

2021 PBA JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The PBA Junior National Championship tournament is open to all male and female youth bowlers who have not yet reached the age of 18 as of August 1, 2021. 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 National Championships is certified by the USBC (Certification #-----)
3. This tournament will have 2 divisions, U18 Boys and U18 Girls. All scores in this tournament are SCRATCH, no handicap. SMART Scholarships will be awarded (SMART account #10917) on a point basis. See SMART Policy Manual for point conversion.
4. Entry fees shall be as follows:
 - a. **PBA JR. CLUB MEMBERS:** \$109 per bowler
 - b. **REGULAR:** \$129 per bowler
5. REGIONALS / QUALIFYING:
 - a. REGIONAL LOCATIONS: There will be four (4) Regional Tournaments conducted on Saturday & Sunday, September 4 and 5, 2021. Regional locations will be as follows:
 - Bowlero Euless / Euless, TX
 - Bowlero Marietta / Marietta, GA
 - Bowlero Wauwatosa / Wauwatosa, WI
 - Bowlero Mesa / Mesa, AZ
 - b. REGIONAL FORMAT (each division):
 - i. Bowlers will bowl six (6) games of qualifying in Qualifying Round #1 (choice of Squad "A" / Saturday at 9 AM, or Squad "B" / Saturday at 3 PM).
 - ii. At the conclusion of all squads for Qualifying Round #1, all bowler's total scores will be pooled and the field will be cut to the top 50% in each division. These bowlers will then bowl four (4) games in Qualifying Round #2. In the event of a tie(s) for the final position, a one-game roll-off will take place immediately to break the tie.
 - iii. At the conclusion of Qualifying Round #2, the field will be cut to the top 12 bowlers in each division who will compete in six (6) games of Match Play. In the event of a tie(s) for the final position, a one-game roll-off will take place immediately to break the tie.
 1. Pinfall from Qualifying Rounds WILL carry over to Match Play Round
 2. Bowlers who win their match will receive 30 bonus pins. In the event of a tie, each bowler shall receive 15 bonus pins.
 - iv. At the conclusion of Match Play, the first and second place finishers in each division will advance to the National Championship tournament. Bowlers advancing to the National Championships will also receive paid hotel accommodations (single room, double occupancy) for the bowler and up to 2 parents / guardians. Travel expenses to the National Championship are the responsibility of each family. (NOTE: It is each bowler's responsibility to verify with their local school association that accepting paid hotel accommodations will not jeopardize their school competition eligibility.)
 - c. REGIONAL SMART SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS
 - i. First place in each division is GUARANTEED a SMART Scholarship valued at 400 points.
 - ii. SMART Scholarships will be awarded in each division at a 1:6 ratio.
6. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS:
 - a. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS LOCATION: The PBA Junior National Championship will be held at a later date in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop. All Finalists will be notified of the location, date and times for the Finals when that information is available.
 - b. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT (each division):
 - i. Bowlers will compete in ten (10) games of Match Play.
 1. Bowlers who win their match will receive 30 bonus pins. In the event of a tie, each bowler shall receive 15 bonus pins.
 2. Standings will be based on bowler's aggregate scores plus any bonus pins earned.
 - ii. At the conclusion of Match Play, the field will be cut to the top five (5) bowlers in each division who will advance to the Stepladder Finals to determine the Champion.
 - iii. 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
 - iv. 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.
 - c. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SMART SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS
 - i. SMART Scholarships valued at 6,000 points are GUARANTEED to be awarded at the National Championship. First place in each division will award a SMART Scholarship valued at 1,500 points.
 - ii. SMART Scholarships will be awarded to all bowlers who have advanced to the National Championship.

- iii. First place winners will also be recognized by creation of a PBA Championship banner to be displayed at future PBA Junior events.
7. DRESS & CONDUCT CODE (Applies to Official 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.
8. OIL PATTERNS: The oil pattern used for the Regional Qualifiers and Finals will be a PBA pattern and will be communicated on PBA.com prior to the start of the event.
9. 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 in their Equipment Registration Form.
10. PRACTICE:
 - a. Practice Sessions will be scheduled for both the Regional Qualifying and National Championship. Bowlers are encouraged but not required to attend the Practice Session.
 - b. Prior to the start of competition during the qualifying round of the Regional tournament, bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice on their starting pair of lanes.
 - c. Prior to the start of competition during Match Play for both the Regional and National tournaments, bowlers will receive 10 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 of the National Championship, 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.
11. 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.
12. A completed entry submission must be paid for prior to the entry deadline for the Regional Qualifying tournament. Payment of entry fees confirms acceptance of the rules and format of the PBA Junior National Championship.
13. All rules specifically not covered will be governed by the PBA Junior National Championship Tournament Committee and will use the USBC and PBA rule books as guidance. The PBA Junior National Championship Tournament Committee reserves all rights regarding all rules and the operation of the tournament.