

TRI CITY YOUTH CLASSIC LEAGUE 2009-10 Junior Gold Div. LEAGUE RULES

1. The Tri City Youth Classic League will be a USBC Certified Youth Program. All bowlers will pay a USBC certification fee of \$17.00 unless already certified through any other youth certified league. A \$2.00 Association processing fee is only required when a bowler wishes to bowl/participate in another city association function.
 2. FEES: \$13.00 weekly. Absent fee is \$8.00
 - a. Bowlers are responsible for fees each week. You may only charge one week with both weeks fees being due the following week. Any member abusing this rule will need to appear before the board.
 - b. Bowlers will pay a double fee for the last week of season by the third week after starting. If a bowler quits the league during the season he/she will be refunded the additional night fees providing they leave the league not owing any money. All fines and absence fees will be deducted.
 - c. Bowler's \$30.00 membership (for all members) dues are due by the third week of bowling unless you have already purchased it or are paying on your own. Membership is good only for the current season
 3. Dress code will be in effect each session and through all tournaments, for bowlers and Advisors.
 - a. A league bowling shirt or a shirt with collar if you have not gotten your league shirt (MUST BE TUCKED IN WHEN DELIVERING THE BALL
 - b. Dress pants or skirts must be worn. Dress Pants and Skirts MUST NOT have any outside pockets or loops other than belt loops. Skirts must be worn no more than two inches above the knee. A solid color only. NO DEMIN
 - c. If you wear a T-shirt underneath it MUST NOT hang below your league shirt sleeve.
 - d. The use of an iPod, cell phone, or any electronic device is prohibited once the league competition begins.
 - 3a. DRESS CODE AND LEAGUE RULE FINES: ****NOTE: Multiple fines may acquire per session. ****
 1. Any DRESS CODE VIOLATION, (if bowler is caught at any time) can result in loss of points for that day and fined with no refund of league fees.
 2. FIRST OFFENSE: \$1.00
 3. SECOND OFFENSE: \$2.00 and possible elimination from scholarship tournaments.
 4. THIRD OFFENSE: \$5.00 and a suspension with an appearance before no less than five (5) board members the next week of bowling and possible elimination from scholarship tournaments.
 4. CODE OF CONDUCT: All bowlers must keep their poise during league bowling. Any bowler caught swearing using obscene gestures, or abusing lane equipment shall be fined and/or responsible for any fees.
 - 4a. CODE OF CONDUCT FINES: ****NOTE: Multiple fines may acquire per session. ****
 1. FIRST OFFENSE: \$2.00 and a warning.
 2. SECOND OFFENSE: \$5.00 and suspension of bowling for that night with forfeiture of points and possible elimination from scholarship round.
 3. THIRD OFFENSE: \$10.00 and suspension with an appearance before a minimum of five (5) advisors the next week of bowling and possible elimination from scholarship tournaments.
- *****NOTE***** A FOURTH OFFENSE OF ANY COMBINATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE VIOLATION WILL CONSTITUTE DISMISSAL FROM THE LEAGUE.**
5. SIGNING: Each bowler must sign his or her sheet each week. Failure to do so will result in a \$2.00 fine. If your signature is not legible it is a \$1.00 fine.
 6. ADDITION: Each bowler must make sure his or her scores are added correctly each night. Failure to do so will result in a \$2.00 fine. Addition fines will not exempt bowlers from receiving the Good Sportsmanship Award.
 7. All League bowlers and advisors are responsible for the enforcement of all rules
 8. No smoking, chewing of tobacco, drinking of alcohol, or use of any controlled substances by bowlers. Adults must use designated areas only.

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9. Any person's behavior that threatens the reputation of this league is subject to immediate and permanent dismissal.

10. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

- (a) The league will only award one (1) Good Sportsmanship Award.
- (b) Bowlers having dress code & code of conduct fines will be exempt from receiving the award.
- (c) Signatures must be legible (readable) first initial and full last name. Bowlers receiving multiple warnings, an appearance before the board will be required. Would then result in non-eligibility of the GSA

11. SHOWING UP LATE

Should a league member arrive before the 3rd frame in the first game he/she may bowl and shall receive all points. If the member arrives after the third frame and his/her spot is open they may bowl the 2nd & 3rd games with no practice (note a bowler can elect to pay for open bowling but can't hold up league bowling. Their partner uses the game of the blind bowler for the first game. If the member arrives after the 3rd frame and their spot is not available they may bowl only for average and receive 1 point for the night.

