

ALASKA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

1. The Tournament typically will be held on the First (1st) Sunday of each month. Based upon holidays and center availability dates maybe adjusted to accommodate the calendar. The Tournament of Champions will be held on the last weekend of April. Competition will begin at 10:00 A.M. for the first qualifying round. Entries close 15 minutes prior to the start of competition.
2. The cost of the eight monthly qualifiers shall be \$40.00. The cost for The Tournament of Champions shall be \$60.00.
3. Competition shall be in two (2) divisions. Division 1 shall be a 156 and above. Division 2 shall be a 155 average and below. If a bowler qualifies in both divisions, he/she will compete in the Division of their current average.
4. All entering averages will be based on a minimum of nine (9) games. The entering average shall be the previous years ending tournament average. If no tournament average exists the previous season's yearbook average will be used. If no yearbook average exists a current league average, based on a minimum of nine (9) games, will be used based upon verification of a league official. Subsequent tournament averages will be based on the cumulative scores bowled by the individuals during tournament competition. All others bowl scratch.
5. Handicap for both divisions shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the difference between the bowler's average and two hundred (200).
6. Qualifying tournaments shall consist of one (1) four game qualifying block across four (4) pairs of lanes for both divisions, moving two pair to the right after each game. Starting lanes will alternate as in league play. Total pins for the four (4) games plus handicap, shall determine the top half of the field. Those competitors qualifying in the top half shall proceed to the semifinals.
7. The semifinals shall consist of one (1) four (4) game block across four (4) pairs of lanes, moving two (2) pair to the right after each game. Again, starting lanes shall alternate. Total pin fall for the four (4) games plus handicap shall determine the top five-(5) bowlers for the stepladder finals.
8. The five-(5) finalists in each division shall then compete in a one (1) game stepladder roll-off to determine the champions. The fifth place finalist shall bowl the fourth place finalist, and the winner of that match will bowl the third place finalist, ect. until a champion is determined

9. Any ties for the last qualifying position, after the qualifying competition or semi-final competition shall be broken by a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame scratch roll-off. A ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame scratch roll-off shall also break any ties during the stepladder finals.
10. Competitors shall be allowed a ten (10) minute warm-up at the start of each tournament. For the Tournament of Champions warm-up will be ten (10) minutes across the house. During the final stepladder competitors will be allowed two (2) practice balls on each lane. Competitors will alternate lane between matches.
11. Bowling ball surface adjustments by hand is acceptable between games, provided they are done in a designated area and the adjustments procedure does not delay the bowlers next turn and only by said bowler. Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed. If the surface is adjusted during a game the penalty is zero (0) pin fall for that game. **If everyone is ready to bowl you must start your next game.**
12. Only competitors, tournament officials and designees shall be permitted in the settee area.
13. Any claims for scoring corrections must be made to the tournament rules director or his designee immediately.
14. In order to qualify for the Tournament of Champions bowlers must have competed in at least six (6) of the eight(8) qualifying tournaments. Bowlers will be considered excused for the following reasons School activities, Medical reasons, Family emergencies, Conflicting bowling tournaments, and Weather.
15. The dress code for all tournaments will be shirts/blouses with collars, dress slacks (males and females), and split skirts/skorts (females). Dockers or bugle boy slacks, if pressed, and not denim type material may be worn. Sweat suits, warm-ups, blue jean type materials, flannel shirts, midriff or articles of clothing with obscene pictures or writing will NOT be permitted. Shirts, blouses, and polo shirts with collars are required. USBC shirts will be permitted to be worn during competition. If your midriff is showing you will be disqualified from the tournament for that month with no money refunded.
16. Competitors shall not be permitted to use tobacco products while competing.
17. No inappropriate use of equipment or language will be tolerated while in tournament area.
18. Competitors will not be permitted to practice prior to the start of the tournament.
19. No IPODS or any electric devices are to be used in tournament play.

20. Monthly Top Five (5) Bowlers in each division will receive scholarships. These funds can be used Further their education. All Smart rules will apply. If more funds become available then additional scholarships shall be awarded in each division.
21. The top Five (5) bowlers in each division of the Tournament of Champions will receive scholarships totaling the amount of money that has been raised during the previous eight months of monthly competition.
22. The Alaska Youth Scholarship Tournament may be dissolved only when authorized by its Board of directors given at a special meeting called for that purpose and with subsequent approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active Members. Upon dissolution or other termination of The Alaska Youth Scholarship Tournament, all remaining assets of the Gaming Account, shall be distributed at its final monthly tournaments and final Tournaments of Champions in its entirety, leaving a net balance of Zero(0).

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