

NORTHWEST INDIANA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

2013-14 RULES AND GUIDELINES

GENERAL

- 1. The Northwest Indiana Junior Tournament Players Association is open to any certified USBC Youth Bowler. It is recommended that all members be registered junior gold members.**
- 2. There will be eight regular season events (tournaments) that will be conducted on a sport condition, however, it will not be sanctioned sport. All honor awards shot during an event will be eligible for basic honor awards, not sport.**
- 3. Each tournament is a separate event. Members may choose to enter one, or all of the scheduled events.**
- 4. Each tournament will have two divisions: Boys Scratch, Girls Scratch**
- 5. Each tournament is open to members and non-members. Members will be given first priority up until the entry deadline (one week prior to event) at which time if space permits, non-members will be added to the roster. Entries must be mailed to tournament director with payment prior to deadline to secure a roster position.**
- 6. Individual Tournaments will be subject to cancellation if minimum participation levels are not satisfied. Cancellation of events will take place at least 24 hours prior to start time.**
- 7. If you enter a tournament and do not show, you will forfeit your entry fee. If you call and cancel within 24 hours of the event, you will be given a refund/credit.**
- 8. Tournament check-in will begin 60 minutes prior to the start of the event. It is recommended that bowlers not wait until the last minute to check in should there be any issues that need to be addressed.**
- 9. Bowlers arriving late will be given zeros.**

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 1. There will be two membership levels: Gold, Silver. Annual membership fees will be \$195 per member for gold status and \$40 for silver status.**
- 2. Entry fees for regular events will be \$35. Amount allocated to event scholarship fund dependent on specific lineage fee. At a minimum, \$3 will be allocated to year-end fund. Entry fees for the Tour Finals will be \$50.**
- 3. Non-member entry fees for regular events will be \$40 with the additional \$5 being placed into the event scholarship fund.**

4. All membership fees, scholarship funds, fines, and sponsorship funds secured will be returned 100% in the form of scholarships, junior gold entry fees, and awards / trophies.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

1. Each tournament will also be a Junior Gold Qualifier. Only NWIJTPA Gold members are eligible to earn Junior Gold qualifying spots. Each event will advance a ratio of 1:4 in each division (boys, girls). Junior Gold spots will be based on standings after the qualifying segment.
2. Scholarships will be awarded in a 1:5 ratio or better.
3. Year End Bonus Scholarships will be awarded to the top 5 regular season point finishers in each division. Year End Bonus Scholarships will also be awarded to the top 8, or top 50%, of finals field – whichever is fewer – at the Tour Finals.
4. Tournament champions will receive a plaque in addition to any scholarship monies earned.
5. Tournament champions – who are members of the NWIJTPA – will also be recognized with a championship banner.

TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

1. Event Sponsors will be attempted to be secured to boost the scholarship fund, Tour Finals fund, and/or to supply tournament shirts for event champions and/or Junior Gold qualifiers.

DRESS CODE

1. Dress slacks must be worn, no jeans or denim of any color, no cargo pants, no shorts. All shirts must have a collar. It is recommended that bowlers have their names on the backs of shirts. Mock collars will be allowed (no t-shirts). No shirts with any alcohol or tobacco advertising allowed. Girls will be allowed to wear shorts, skorts or skirts of appropriate length (The bottom of the skirt/short must be no more than 4 inches above the knee **ALL THE WAY AROUND AT ALL TIMES**).
2. All bowlers at check in will be advised if they meet the required dress code. Bowlers not meeting the dress code will not be allowed to bowl. If bowler has pre-paid, bowler will be allowed to use entry fee for another event.
3. Tournament Director(s) will have final ruling on dress code.

CONDUCT

1. No smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, chewing of snuff or tobacco, or using any controlled substance (not under a current prescription) by

- any bowler during times that bowling is taking place. Violators will be disqualified. Anyone who is caught with a controlled substance will be banned from the NWIJTPA and turned into the proper authorities.
2. All bowlers must keep their poise during a tournament. Any person using obscene gestures, or conducting himself/herself in a manner deemed by a tournament official to be disruptive/unsportsmanlike will be first warned, then fined \$5. If the conduct continues the next offense will result disqualification from the event.
 3. Any damage to the bowling center equipment by any bowler will result in a \$50 fine and disqualification from the event, plus payment to the bowling center for any damages.
 4. Walkmans, cassettes, CD's, phones, or radios are not permitted while the tournament is in progress. No electronic devices are to be used. Bowlers may use the calculator application on their phones to compile their scores. The use of personal cooling devices (fans) will be allowed. Players will be warned once, then fined \$5 for each occasion during the event.
 5. There will be no altering of the surface of any bowling ball once the event starts scoring, including the use of polishing machines at the center, or the use of USBC approved liquid cleaners (The bowler may only use a dry towel to wipe the surface of the ball). If a ball surface has been altered, the ball will be removed from competition.
 6. The use of powder or easy slide on the soles of the shoes will not be permitted. If bowler is found violating this rule, warning will be issued, then disqualification.