12. ABSENT BOWLERS:

It is the bowler's responsibility to inform an advisor if he/she is going to be absent. Failure to call is an unexcused absence. After two unexcused absences, a bowler will be contacted to see if their intention is to leave the league. If so they will be moved to the sub list and will owe absent fees for any weeks missed. If a dropped bowler shows renewed interest in rejoining the league they may do so as a sub with no points. All owed fees must be paid before rejoining.

13. AVERAGE:

- a. Girls to maintain a 150 or higher average. (subject to National Rules).
- b. Boys to maintain a 175 or higher average. (subject to National Rules).
- c. If league falls to the maximum, a bowler falling below the required average of 150 for girls and 175 for Boys must regain the minimum average to be eligible to compete in the end of year tournament or receive the end of year awards.

14. Bowl-A-Thon: Fee minimum of \$30.00 pledged and paid by December 6, 2009 in order to bowl in the Mid-Season Tournament. All moneys collected will be issued in the form of Tournament Points (MHSAA compliant) at the Mid Season tournament. Bowlers will pay regular fees on tournament day to help offset lineage costs.

15. MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT: Is open to all league and current Junior Gold members with an established league average of 3 game minimum and Junior Gold Membership. All fees and fines, owed to the league, must be paid prior to bowling. A minimum of \$30.00 must have been collected and turned in to bowl in the tournament. Bowlers will pay normal fees this week. This tournament as during regular league will be scratch competition and we will have a six game qualifier cutting to the top five bowlers for a pro style stepladder. Additional places (point positions) may be added if monies are available. The high qualifier(s) from the six games set will receive a paid tournament entry for the National Junior Gold finals. League dress code consisting of the sponsor's bowling shirt and dress pants or skirt must be worn or you will not be able to bowl in the tournament. (NOTE: Your Junior Gold membership fee must be paid in order to win the advancement to the National Tournament). This competition will be on sport conditions if the center can accommodate us.

16. END OF YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT: This tournament is open to all league members with a minimum of 2/3 season and verification of a current Junior Gold membership must be available to participate. All fees and fines, owed to the league, must be paid prior to bowling. This tournament as during regular league will be scratch competition and we will have a six game qualifier cutting to the top five bowlers for a pro style stepladder. Additional places (point positions) may be added if monies are available. The high qualifier(s) from the six games set will receive a paid tournament entry for the National Junior Gold finals. A bowler must be at or above the minimum average and have 2/3 of the season in to win the advancement to the national finals. All five stepladder positions will receive Tournament Points (MHSAA compliant) and the points will be announced prior to bowling that day. League dress code of bowling shirt and dress pants or skirts must be worn or you will not be able to bowl in the tournament. There will be at least one placement advancer to the National Junior Gold finals, \$150.00 advancement fee only. This competition will be on sport conditions if the center will accommodate us.

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17. Bowlers must bowl 2/3 of the season to be eligible to earn league awards and to be eligible to participate in the yearend tournament. Bowlers missing for MJMA or Collegiate competition will be granted an extension for the 2/3 rule on a basis of absences one week for every three weeks missed with written proof.

18. LEAGUE WINNERS: This league will have a 1st and a 2nd half winner based on total wins per half and any ties will be broken with a one game roll-off and each half winner will receive a 1 point award.

19. A deposit of \$150.00 must be made payable to the Tri City Youth Classic League for your advancement fee and/or a required contract signature that you will attend the tournament or notify an adult advisor so that a substitute can be made. Bowlers not attending and not notifying the league will be responsible to pay the league back the amount of the tournament advancement fee. Failure to do so could result in a possible suspension hearing by USBC. After the National tournament has been completed and verification of your appearance is confirmed, we will refund your deposit in full. (**Reason:** bowlers not going to the National Tournament are wasting a spot that the league should not have to be responsible for).

20. National Advancements will be awarded to the following persons assuming that all fees & fines are paid and that all National Guidelines have been met and that the bowler has not earned a previous entry (in which case we will go down to the next eligible bowler:

- a. Midseason Tournament (High bowler(s) from the six game qualifiers).
- b. Yearend Tournament (High bowler/s) from the six game qualifiers.
- c. High Boys average (minimum of six boys for competition with 2/3 of season bowled)
- d. High Girls average (minimum of four girls for competition with 2/3 of season bowled)
- e. If either boys or girls division has less than the required number to compete for High average advancements. The advancements will be issued to the first and second half league winners.

21. The combined leagues will elect 3 youth officers (President, Vice President and a Secretary) along with 3 youth advisors from each the JG and Handicap leagues. To be a youth officer you must have bowled in this league at least one year prior to running for office. Any youth may run to be a youth advisor. The above elected officers and youth advisors will work with the adult advisors.