

NORTHWEST INDIANA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

2011-12 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 six 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. If capacity has not been reached, walk-ins will be accepted but will be charged a \$5 late fee.**
- 6. Entries must be mailed to tournament director with payment prior to deadline to secure a roster position.**
- 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 for frames missed.**

MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT FEES

- 1. Annual membership fees will be \$195 per member.**
- 2. Entry fees for regular events will be \$30 (Lineage \$15, Event Scholarships \$12, Tour Finals \$3). Entry fees for the Tour Finals will be \$40.**
- 3. Non-member entry fees for regular events will be \$40 with additional \$10 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 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.**
- 2. Scholarships will be awarded in a 1:5 ratio.**
- 3. Year End Bonus Scholarships will be awarded to the top 4 regular season point finishers in each division as well as the top 8 finishers in the Tour Finals.**
- 4. Tournament champions will receive a plaque in addition to any scholarship monies earned.**

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.**
- 2. All bowlers, at check-in, will be advised if they meet the required dress code. Bowlers not meeting dress code will not be allowed to bowl.**

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 \$10. If the conduct continues the next offense will result in a \$20 fine, then 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. Players**

will be warned once, then will be fined \$5 for each occasion during the event. Bowlers may use the calculator application on their phones to compile their scores. The use of personal cooling devices (fans) will be allowed.

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. Only designated tournament scoring officials will write down scores. Scoring officials may not write scores down for their children.
2. Scoresheets must be initialed by an opponent from the same pair of lanes after each game. Players must sign their scoresheets prior to turning into tournament office.
3. It is the bowler's responsibility to compile cumulative scores after each game.
4. Scoresheets must be totaled prior to turning into tournament office.
5. Incorrect scoresheets (bad math, missing signature) will result in a \$5 fine. Scoresheets not turned in will result in a \$5 fine.
6. Incorrectly added scores will be corrected by the tournament staff without penalty to the bowler (other than the fine).
7. Bowlers falsifying scores will be disqualified and membership in the NWIJTPA will be revoked. Membership fees will not be refunded. Any bowler whose membership has been revoked will forfeit any junior gold spot or end of year monies earned.

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, first round bowlers will receive 4 shots on each lane. Bowlers receiving byes have a practice pair available once the preceding round match enters the fifth frame. Second Round matches and beyond, bowlers will be given any practice.

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.**
5. **For bracket format events, final position standings for players eliminated in the same round will be based on players total pins during round bowler is eliminated compared to other bowlers eliminated that round.**

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.**
3. **Bowlers who refuse to pay their fines will forfeit their Junior Gold spot, if they have earned one through any previous NWIJTPA qualifying events and will not receive a refund of any entry/membership fees.**

POINT SYSTEM

1. **Players will earn points during each regular season tournament that will be used to determine year end bonus scholarships and byes into the Tour Finals match play rounds. 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 300)**
 - c. **1 additional point for having high game during match play / brackets segment.**
 - d. **3 additional points for being high qualifier, 2 additional points for 2nd high qualifier and 1 additional point for 3rd high qualifier.**
 - e. **Additional points based on final positional standings:**
 - i. **Points will be awarded to the top half of each division**
 - ii. **Events with 29 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**
 11. **11th – xx – 1 point (where xx is the last position in top 50%)**
 - iii. **Events with 30 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%)

f. Double point events will double all positional point values (Section 2.e) only.

2. Top four finishers in the regular season points race of each division will receive bonus scholarship dollars based on organization fundraising success.
3. Top two finishers in the regular season points race of each division will advance directly to the match play round of the Tour Finals.

TOUR FINALS

1. The NWIJTPA Tour finals will be a two day event. Day 1 will serve as the qualifying round while Day 2 will be the championship round. Entry fee for the Tour finals will be \$40.
2. The Tour Finals will be open to both members and non-members.
3. NWIJTPA members must compete in 3 regular NWIJTPA events to be eligible for the NWIJTPA Tour Finals. Non-members must compete in 4 regular events to be eligible for the NWIJTPA Tour Finals.
4. The top two point finishers during the regular season who have participated in a minimum of 3 regular events will automatically advance to the championship round of the NWIJTPA Tour Finals.
5. Events bowled as a non-member will count towards the participation requirement, however, non-members will not be awarded points.

WEBSITE

1. The association website will be www.ihsbsuburban.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 2011-12 season.**
 - a. Mike Kraushaar**
 - b. Tim McCoy**
 - c. Paul Mewes**
 - d. Paula Larson**
 - e. Keith Kras**
 - f. Larry Zaideman**
- 3. There will be a Youth Advisory Committee consisting of up to five NWIJTPA members. Members will submit resumes to the Board who will then select the youth committee members.**
- 4. 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 membership.**
- 5. 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 members will take place at the first event of the season.**
- 6. 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.**