

YOUTH MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

Entries into the Youth Masters Scholarship Tournament are by invitation only. To qualify, a bowler must have a 170 or higher ending average for 21 games from the 2010-2011 bowling season, 2011 summer league bowling season, or 2011-2012 midseason average as of 1/1/12. Any house that does not qualify a representative for the tournament will have 1 invitation extended to the highest average bowler from the qualifying season. If the bowler accepts the invitation, he/she will enter the tournament with a 170 average.

Tournament Format:

The Youth Masters Scholarship Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 with the finals being held on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at Savage Lanes. Check-in will be at 12:30am. Tournament bowling will begin at 1:00pm. Any bowler not present by the end of practice will forfeit their spot.

All bowlers will bowl two 4 game blocks. There will be a ½ hour break between the first and second blocks of bowling. Each bowler will move 1 pair of lanes to the right after every game. After 8 games are completed, the field will be cut to the top 5 finishers and an alternate. A stepladder final will then be held on Sunday at 1:00pm beginning with the 5th place finisher bowling the 4th place finisher. One game will be bowled, with the winner advancing to face the next place finisher until all places have been determined. In the event that a qualifying bowler cannot compete in the finals, all bowlers ranked below his/her ranking will advance to the next rank up, and the alternate will be placed in the lowest qualifying spot. In the event that a bowler cannot complete a match, the bowler will forfeit the match and the opposing bowler will advance to the next round. Any ties between the bowlers in the stepladder round will be decided by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off until a winner has been declared. In the stepladder finals, the highest qualifier will choose which lane he/she wishes to begin on. Practice lanes will be available to warm up on. Each qualifier will also be allowed 1 practice throw on each of the lanes that are being used for competition before the match begins.

Entry Rules and Fees:

The Youth Masters Scholarship Tournament is a USBC Certified Tournament for all bowlers that are certified through the St. Joseph USBC Bowling Association. All entrants must show their USBC Cards at the time of check-in.

The entering average for the Youth Masters Scholarship Tournament will be determined as follows:

- Highest 2010-2011 ending average for 21 games in any St. Joseph USBC Bowling Association Youth League.
- Highest 2011 Summer League ending average for 21 games in any St. Joseph USBC Bowling Association Youth League.

- 2011-2012 mid-season average for 21 games as of 1/1/12 if no previous average has been set.
- Current 2010-2011 average as of 1/1/12 if 10 pins higher than the 2009-2010 or 2010 summer ending average.
- All others excluded.

Handicap will be based on 100% of 200.

Entries:

The entry form and \$20.00 entry fee **MUST BE TURNED IN** by February 19, 2012 for the bowler to be eligible. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Entries must be turned in to a Youth Board Director. Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph USBC Bowling Association.

Prize Money:

100% of the prize fund money will be paid out in the form of scholarships. The top 5 finishers will be guaranteed scholarship money equal to but not more than 1 in 10 depending on the number of entries.

Competition Rules:

Dress Code:

All participants are required to wear a shirt with a collar and slacks or a skirt (NO JEANS). All apparel should be loose fitting. Apparel depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, or inappropriate language or gestures will not be allowed and may result in disqualification. Hats and/or any type of headgear may not be worn during competition. Tournament officials will rule on any questionable attire.

ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, IPODS, OR VIDEO GAME EQUIPMENT OF ANY TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED!

Alcohol and Tobacco Products:

Competitors in the Youth Masters Scholarship Tournament will not be allowed to use tobacco products or consume alcoholic beverages during competition. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a verbal warning. A second offense will result in immediate disqualification from the competition. Tobacco use and consumption of alcohol by spectators will be restricted to **DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.**

Bowling Area:

Only those competing in the tournament will be allowed in the bowlers' area. Others that will be allowed in the bowlers' area are the scorekeepers and tournament officials. **NO SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLERS' AREA.** No food or drinks will be allowed in the bowlers' area.

Bowler Behavior:

No foul or abusive language or threatening behavior will be allowed at any time during competition. Abusing the equipment will not be allowed during competition. Violation of these rules will result in a verbal warning. If a second offense is committed, the participant will be disqualified from competition and banned from the tournament the following year.

ALL OTHER USBC YOUTH TOURNAMENT RULES APPLY.