

# PBA JR. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

## FULL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The PBA Junior Regional Tournament is open to all male and female youth bowlers who have not yet reached the age of 18 as of the start date of the tournament. All participants must be USBC Youth Members. If a youth bowler is not currently a USBC Youth member, they should contact USBC at 817-385-8426 prior to the start of competition to purchase a membership.
  2. The PBA Junior Regional Tournament is certified by the USBC.
  3. This tournament will have 3 divisions: U18 Boys, U18 Girls, and U15 Mixed (Boys & Girls combined). SMART Scholarships will be awarded (SMART account #10917) on a point basis. See SMART Policy Manual for point conversion. All scores in this tournament will be SCRATCH (no handicap).
  4. Entry fees shall be as follows:
    - A. REGULAR: \$99 per bowler
    - B. PBA JR. CLUB: \$79 per bowler
  5. Entries shall close at the end of day on the Wednesday prior to the weekend of the tournament date. No entries will be accepted after that date.
  6. **FORMAT** (each division):
    - A. Bowlers will bowl six (6) games in the Qualifying Round (bowlers choice of Qualifying Squad "A" or Qualifying Squad "B").
    - B. At the conclusion of both squads of the Qualifying Round, all bowler's total scores in each division will be pooled and the field will be cut to the top 8 bowlers in each division. In the event of a tie(s) for the final position, a one-game roll-off will take place immediately to break the tie.
    - C. The top 8 bowlers in each division will compete in eight (8) games of Match Play.
      - i. Pinfall from the Qualifying Round WILL carry over to Match Play Round
      - ii. Bowlers who win their match will receive 30 bonus pins. In the event of a tie, each bowler shall receive 15 bonus pins.
      - iii. At the conclusion of Match Play, the top four (4) bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals to determine the Champion.
      - iv. If there is a tie for the Match Play alternate position, all tied competitors for the alternate position will compete in a one (1) game roll-off immediately following the completion of the round. NOTE: If a one (1) game roll-off ends in a tie, all tied competitors for the alternate position will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off
      - v. In the event of a tie during any Stepladder match, all tied competitors will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off. The highest seeded competitor shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off. The competitors will alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.
7. **PBA JR. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SMART SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**
    - A. SMART Scholarships will be awarded in each division at a 1:6 ratio.
    - B. First place will be awarded the following SMART Scholarships:
      - i. U18 BOYS: 350 SMART points (based on 75 entries)
      - ii. U 18 GIRLS: 350 SMART points (based on 75 entries)
      - iii. U15 MIXED: 200 SMART points (based on 50 entries)
  8. **DRESS & CONDUCT CODE** (applies to Practice Session and all Competition):
    - A. All bowlers must wear shirts or jerseys with collars and sleeves. No t-shirts are allowed.
    - B. Boys must wear slacks (no shorts). Girls must wear slacks, skirts or dress shorts. No jeans are allowed.
    - C. Bowlers are not permitted to wear hats or other headgear, ripped or torn clothing, or basketball shorts. No clothing with offensive language or graphics, or any apparel which the tournament director feels is inappropriate.
    - D. Smoking is not permitted by bowlers before, during or after the tournament.
    - E. Proper behavior is expected at all times.

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- 9. OIL PATTERNS:** A PBA oil pattern will be used for PBA Jr. Regional Tournaments. The oil pattern name and specs will be announced prior to the start of competition.
- 10. BOWLING BALLS:**
  - A.** All bowling balls used during this tournament must be USBC approved and officially cleared by the PBA.
  - B.** Bowlers may use an unlimited number of bowling balls during the tournament, but all balls must be logged on the bowlers score card.
- 11. PRACTICE:**
  - A.** Practice Session will be scheduled prior to the start of the first Qualifying Squad. Bowlers are encouraged but not required to attend the Practice Session.
  - B.** Prior to the start of competition during the Qualifying Round, bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice on their starting pair of lanes.
  - C.** Prior to the start of competition during Match Play bowlers will receive 5 minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes for their first match. No additional practice frames will be allowed prior to any other matches.
  - D.** During the Stepladder matches bowlers will receive practice as follows:
    - i.** All bowlers will have 8 minutes of warm-up on the Championship pair prior to the start of the first Stepladder match.
    - ii.** For matches after the first match, the winner of the preceding match may practice on the alternate pair/lane only. The incoming finalist shall receive a maximum of six (6) shots on the Championship pair.
    - iii.** For the final Championship Match, the number one seeded bowler shall receive eight (8) shots on the Championship pair.
- 12.** Only tournament officials and bowlers who are engaged in competition will be permitted in the settee area. Parents and / or coaches must remain on the concourse area.
- 13.** By submitting an online entry request and payment, the participant confirms acceptance of the rules and format of the PBA Junior Regional Tournament.
- 14.** All rules specifically not covered will be governed by the PBA Junior Regional Tournament Committee which will use the USBC and PBA rule books as guidance. The PBA Junior Regional Tournament Committee reserves all rights regarding all rules and the operation of the tournament.