



RHEINPFALZ BOWLING ASSOCIATION 2016-17 ANNUAL YOUTH HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES

The Rheinpfalz Bowling Association's Annual Youth Handicap Tournament will be conducted at the **Vogelweh Bowling Center** on Saturday, 19 November 2016. The following rules were established, reviewed and approved by the RBA Tournament Committee. This tournament is sanctioned through the USBC with Certification Number **04351**.

1. ELEGIBILITY

A. Only USBC sanctioned, RBA Youth members are allowed to participate.

B. Singles Tournament on 19 November 2016. There will be five divisions based on whether you are a **PeeWee, 11 and under or 12 and over**. Only the PeeWees are not divided by gender. League Secretaries must submit a standing sheet from the **5 November** league bowling **NLT Saturday, 12 November** along with the singles entry form to the Tournament Director.

2. ENTRY FEES

The entry fees for this tournament will be as indicated below. The League Secretaries will collect entry fees prior to the start of the tournament and will be responsible for paying this fee for their house for those participating.

PeeWees -- \$5 (\$4.00 lineage for 2 games and \$1.00 towards Award)
11 and under -- \$25 (\$6.00 lineage for 3 games and \$19.00 towards SMART)
12 and over -- \$25 (\$6.00 lineage for 3 games and \$19.00 towards SMART)

3. AWARDS

Awards will be issued to the top winners of each division. Prize breakdown is:

PeeWees	Participation Awards (Trophies)
SINGLES	Top 25% (Boy and Girl) in each division will win SMART
Hi Games	\$25 SMART for High Scratch Game in each division

All awards will be issued after the event is completed for all divisions.

4. REGISTRATION AND START OF TOURNAMENT

Check in will start at 0900 hours and bowling will start around 1000 hours.

5. AVERAGES AND HANDICAP

Standing Sheets submitted by League Secretaries prior to the event will be used during each leg of the tournament. The highest sanctioned league average shall be

used to determine handicaps. Handicaps will be 100% of the average difference subtracted from 210.

6. **DIVISIONS**

For this tournament, there will be three handicap divisions based on bowlers age as of 31 July 2016. These divisions are 11 and under, 12 and older, and the PeeWees that cannot bowl 3 games.

7. **LATE ARRIVALS**

Bowlers who arrive after the start of the game may enter the game in progress, however they will **NOT** be allowed to make up missed frames. A bowler not present or prepared to bowl at his/her turn will be skipped and will receive a 0 for that frame.

8. **WARM-UP**

Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice. Late arrivals will not be allowed practice balls. A lane breakdown will constitute **(2)** practice balls per lane on the new pair of lanes.

9. **COMPETITION** will progress as follows:

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- A. PeeWees will bowl (2) games
- B. Handicap Participants will bowl (3) games
- C. Total pins plus handicap will determine the winners in each division.
- D. Only Tournament Officials will be allowed to touch computers.
- E. **Everyone will be bowling on a modified sport pattern.**

10. **BOWLER'S CONDUCT**

The following conduct will be observed:

A. The **YOUTH BOWLING CODE, RULE 400**, will be in effect during the entire tournament.

- 1. Youth bowlers shall not play electronic games. This includes cell phones or other music devices.
- 2. Shall refrain from the use of tobacco products and foul language, and
- 3. Shall not consume any type of alcoholic beverage during the USBC sanctioned tournament. **VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION!**

B. **Bowlers will remain in their assigned pit area during competition.**

C. Display of unsportsmanlike conduct by bowlers will be basis for immediate disqualification and removal from the bowling center. (i.e. kicking or punching the ball return, taunting fellow bowlers, etc.) Unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will result in the immediate removal of that person from the bowling center. **NO EXCEPTIONS! Parents are asked to refrain from being over zealous during the youth competition.**

D. The dress code will consist of the following:

1. Bowlers are **highly encouraged** to wear their House League bowling shirt. Or the USBC Youth Jersey. Other collared shirts are allowed.

2. Girls may wear slacks, jeans, or similar pants.

3. Boys may wear slacks, jeans, or similar pants.

NOTE: Slacks, jeans, and similar pants WILL BE WORN AT THE WAIST.

NO elastic at the ankles

4. All clothing will be **clean and free of holes and fray's.**

5. Short-shorts; scooters; halter-tops; **or shirts exposing the stomach area,** the showing of underwear, displaying obscene gestures, profanity, or graphic/offensive material are **not allowed. No Plain T-shirts.**

6. Hats cannot be worn during competition. This includes wearing earplugs (headsets) connected to an electronic device in your pocket..

11. PIT AREA

Only bowlers, tournament committee officials, and score keepers shall be permitted in the pit area.

12. VERIFICATION

Tournament Committee Members and Directors **ONLY** will verify all scores before they are cleared.

13. PROTEST/DISCREPANCIES

Verbal claims for errors in scoring or general rules must be made to the **Tournament Chairman** no later than the end of said game or series. The Tournament Committee will decide questionable errors. Present formal protest before the awards are given out. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final.

14. USBC RULES

Any rules not covered within the tournament rules will be in accordance with the 2016-2017 USBC Rule Book.

15. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Jim Kramer, Tournament Chairman

Rory Smith

Greg Strohmenger

Penny Strohmenger

Eric Guth

Jason McMackin

Vicki Ellestad