

# Future Stars Bowling Tour Rules

## 2018-2019 Season

- 1. Eligibility:** The Future Stars Bowling Tour conducts USBC certified scratch tournaments for USBC sanctioned bowlers in good standing (age 20 or younger as of August 1, 2018).
- 2. Divisions:** There will separate divisions (boys and girls) for each event provided there are at least **FOUR (4)** participants of each gender as follows:
  - U12:** Bowlers aged 11 and under as of August 1, 2018
  - 15U:** Bowlers aged 15 and under as of August 1, 2018
  - 20U:** Bowlers aged 20 and under as of August 1, 2018
- 3. Format/Scoring:** All bowlers will bowl a five (5) game qualifying round moving pairs after each game. **All scores MUST be initialed by a playing competitor otherwise a score of zero will be recorded.** Advancers (based on the number of entries) will continue on to an elimination round until a tournament champion is determined. Bowlers who advance but leave the building and are not present when bowling starts forfeit their spot. Spot becomes a bye for the opposing bowler. **Leading qualifiers will earn a SMART award based on the number of entries in each division.** Tournament champions will receive an award and scholarship funds. Advancers will also earn scholarship funds.
- 4. Dress Code:** A tournament dress code will be in effect. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, tank tops, yoga pants or hats. Girls may wear pants, dress shorts (fingertip length) or skirts (**golf skirts as opposed to tennis skirts are recommended**). Boys may wear dress pants **or dress shorts (no cargo, no mesh)**. No apparel may be worn referencing illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, obscenities or offensive content. **Any article of dress not on the above list must receive express permission from the tournament director to be worn during competition.**
- 5. Electronic Devices:** Electronic devices such as IPODs, MP3 players and headphones are not allowed during competition. Competition begins when scoring begins.
- 6. Lane Patterns:** Each event will use a Kegel Challenge lane pattern or similar sport classified pattern. The pattern will be available on the website and in the tournament office.
- 7. Cost:** Each event will be \$60.00 per bowler. Breakdown: \$33.00 weekly awards, \$15.00 lineage, \$5.00 year end event and \$7.00 expenses. **A WALK IN FEE OF \$10 WILL BE CHARGED IF YOUR ENTRY IS NOT RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE EVENT. ALL WALK IN FEES WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE YEAR END EVENT. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ONLY ACCEPTED WITH MAILED IN ENTRIES AND WILL BE CHARGED A \$3.00 PROCESSING FEE. CASH OR CHECK ONLY ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**
- 8. Points:** Every bowler will earn points during each event with the exception of the year end tournament. Points will be earned based on the following formulas: Participation in the event will earn each bowler **5** points. Additionally, all bowlers will earn one (1) point for every bowler who finishes below him/her in the qualifying round. Bowlers finishing in the top four (4) of each event (as long as they qualify for match play) will earn **50** points for first place,

25 points for second place and 10 points for third/fourth place. The bowlers with the most points at the end of the regular event schedule will be named Players of the Year.

9. **Year End Event:** The end of year tournament will be open to any bowler completing a **minimum of 25 games** during the regular schedule. **A modified entry fee may be available for those bowlers not meeting this requirement. Bowlers may NOT bowl in this event unless they have bowled in at least one event for the 2018-2019 season.**
10. **Awards:** All scholarship awards will be funded thru the USBC SMART program (account #12093). In addition to the event awards, the tour will recognize the Player of the Year based on the point leader in each division. High average awards will be awarded based on bowlers **completing 25 games** (not including the Year End event). **No cash awards will be given to any participant regardless of age.**
11. **USBC Junior Gold:** Events conducted by the Future Stars Bowling Tour will also be Junior Gold qualifying events (subject to availability thru USBC). The participation in this event is optional. All bowlers are required to have a current Junior Gold membership (2018-2019) **PRIOR** to participation. Memberships are available for purchase in the tournament office.
12. **Compliance:** In the event of a dispute not specifically covered by the tournament rules, bowlers agree, by their voluntary participation in the tournament, that the authority of tournament manager will adjudicate all disputes, (subject to USBC rules) and do what is deemed to be in the best interest of the tournament specifically and the tour as a whole.
13. **Disclaimer:** All rules are subject to change as deemed necessary by the tournament director. Changes will be available in the tournament office.

**Effective Date: May 1, 2019**