SCORESHEETS

1. Bowlers are responsible for their own scores. All scores must be verified by an opponent on your pair (signature/initials required) after each game.
2. It is the bowlers responsibility to compile cumulative scores after each game.
3. Scoresheets must be signed by the participant and an opponent from the same pair of lanes at the conclusion of qualifying.
4. Scoresheets must be totaled prior to turning into tournament office.
5. Incorrect scoresheets (bad math, missing signature) will result in a \$5 fine. Arithmetic scoring errors will be corrected by the tournament staff without disqualification. Scores found to be written down incorrectly will result in the bowler accepting the score if it is lower than the actual scored bowled, or disqualified if the score is higher than the actual score bowled.
6. Bowlers disqualified due to an incorrect score will be subject to future disciplinary action, including disqualification from future NWIJTPA events, based on a review by the NWIJTPA Adult and Youth boards.

7. Bowler who verifies an incorrect score (with their signature / initials) will be fined \$5.

MATCH PLAY

1. Formats for individual tournaments will be identified on the tournament entry form.
2. If there is a tie for the final match play position, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be used. Bowlers will be given 4 practice shots on each lane. Lanes will be selected by the tournament officials. Lanes that were used by the affected participants during the final game of qualifying will not be used.
3. Formats using a bracket format, incoming bowlers will receive 4 shots on each lane. Incoming bowlers receiving byes will also have a practice pair available once the preceding round matches begin.
4. Formats using a stepladder, incoming bowlers will receive 4 shots on each lane. Incoming bowlers will have a practice pair available once the preceding match enters the fifth frame.

FINES

1. Bowlers may appeal their fine to the Board of Directors prior to the end of the event. A written note with an explanation of why they are appealing must be submitted prior to the conclusion of the event.
2. All fines must be paid prior to bowling the next event. Bowlers with outstanding fines will not be allowed to participate until the fines are paid.

POINT SYSTEM

1. Players will earn points during each regular season tournament that will be used to determine year end bonus scholarships. Points will only be awarded to members.
- 2a. Points will be awarded in the following manner:
 - a. 5 points for bowling an event
 - b. 1 additional point for having high game during each game of qualifying (2 points if game is a 280 or higher for boys, 260 or higher for girls)
 - c. 1 additional point for having high game during match play / brackets segment (2 points if score is 280 or higher for boys, 260 or higher for girls).
 - d. 4 additional points for being high qualifier, 3 additional points for 2nd high qualifier, 2 additional point for 3rd high qualifier and 1 for 4th.
 - e. Additional points based on final positional standings:

- i. Points will be awarded to the top half of each division (ie 14 entries, 7 earn points, 15 entries then 8 earn points).
 - ii. Events with 19 or less bowlers per division:
 1. 1st – 15 points
 2. 2nd – 12 points
 3. 3rd – 10 points
 4. 4th - 8 points
 5. 5th – 7 points
 6. 6th – 6 points
 7. 7th – 5 points
 8. 8th – 4 points
 9. 9th – 3 points
 10. 10th – 2 points
 - iii. Events with 20 or more bowlers per division:
 1. 1st – 17 points
 2. 2nd – 14 points
 3. 3rd – 12 points
 4. 4th – 10 points
 5. 5th – 9 points
 6. 6th – 8 points
 7. 7th – 7 points
 8. 8th – 6 points
 9. 9th – 5 points
 10. 10th – 4 points
 11. 11th – 3 points
 12. 12th – 2 points
 13. 13th - xx – 1 point (where xx is the last position in top 50%)
2. Top five finishers in the regular season points race of each division will receive bonus scholarship dollars based on organization fundraising success.
3. The top points finisher at the conclusion of the regular season events will be recognized at the NWIJTPA Bowler of the Year.

TOUR FINALS

1. The NWIJTPA Tour finals will be a multi-day event.
2. Tournament conditions will be changed each block.
3. Entry fee for the Tour finals will be \$50.
4. The Tour Finals will be open to members only.
5. NWIJTPA members must compete in 4 regular NWIJTPA events to be eligible for the NWIJTPA Tour Finals. Events bowled as a non-member will count towards the participation requirement should that bowler subsequently decide to become a member, however, events bowled as a non-member will not be awarded points towards the year-end bonus scholarships.

WEBSITE

- 1. The association website will be www.ihsbsurban/NWIJTPA.com .**
- 2. Rosters, event statistics, and other organization information will be maintained on this site.**

ORGANIZATION

- 1. The NWIJTPA will be governed by a board of directors consisting of six adult members.**
- 2. Adult Board Members for the 2013-14 season.**
 - a. Mike Kraushaar**
 - b. Nancy Batliner**
 - c. Paul Mewes**
 - d. Larry Zaideman**
 - e. TBD**
 - f. TBD**
- 3. All rules, guidelines, and standard operations will be determined by the Adult Board members. Should there be a 3-3 split, the issue will be voted on by the current youth board.**
- 4. Operating procedures for the tour will be determined at the pre-season Board meeting. These procedures will be in place for the current season. Any issues requiring a vote of the youth board will take place at the first event of the season.**
- 5. Adult board members will only be replaced should they resign from the Board. When a board position becomes open, request for resumes will be made public. Submitted resumes will be reviewed by the current board. A vote of the current board will determine the new member(s). Exiting board member(s) will have the right to vote on new board members.**
- 6. Youth board members for the following season will be selected from those interested at the conclusion of the current season.**