

Maine State Junior Gold Rules 2019-2020

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC. A minimum of seven (7) Junior Gold members participating will be required to be considered a Junior Gold qualifier.
2. Tournaments will start @ 3 PM, unless another time is designated.

TOURNAMENT DATES: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- a. 09/28/19 Family Fun Lanes Bangor * tournament meeting @ 2:30 PM, tournament @ 3 PM
 - b. 10/05/19 Central Maine Skowhegan
 - c. 11/02/19 Spare Time Rec. Augusta **2PM**
 - d. 12/07/19 Family Fun Lanes Bangor
 - e. 01/18/20 Yankee Lanes Brunswick
 - f. 02/05/20 Meadow Lanes Wilton
 - g. 03/28/20 Spare Time Rec. Lewiston
 - h. 04/12/20 Bay Side Portland **Sunday 10AM**
3. We have four divisions U20, U17, U15, U12
U20 any bowler with a birth date 8/1/99 – 7/31/01
U17 any bowler with a birth date 8/1/02 – 7/31/04
U15 any bowler with a birth date 8/1/04 – 7/31/07
U12 any bowler with a birth date 8/1/07 or later
 4. Qualifiers are based on 1:7 ratios and a major fraction thereof. Divisions are combined for qualifying in our state. Points for our awards system and Expense awards (see rule #17 & #18)
 5. Bowlers must have a standard and Junior Gold membership before participating in the tournament. Junior Gold membership is \$30.
 6. The qualifier format shall be Scratch, 5 games total score on a challenging oil pattern, sport shot if possible, changing lanes after each game.
 7. Entry fee is \$35.00 per tournament, \$13.75 (approximately) lineage; \$21.25 Junior Gold Entry
** Note; we are paying for five (5) roll off games, prices may vary.
 8. All bowlers must wear suitable attire:
 - a. Collared shirt (polo) or USBC approved shirt
 - b. Mid-thigh length shorts and skorts are acceptable
 - c. **Bowlers may not wear:** Hat/cap, shirts not covering midriff, pants with holes, sweat pants, short shorts, or skin tight clothing. A bowler may be given one (1) warning, but is expected to comply for all future events. Final determination will rest with the tournament director.
 9. There will be **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (cigarettes, dips/chew, vapes, etc.) on the bowling concourse while competition is in progress, as with any youth bowling event.
 10. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
 11. Ties for the qualifier and roll-off points will be by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken

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12. Claims for error in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the end of the tournament, the tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors, and her/his decision will be final.
13. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from the event.
14. You must inform the tournament director at least eight (8) weeks by (5/19/20) prior to the national tournament date of July 11-18, 2020 if you are unable to attend the national tournament in Las Vegas, NV so that a replacement can be made. If the first place winner is unable to attend or declines the spot, the next bowler in line has the option to take the spot.
15. All bowlers **MUST** follow the USBA rule 400, regarding youth membership eligibility.
16. After a five (5) game qualifier, roll-off will be held to determine top point winners. The top four (4) bowlers bowl off. 4th place bowls 3rd place. The winner bowls the 2nd and the winner bowls 1st the winner of the roll off will be determined the tournament winner.
17. \$60.00 per event will be split between top point winners per division (U20, U17, U15, and U12) and gifted to their smart scholarship account. According to percentage of participation for the event. This money is a scholarship award and comes from fundraising. Fundraising is greatly encouraged, not just by parents but by **Youth Bowlers** as well. The fundraising helps with purchasing qualifying spots and end of year expenses.

Points are as follows for each division per event:

25 points for winner

20 points for 2nd place

15 points for 3rd place

10 points for 4th place

1 point less each place for 5th thru remaining placings

18. After all administration expenses are paid for the season, the top point winner in the U20, U17, U15, U12 divisions will be awarded money for travel expenses. Awards will be 20% of remaining money up to \$100.00 for 1st place U20, 20% of remaining money up to \$100.00 for 1st place U17, 20% of remaining money up to \$100.00 for 1st place U15, 20% of remaining money up to \$100.00 for U12. Any remaining money will be divided evenly among the qualifiers, based on their participation. All money is to be given after the bowlers have attended the National Tournament. Any money left over will be saved for the 2020-21 season.

***Note Rule 3: per USBC, a major fraction cannot be used until after the initial ratio number has been reached. For qualifying purposes, the divisions are combined, unless a U17, U15 or U12 tournament is pre-scheduled.

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