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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 2019 USBC Junior Gold Championships to be held in Detroit, Michigan

The tour, starting its eighth year, will have 10 regular events, followed by the season ending tour championships where an estimated \$10,000 will be awarded. In seven short years, our tour has awarded \$165,000 in scholarships and has had 79 members earn scholarship offers to bowl collegiately (valued in excess of \$3,500,000).

The 2017-18 season was a record setting year for us. We distributed over \$45,000 in scholarships, averaged over 80 players per event (48 boys / 33 girls), and 110 members set a new record.

In 2016, Ebonite International became our lead manufacturer sponsor which helped us again surpass the 106% mark on our award ratio [(awards + scholarships) / Entry Fee]

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.

MEMBERSHIP COST

\$50