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The Northwest Indiana Junior Tournament Players Association (NWIJTPA) has been established to provide youth bowlers in northwest Indiana added opportunities to experience difficult sport conditions, earn valuable scholarship dollars, and earn spots into the 2016 USBC Junior Gold Championships to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The tour, in it's fifth year, will have 11 regular events, followed by the season ending tour championships where an estimated \$6,000 will be awarded. In four short years, our tour has awarded \$52,000 in scholarships and has had 38 members earn scholarship offers to bowl collegiately (valued in excess of \$1,000,000).

The 2014-15 season was a record setting year for us. We distributed over \$25,000 in scholarships, averaged nearly 60 players per event (31 boys / 29 girls), surpassed 100 entries for the first time at a single event, qualified 50+ bowlers for junior gold, and saw our outside sponsorship dollars double allowing us to achieve a 100% standard entry fee payback in scholarships and awards for the season.

NWIJTPA events are open to both NWIJTPA members and non-members. Membership fee for the tour is \$50 and carries several benefits. These benefits include reduced event entry fees, priority registration period, entry into member only events, championship banners, all star team selection, and year end scholarship bonus dollars.

The tour offers two ways to earn scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on finish at each event. And scholarships are also awarded based on year long performance.

The NWIJTPA tour is managed by a dedicated team of volunteers. Tournament officials receive no reimbursement for their travel, time, or incurred personal expenses while at the event. The tour operates with minimal expenses (averaged < \$0.20/entry) allowing the tour to return a significant portion of the entry fee as scholarships and awards.

During the first four seasons, we have averaged in excess of a 100% payback ratio thanks to our team of volunteers, generous proprietors, and very supportive sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP COST

\$50