

2013-2014
Maine State JR Gold Rules

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. All tournaments will start at 3:00 PM.
Tournament Dates:
 - 9/14/13 Sparetime Recreation – Augusta
 - 10/5/13 Spare Time – Portland (used to be Yankee Lanes)
 - 11/2/13 Sparetime Recreation – Lewiston
 - 12/7/13 Family Fun Bowling Center – Bangor
 - 1/11/14 Spare Time – Brunswick
 - 3/29/14 Meadow Lanes – Wilton
3. The U20 and U15 divisions are based on a 1:7 ratio or a major fraction thereof. Any bowler with a birth date of 8/1/98 or later will participate in the U15 division. All others will participate in the U20 division.
4. The tournament format shall be Scratch, 5 games, total score bowled on a challenging oil pattern, not a house pattern.
5. Entry fee is \$40.00 per tournament. \$35.00 per tournament after qualifying.
 - \$12.50 lineage
 - \$27.50 JR Gold entry
6. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Bowler must wear a collared shirt or league sponsored t-shirt. Mid-thigh length or longer shorts acceptable. Bowler may not wear a hat/cap, “co-ed naked” anything, shirts not covering midriff, pants with holes in them, sweat pants, short shorts, and skin tight or spandex clothing. Bowlers deemed in violation will not be allowed to compete until corrected. Final determination will rest with the tournament director. There will be no alcoholic beverages on the concourse while competition is in progress.
7. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.
8. Ties will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional 9th and 10th frame roll-off.
9. Claims for errors 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 his/her decision will be final.
10. A certificate will be presented to each the tournament winner and the spot winner of each division at the next tournament.
11. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.
12. You must inform the tournament director at least 8 weeks (by 5/17/14) prior to the tournament date of July 12, 2014, if you are unable to attend the national tournament in Buffalo, NY, so that a replacement can be made. If the first place winner is unable to attend or declines the spot, the next player in line will have the option to take the spot.
13. All bowlers MUST follow USBC rule 400, regarding youth membership eligibility.

14. After all administration expenses are paid, the top two points winners in the U20 division and the top points winner in the U15 division at the end of the season will be awarded money for travel expenses. Awards will be 30% of remaining money (or up to \$500) for 1st place in U20, 25% (or up to \$400) for 2nd, and 25% (or up to \$400) for 1st place in U15. Remaining money from fundraising will be divided up evenly among the qualifiers. All expense money is to be given after the bowlers have attended the National tournament. Points are as follows for each division:
- 25 points for winning division
 - 20 points for 2nd place
 - 15 points for 3rd place
 - 10 points for 4th place
 - 1 point less for each place below 4th up to 8th place
 - 5 points each for participation after 8th place

Note: Updated 11-2-13

Rule 14 changed. We needed to separate divisions, or we would have had no U15 winners or mostly U15 winners, depending on how we awarded points.

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