

NORTHWEST INDIANA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

2014-15 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 11 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. Pre-registration is recommended to avoid walk in fee and to secure spot in field.**
- 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 \$45 for silver status.**
- 2. Entry fees for regular events will be \$40. Amount allocated to event scholarship fund dependent on specific lineage fee. At a minimum, \$5 will be allocated to year-end fund. Entry fees for the Mid-Season Major will be \$50 (\$55 nonmembers). Entry fees for the Tour Championships will be dependent upon number of regular season events a bowler has competed.**
- 3. Non-member entry fees for regular events will be \$45 with the additional \$5 being placed into the event scholarship fund.**

4. There will be a \$5 walk-in fee. This fee will be charged if a member is not on the tournament roster posted the night before the event. Entries will be allowed to be paid the day of the event. If a bowler on the roster does not show for the event, that bowler will be required to pre-pay at the next event. If the bowler does not pre-pay, they will be charged the walk-in fee.
5. 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 6-game qualifying segment unless otherwise specified prior to start of event. If a tie occurs for final JG qualifying spot, a one game roll-off will be used to determine advancer. If still tied, a 9th-10th frame roll-off will be used until advancer is determined.
2. Scholarships will be awarded in a 1:5 ratio or better.
3. Year End Bonus Scholarships will be awarded to the top 8 regular season point finishers in each division. Year End Bonus Scholarships will also be awarded to the top 8, or top 33%, of finals field – whichever is fewer – at the Tour Finals.
4. Tournament champions will receive a trophy in addition to any scholarship monies earned. For wins 2 thru 4, bowler will be given an engraved plate. For win #5, bowler will be given another “base” to attach to current trophy.
5. Tournament champions – who are gold or silver 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.
2. All scores must be verified by an opponent on your pair (initials required) after each game.
3. The scoresheet is the bowler's responsibility, not the parents.
4. Scoresheets must be signed by the participant and an opponent from the same pair of lanes at the conclusion of qualifying.
5. Scoresheets must be totaled prior to turning into tournament office.

6. **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, or disqualified if the score is higher than the actual score bowled.
7. **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.**
8. **A Bowler who verifies an incorrect score (w/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.**
2. **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 only (2 points if game is a 280 or higher for boys, 260 or higher for girls)
 - c. 2 points for making the 6-game cut.
 - d. 5 additional points for being high qualifier, 4 additional points for 2nd high qualifier, 3 additional point for 3rd high qualifier, 2 additional points for 4th and 1 for 5th.
 - e. Additional points based on final positional standings:
 - i. Points will be awarded to the 75% of each division (ie 20 entries, 15 earn points, 21 entries then 16 earn points).
 - ii. Events with 15 or less bowlers per division:
 - 1. 1st – 18 points
 - 2. 2nd – 15 points
 - 3. 3rd – 13 points
 - 4. 4th - 11 points
 - 5. 5th – 10 points
 - 6. 6th – 9 points
 - 7. 7th – 8 points
 - 8. 8th – 7 points
 - 9. 9th – 6 points
 - 10. 10th – 5 points
 - 11. 11th – 4 points
 - 12. 12th – 3 points
 - iii. Events with 16 or more bowlers per division:
 - 1. 1st – (Number of Bowlers + 3) points
 - 2. 2nd – (Number of Bowlers) points
 - 3. 3rd – (Number of Bowlers – 2) points
 - 4. 4th – (3rd Place points – 2) points
 - 5. 5th – (4th Place Points – 1) points
 - 6. 6th – (5th Place Points – 1) points
 - 7. 7th – (6th Place Points – 1) points
 - 8. 8th – xx (Previous Place Points – 1) where xx is last position in top 75%
 - f. For Adult Youth Doubles, all points awarded will be based on youth scores during 6-game qualifying block. There will be no points awarded for making the 6-game cut. For Youth Mixed, all points based on qualifying scores only.
2. Up to 8 events will be included in the determination of the year end point standings and NWIJTPA Bowler of the Year Award. If a bowler bowls in more than 8 events, only the top 8 scoring (points) events will be included.
 3. Top 8 finishers in the regular season point race of each division will receive bonus scholarship dollars based on organization fundraising success.

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 based on the number of regular season events bowled using the following table:

i. 3 events	\$75
ii. 4 events	\$70
iii. 5 events	\$65
iv. 6-7 events	\$60
v. 8 events	\$55
vi. 9 events	\$50
vii. 10+ events	\$40
4. Eligibility for the Tour Finals will be as follows:
 - a. NWIJTPA members who compete in only three events must have a title in 2014-15.
 - b. NWIJTPA members who compete in only four events must have made a 6-game cut during the 2014-15 season. For youth-adult event, making cut will be considered as either: being in top 8 youth scores, or being in top 8 team scores.
 - c. NWIJTPA members who compete in 5 or more events are automatically eligible.
 - d. Non-members who have bowled in 5 or more events may compete if they purchase their Silver Membership prior to the Tour Finals entry deadline. The Silver membership fee will be reduced by \$2.50 for each event participated in as a non-member.

ALL STAR EVENTS (MICHIANA CUP)

Should the NWIJTPA engage in any outside All-Star events, determination of team members will follow these guidelines:

1. 50% of the team will be taken from the year end points list and 50% from the Tour Finals
2. If a bowler that has earned a spot based on the year-end points list earns a spot through the Tour Finals that spot will be awarded to the next in line using the regular season points list. If a second (or more) bowler(s) from the regular season points list earns a spot during the tour finals that spot(s) will be awarded to the next highest finisher(s) in the tour finals.

3. If the all-star event is scheduled prior to the tour finals, all spots will be awarded based on the current regular season points list.
4. The specific number of players for the event will be determined once the event is approved by all parties (organizations) participating.

WEBSITE

5. The association website will be www.ihsbsurban/NWIJTPA.com .
6. 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 five adult members.
2. Adult Board Members for the 2014-15 season.
 - i. Mike Kraushaar
 - ii. Nancy Batliner
 - iii. Paul Mewes
 - iv. Larry Zaideman
 - v. Paula Larson
3. All rules, guidelines, and standard operations will be determined by the Adult Board members. The youth advisors will be consulted on standard operations changes.
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 advisors 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 advisors for the following season will be selected from those interested at the conclusion of the current season.