear skirts, slacks or dress shorts. Absolutely NO JEANS of any color or HATS of any type will be permitted. Any exceptions and/or questionable attire will be reviewed by the tournament directors.

26. Tournament rules, scores and scholarship award winners will be mailed or delivered by hand to each paid NJBT member. This information will also be available on the tour's official web-site.

27. Tournament Directors will rule on all protests and complaints. Any protest must be made by participating bowler in writing to the tournament directors on site after bowling is

completed. In the event of a protest/complaint, all affected parties will be notified. Any decisions made by the tournament directors will be considered final.

28. Each NJBT event may conduct Junior Gold qualifying. However; there must be sufficient entries to warrant conduction qualifying, and there must be available openings at the National Junior Gold Tournament to warrant conducting qualifying. Jr. Gold qualifying held during May or after will be competing to qualify for the next year Jr. Gold.

28a. Cost for entry into junior gold qualifying will be \$50 per event (based on entries).

28b. Any bowler who enters junior gold qualifying must be a member of Junior Gold. A membership card must be shown at check-in, or U15/U20 Qualifiers must pay \$30, U12 Qualifiers must pay \$10 membership fee and fill out a membership application, which will be submitted by the NJBT.

28c. There will be separate boy's and girl's division in Junior Gold qualifying. However; in the event there are not enough entries, entries may be combined to form one (1) division, with the winner advancing in their respective division.

28d. Junior Gold qualifying score will be determined during the 6-game qualifying round ONLY. Winners will be announced prior to the start of match play. Any discrepancies in Junior Gold scores must be reported to Tournament Directors at that time. In the event of a tie, there will be a 2-frame roll-off to determine the qualifier.

28e. Bowlers advancing to the Junior Gold National Championship Tournament shall have their information and entry fee (\$200) forwarded to USBC Office for placement into the Junior Gold National Championship Tournament in \_\_\_\_\_

28f. In the event a bowler cannot attend the Jr. Gold national championship tournament, they must notify NJBT Tournament Directors immediately so that an alternate can be contacted. If a bowler does not proceed with this notification, or fails to show up for the national tournament, it may affect their ability to enter all future Junior Gold qualifying events in NJBT competition.

28g. Any bowler qualified who has qualified for the Jr. Gold National Championship Tournament and is not registered for a squad with USBC by May 31, will forfeit their spot. An alternate will be contacted as a replacement.

29a. After the 5th event of the season, the top 3 boys and top 3 girls (in point totals) in each division will be declared that season's NJBT All Star Team. Each bowler shall

receive an award for this achievement.

29b. After the 5th tournament of the season, the boys & girls top point earner in each division will receive an additional award for that season's NJBT Bowlers of the Year.

30. Each bowler will receive 3 points for each tournament bowled in. Additional points shall be awarded to ALL MATCH PLAY FINALISTS based on their final standing each tournament as follows:

31. The Storm Elite Finals shall be each season's final event.

31a. The maximum of 16 boys and 16 girls in each division with the highest season-long point totals (for the first 5 tournaments) will be eligible and advance to compete in this event. Advancement number will be determined by number of members in each division by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament of the season.

31b. All bowlers tied for the final spot in the field will qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

31c. To qualify for participation in the Tournament of Champions, a bowler must have bowled at least 3 of the first 5 tournaments of the season.

31d. In the event a competitor is unable to bowl, his or her spot will be offered to the first available alternate.

31e. Each eligible bowler MUST have their entry fee received approximately TWO WEEKS prior to the Tournament of Champions.

Note: For points only, If at any tournament that divisions were combined, the participant in the eliminated division will still receive points as normal, based on his or her finish in the combined division. Example: In U15 combined, the highest boy receives 80pts individual points and the highest girl would also receive 80pts individual points.

U15 Divisions				U20 Divisions				Either DIVISION (If less than 17 entrants)			
1	120 pts	9	40 pts	1	120 pts	9	40 pts	1	60 pts	6	10 pts
2	110 pts	10	30 pts	2	110 pts	10	30 pts	2	50 pts	7	8 pts
3	100 pts	11	20 pts	3	100 pts	11	20 pts	3	40 pts	8	7 pts
4	90 pts	12	10 pts	4	90 pts	12	10 pts	4	30 pts	9	6 pts
5	80 pts	13	8 pts	5	80 pts	13	8 pts	5	20 pts	10	5 pts
6	70 pts	14	7pts	6	70 pts	14	7pts				
7	60 pts	15	6pts	7	60 pts	15	6pts				
8	50 pts	16	5pts	8	50 pts	16	5pts				

32. NOTE: All bowlers will receive three participation (3) points. Participation points are included into the points chart above. An additional Ten (10) points will be given to players who make the cut in their division.