

## *TRI CITY YOUTH CLASSIC LEAGUE 2009-2010 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: \$11.00 weekly. Absent fee is \$6.00
    - 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 double by the third week after starting. If a bowler quits the league during the season he/she will be refunded the additional fees providing they leave the league not owing any money. Unexcused absence fees will be deducted.
  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 shirtsleeve.
    - 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 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 be a \$2.00 fine. If your signature is not legible (must be able to read first initial and last name) 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, youth advisors and adult 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.
  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 and handicap. Handicap will be refigured for the 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 135 or higher average (recommended)
- b. Boys to maintain a 150 or higher average (recommended)
- c. If league fills to the maximum, a bowler falling below the required average of 135 for girls and 150 for Boys must regain the min average to be eligible to compete in the end of year tournament or the end of year awards.
- d. A Bowler achieving a 190 or better average is recommended to move to the scratch junior gold league.

#### 14. HANDICAP:

- a. 80% from 210 for all bowlers. Maximum handicap for girls will be 60/180 and for boys 48/154.
- b. If any league bowler average exceeds the 210, the base average will be raised in 10 pin increments.

15. 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.

16. Mid-Season: Open to all league bowlers with an established league average of 3 games minimum. A minimum of \$30.00 must have been collected and turned in to bowl in the tournament. Bowlers will pay normal fees this week. We will have two divisions, A and B. The average the week prior to the tournament will determine which division a bowler will be in. League dress code of bowling shirt and dress pants or skirt must be worn or you will not be able to bowl in the tournament. Tournament Points (MHSAA compliant) will be announced prior to the start of the tournament. Tournament format will be handed out prior to tournament.

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. End of Year Tournaments: TCYCL offers one end of the year tournament: The tournament will have A & B divisions. Format will be a 4 game qualifier and then stepladders (bowler numbers for stepladders based on league numbers). A bowler must be at or above the minimum average and have 2/3 of the season in to participate in the end of the year tournament. 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. Any bowler who has numerous dress code and/or code of conduct fines may be eliminated from this tournament based on a board of directors vote. Final league Averages will be used.

19. The combined leagues will elect 3 youth officers (President, Vice President and a Secretary) along with 4 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.