**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Eligibility:** Entries will be open to all USBC Youth members, who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to August 1, 2024, and have maintained compliance with USBC Rule 400. Please present your USBC Sanction card at check in.

**Dress Code:** Entrants are expected to wear suitable attire while participating in this Tournament. Obscene attire will not be permitted. A collared shirt or bowling jersey is required. Names on the back of the shirts are not required but are recommended. No sweatpants, pajama pants, yoga pants, or athletic workout attire. All attire must be free from stains and shirts must have sleeves. Shorts/skorts/skirt hems must pass the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down at their sides. Headgear will not be permitted, apart from medical necessities only. The tournament director shall have final discretion with compliance with the dress code. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prizes.

**Prizes:** 100% of the prize fund will be returned. The top 4 entries in each division are guaranteed. Only the PLATINUM and GOLD Division champions will win paid entry in the Greater Denver USBC Wendell White Junior Masters Memorial Tournament, as well as scholarships. The Silver Division champion will win scholarships only.

\*\* PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: If the entrant(s) who wins their division is unable to participate in the Greater Denver USBC Wendell White Junior Masters Memorial Tournament, the entry fee will then be awarded to the next eligible participant. Sterling USBC must be notified 7 days prior to the start of the Greater Denver USBC Wendell White Junior Masters Memorial Tournament.

**Brackets:**  Brackets will be available. Winners will be awarded monies in the form of scholarships.

**Equipment:** Each bowler is responsible for their equipment meeting USBC specifications. Forms to record ball manufacturer and model will be completed. Bowling balls must be listed in the USBC “Approved Bowling Ball” list, which can be found on Bowl.com. Once a bowler begins the tournament with a right- or left-handed delivery, they must finish the tournament with the same delivery.

**Qualifying Round:** This is a scratch tournament. The qualifying round will be held to determine the finalists in each division who will compete in the match play competition. Each bowler will bowl 6 games across 12 lanes, skipping a pair to the right after each game. Total pins for the 6-game block will determine the finalists in each division. Finals participation will be based on the number of entries, rounded up to an even number of competitors – 4, 6, or 8. A minimum of four (4) finalists and a maximum of eight (8) finalists. Pins will not carry over into the finals round.

**Finals Round:** Eliminator play will consist of either 8-, 6-, or 4-person bracket. Each match will consist of two games, with total pins determining the winner of round 1. