

**NORTHWEST INDIANA
JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION**

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2022-23

RULES AND GUIDELINES

GENERAL

- 1. The Northwest Indiana Junior Tournament Players Association is open to any certified USBC Youth Bowler or Adult bowler age eligible for the 2023 USBC Junior Gold Championships. All bowlers must be 20 years old or younger as of 7/31/2023 to be eligible. Players certified as adults must also be 2022-23 USBC Junior Gold members. **Exception – If certified as adult however player is in high school, junior gold membership is not required.****
- 2. There will be up to 7 regular season events (tournaments) that will be conducted on a sport condition. Each tournament is a separate event.**
- 3. Each tournament will have two divisions: Boys Scratch, Girls Scratch**
- 4. Each tournament is open to members and non-members. Members will be given priority up until the member entry deadline at which time if space permits, non-members will be added to the roster. Pre-registration is recommended to secure spot in field.**
- 5. Individual Tournaments will be subject to cancellation if minimum participation levels are not satisfied. Cancellation of events will take place at least 24 hours prior to start time.**
- 6. If you enter a tournament and do not show, you will forfeit your entry fee. If you call/message and cancel within 24 hours of the event, you will be given a credit.**
- 7. 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 (ie.. dress code violations).**
- 8. The NWIJTPA Board / Tournament Director will have the right to refuse any entry. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the event, acquiesces to the final authority of the Tournament Director/Committee to interpret and enforce all rules, regulations, and procedures.**
- 9. Bowlers arriving late will be given zeros.**

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 1. Annual membership fees will be \$50 for standard tour members. There will be no Developmental Tour membership fee (DTour events only).**
- 2. Member entry fees for regular events will be \$50. Amount allocated to event scholarship fund dependent on specific lineage fee. At a minimum, \$2 will be allocated to year-end fund. Entry fees for the Tour Finals will be dependent upon number of regular season events a bowler has competed.**
- 3. Non-member entry fees for regular events will be \$60 with the additional \$10 being added to event scholarship fund.**
- 4. There will be no walk-in fee. Entries will be allowed to be paid the day of the event. If a bowler on the roster does not show for the event, that bowler will be required to pre-pay for any future events. If that bowler does not pre-pay, they will be subject to lane availability limits.**

5. **Payment Methods:** All Prepaid entries must be submitted through the NWIJTPA Paypal account (access link thru website). Payment at the event will be by CASH or CREDIT CARD (subject to availability) only. If using credit card, an additional fee will be added. **CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
6. 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.
7. **Membership Benefits**
 - a. Members will have priority sign up rights for all events.
 - b. Tour Championships will be a members only event.
 - c. Members will earn points at each event and will be eligible for year end scholarship bonuses based on points earned.
 - d. Members winning a tour event will be awarded a banner and jersey.
 - e. Member event entry fees are reduced (vs Nonmembers)
 - f. Members leading an event qualifying round, will earn a free entry into a standard tour event.
 - g. Members are eligible for NWIJTPA Tour All Star team selection.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

1. Each tournament will also be a Junior Gold Qualifier. The cost to enter the Junior Gold qualifier will be \$25 with an advancing ratio of at least 1:8. The Junior Gold qualifier is open to both members and non-members **UNLESS** otherwise noted on specific tournament entry form. Should the minimum number of entries not be satisfied, all Junior Gold qualifier entry fees will be returned at the event. Junior Gold spots will be based on standings after the 5 or 6 game qualifying segment **UNLESS** otherwise specified prior to start of event. If a tie occurs for final JG qualifying spot, a one game roll-off will be used to determine advancer. If still tied, a 9th-10th frame roll-off will be used until advancer is determined.
2. Scholarships will be awarded in a 1:5 ratio or better.
3. Year End Bonus Scholarships will be awarded to the top 8 regular season point finishers in each division. A portion of the Year End Fund will also be allocated to the Tour Championships.
4. Tournament champions will receive a trophy in addition to any scholarship monies earned.
5. Tournament champions – **who are members of the NWIJTPA** – will also be recognized with a championship banner and championship jersey.
6. If a NWIJTPA Member records the high 5 or 6-game qualifying score, that member will be awarded an entry to a future 2022-23 NWIJTPA regular event.
7. There will be **NO CASH** awards given. All bowlers must accept SMART scholarship funds only.

DRESS CODE

1. 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. Boys are allowed to wear dress slacks or dress/golf shorts. No jeans or denim of any color will be allowed. No sweatpants will be allowed. No cargo shorts or shorts with elastic waist bands will be allowed. No gym shorts, no swim shorts. Belts are required when wearing shorts.
3. Girls are allowed to wear dress slacks, shorts, skorts or skirts. All girls wearing Shorts or Slacks must have a belt. All shorts, skorts, skirts must be of appropriate length – at or below the competitor’s fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side. No jeans or denim of any color will be allowed. No sweatpants allowed.
4. Bowlers at check in will be advised if they meet the required dress code. Bowlers not meeting the dress code will not be allowed to bowl. If bowler has pre-paid, bowler will be allowed to use entry fee at future event.
5. Tournament Director(s) will have final ruling on dress code.

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, and then fined \$5. If the conduct continues the next offense will result in disqualification from the event.
3. Any damage or abuse to the bowling center equipment by any bowler will result in a \$50 fine and immediate disqualification (no warnings) from the event, plus payment to the bowling center for any damages.
4. 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.

EXCEPTION: If a tournament/event uses multiple fresh lane conditions during event segments (qualifying, advancers round, match play round, and championship round), surface changes will be allowed prior to segment in which the new condition was applied. This exception will be announced by the Tournament Director prior to the start of the tournament/event.

5. The use of powder, easy slide, or any foreign substance on the soles of the shoes will not be permitted. If bowler is found violating this rule, warning will be issued, then disqualification.
6. There are to be no weight/balance holes in a bowling ball. All holes must be used for gripping purposes. First violation of the season will be a verbal warning with removal of bowling ball from competition. Second occurrence on the season will result in ZEROS being recorded for all competition frames prior to identification of violation. Third occurrence, player is suspended from NWIJTPA for balance of season.

SCORESHEETS

1. Bowlers are responsible for their own score sheets.
2. All scores must be written down and initialed by an opponent after each game. If it is found that a scoresheet has been initialed before the game is completed, a \$2 fine will be assessed to the bowler who owns the scoresheet and a \$2 fine to the bowler who initialed for scores not yet completed.
3. Bowlers are responsible for adding all scores. Scoresheets must be totaled prior to turning into tournament office.
4. Scoresheets must be signed by the participant and an opponent from the same pair of lanes at the conclusion of qualifying.
5. Scoresheets without a player's signature will not be accepted.
6. Scoresheets missing scores but with a player's signature will be given zero's for those scores that are missing.
7. Arithmetic scoring errors will be corrected by the tournament staff without disqualification. Scores found to be written down incorrectly will result in the bowler accepting the score if it is lower than the actual scored or disqualified if the score is higher than the actual score bowled provided the bowler's signature was present.
8. Incorrect scoresheets (bad math, missing scores, missing signatures) will result in a \$2 fine.
9. Bowlers disqualified due to an incorrect score will be subject to future disciplinary action, including disqualification from future NWIJTPA events, based on a review by the NWIJTPA Adult and Youth boards.

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/advancers position, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be used. Bowlers will be given 2 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, incoming bowlers will receive 2 shots on each lane. Incoming bowlers receiving byes will also have a practice pair available once the preceding round matches begin.
4. Formats using a stepladder, incoming bowlers will receive 2 shots on each lane. Incoming bowlers will have a practice pair available once the preceding match enters the fifth frame.
5. All matches during the championship round or advancers round that end in a tie will be decided using a 9th-10th frame roll-off. A flip of the coin will be used to determine starting lane and order of bowling.

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. Bowlers with outstanding fines will not be allowed to participate until the fines are paid.

POINT SYSTEM

1. Players will earn points during each regular season tournament that will be used to determine year end bonus scholarships. Points will only be awarded to members.

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

- a. 5 points for bowling an event
- b. 1 point for each game (all formats) equal to or exceeding 200 (boys) or 175 (Girls). 1 additional bonus point for games equal to or exceeding 240 (Boys) or 215 (Girls). DTOUR game targets reduced by 15 pins.
- c. 2 points for advancing from the qualifying round (1st cut).
- d. 2 points for making a championship (2nd cut) – *only applies if there is a second cut made.*
- e. Qualifying Round Bonuses: 1st = 5pts, 2nd = 4, 3rd = 3, 4th = 2, 5th = 1.
- f. Additional points based on final positional standings:
 - i. Points will be awarded to the 75% of each division (ie 20 entries, 15 earn points, 21 entries then 16 earn points).
 - ii. Events with 22 or less bowlers per division:
 1. 1st 25 points
 2. 2nd 22 points
 3. 3rd 20 points
 4. 4th 18 points
 5. 5th 16 points
 6. 6th 13 points

- 7. 7th 12 points
- 8. 8th 11 points
- 9. 9th 10 points
- 10. 10th 9 points
- 11. 11th 8 points
- 12. 12th 7 points

iii. Events with 23 or more bowlers per division:

- 1. 1st – (Number of Bowlers + 3) points
- 2. 2nd – (Number of Bowlers) points
- 3. 3rd – (Number of Bowlers – 2) points
- 4. 4th – (3rd Place points – 2) points
- 5. 5th – (4th Place Points – 2) points
- 6. 6th – (5th Place Points – 3) points
- 7. 7th – (6th Place Points – 1) points
- 8. 8th – xx (Previous Place Points – 1) where xx is last position in top 75%

g. For Adult Youth Doubles and Mixed Doubles, all points awarded will be based on individual youth scores during 5 or 6-game qualifying block. There will be no points awarded for making the 5 or 6-game cut or qualifying finish bonus points for the Youth Adult event (High game points will be awarded).

- 2. **Up to 6 events will be included in the determination of the year end point standings and NWIJTPA Bowler of the Year Award. If a bowler bowls in more than 6 events, only the top 6 scoring (points) events will be included. (Tour Finals is not included in points total).**
- 3. **If a bowler bowls in 7 events (as a member), they will earn a 5-point year end participation bonus. Bowlers bowling 6 or fewer events (as members) will receive a 0 point year end participation bonus.**
- 4. **Top 8 finishers in the MAIN Tour regular season point race of each division will receive bonus scholarship dollars based on organization fundraising success.**
- 5. **DTOUR Championships – Players must compete in 2 DTOUR events to be eligible for DTour Championships.**

TOUR FINALS

- 1. The NWIJTPA Tour finals will be a multi-day event.**
- 2. Tournament conditions will be changed each block.**
- 3. Entry fee for the Tour finals will be based on the number of regular season events bowled (7 events \$75, 5+ events \$85, all others \$95)**
- 4. Eligibility for the Tour Finals will be as follows (modified based on 7 tour event season):**
 - a. NWIJTPA members who compete in two events must have a TOP 3 finish in 2022-23.**
 - b. NWIJTPA members who compete in only three events must have made a 5 or 6-game cut during the 2022-23 season. For youth-adult event, making cut will be considered as either: being in top 12 youth scores, or being in top 12 team scores.**
 - c. NWIJTPA members who compete in 4 or more events are automatically eligible.**
 - d. Tour Finals is a member's only event. Memberships must be purchased prior to the start of the final regular season event of the season. Events competed in as a non-member will count towards participation minimums.**

ALL STAR EVENTS (LAKE MICHIGAN CUP/MICHIANA CUP)

Should the NWIJTPA engage in any outside All-Star events, determination of team members will follow these guidelines:

- 1. 50% of the team will be taken from the year end points list and 50% from the Tour Finals**
- 2. If a bowler that has earned a spot based on the year-end points list earns a spot through the Tour Finals that spot will be awarded to the next in line using the regular season points list. If a second (or more) bowler(s) from the regular season points list earns a spot during the tour finals that spot(s) will be awarded to the next highest finisher(s) in the tour finals.**
- 3. If the all-star event is scheduled prior to the tour finals, all spots will be awarded based on the current regular season points list.**
- 4. If a player who earns a spot is unable to compete, that player will be replaced with an Adult Board selection from eligible players. Eligible players include members with a minimum of 3 regular season events bowled, members with a tour title in the current season, or participants of the 2022-23 Tour Finals.**
- 5. The specific number of players and age of players for the event will be determined once the event is approved by all parties (organizations) participating.**

WEBSITE

The association website will be www.nwijtpa.org . Rosters, event statistics, and other organization information will be maintained on this site.

FACEBOOK

The organization facebook page is NWIJPTA. Tour information for the upcoming event can be found here as well as on the website. This page will be used to communicate current event status.

ORGANIZATION

1. The NWIJTPA will be governed by a board of directors consisting of five adult members.
2. Adult Board Members for the 2022-23 season.
 - i. Mike Kraushaar
 - ii. Paul Mewes
 - iii. Larry Zaideman
 - iv. Bryan Rakowski
 - v. Jill Swinford
3. 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 modifications to the rules during the season must be approved by UNANAMOUS decision.
4. 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.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOUR SPECIFIC EVENTS

The Developmental Tour is restricted to players age 15 and under as of 7/31/2023.

DTour events will be conducted on their own dates as well as in parallel to regular tour events. For those events running in parallel to the regular tour event, players must select which event they plan to enter.

Entry fee into these age restricted events is \$45.

There will be a single age division on the DTour and two gender divisions.

All competition will be scratch (no handicap).

Minimum entries per gender division is 6. If fewer than 6, genders will be combined.

All NWIJTPA rules apply unless otherwise noted.

A year end points system will be in place (identical to standard tour system). Top points earner will be named DTOUR Player of the Year. DTOUR Championships will count towards the season point total.

Events will be subject to a minimum number of participants. Any event with less than 16 total participants will be subject to cancellation.

All Champions will be awarded a NWIJTPA trophy. Champions may purchase D-Tour Banner and Jersey (if player has Main Tour membership, banner/jersey will be awarded).

There will be a Year End DTour. Players must compete in at least two events to be eligible.