

2015 – 2016 MAINE STATE YOUTH TRAVEL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and shall be governed by USBC rules.
2. Averages
 - On the 1st day of travel league, last year's finishing travel league average will be used because there have not been enough games bowled (12) in the 2015-2016 season to establish a new average
 - Previous participants of the travel tournament will use their established travel tournament average.
 - New participants of the travel tournament will use their highest sanctioned average for their first travel tournament. Each tournament they participate in after that they will use their travel tournament average.
 - Participants of the travel tournament that do not have an established 12 game average will establish an average during their first travel tournament. Each tournament they participate in after that they will use their travel tournament average.
3. Divisions are based on the participant's current average.
 - Division B is 139 and below
 - Division A is 140 – 184
 - Scratch is voluntary (at any time) unless the participant has a 185 and above average.
 - The bowler's average will determine their division on a weekly basis. Bowlers will be locked into their divisions for the last two tournaments of the season.
 - Bowler is able to choose the division in which he or she will bowl at his/her 1st travel tournament then the division will be determined by the bowler's average as outlined by the rules for subsequent dates.
 - If bowler chooses Division A, their handicap max will be 45/game.
4. Points will be awarded as follows in each division.
 - 21 points for winning division
 - 20 points for second place
 - 19 points for third place
 - 1 point less for each place finished below 3rd place.
 - 21st place or lower will receive one point
 - Bowlers that are moved from one division to another due to average will retain their points won in the previous division.
 - Bowlers voluntarily wanting to move to another division, up only (ie. From division B to division A or division A or B to scratch) will NOT retain their points
5. The tournament format shall be:

Scratch – 3 games, total score. Top 5 qualify for roll-off.

Game 1 - 5th qualifier bowls 4th

Game 2 - Winner bowls 3rd

Game 3 - Winner bowls 2nd

Game 4 - Winner bowls 1st

Winner of game 4 is Scratch division winner.

Handicap A & B – 3 games total score plus handicap. Top 5 qualify for roll-off in each division.

Game 1 – 5th qualifier bowls 4th – total score plus handicap

Game 2 – Winner bowls 3rd – total score plus handicap

Game 3 – Winner bowls 2nd – total score plus handicap

Game 4 – Winner bowls 1st – total score plus handicap

Winner of game 4 is division A or B winner.

NOTE: If a bowler who has qualified in the top 5 is not present for roll offs the next bowler who qualified would be given the option to bowl in that bowler's place. For example, the 5th place bowler leaves so the 6th place bowler would be able to bowl in

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the roll off against the 4th place bowler. The bowler who left would retain the points they earned.

6. Entry Fee is:

\$13.00 per tournament

\$ 7.50 – 9.00 linage depending on the house

\$ 3.00 – 4.50 Scholarship Fund

\$ 1.00 Awards

50/50 will be split between scholarships and awards.

7. End of the season Scholarship Awards will be distributed as follows:

- 5% of the total scholarship fund will be donated to the Joe Mizda Scholarship Fund.
- The remainder of the monies will be divided equally amongst all divisions.
 - i. 1st place will receive 60%
 - ii. 2nd place will receive 25%
 - iii. 3rd place will receive 15%
- All scholarships will be held in SMART.

8. All bowlers must wear suitable attire.

- Bowlers must wear a collared shirt, USBC shirt, or league sponsored Tee Shirt.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh lengths.
- Hats/caps WILL **NOT** be allowed.
- Bowlers may NOT wear "Co-ed Naked" anything, shirts not covering midriff, pants with holes in them, sweat pants, short-shorts, skin tight or spandex clothing.
- Bowlers deemed in violations 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 (this applies to youth and adults).
- Electronic devices (including ear buds) will NOT be allowed.

9. Handicap shall be 100% of 185.

10. Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.

11. Ties will be broken by bowling a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Should a tie still exist, it will be broken by an additional ninth and 10th frame roll-off, plus one/tenth of handicap per frame where applicable. (Refer to rule 326a).

12. Claims for errors in scoring or general playing rules must be made to the tournament director no later than the start of the roll-offs. The tournament director shall decide upon questionable errors and his/her decision will be final.

13. Plaques shall be awarded for each tournament. The 1st place in each division shall receive a plaque, including the overall winners at the end of the season.

14. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations will lead to disqualification from this event.

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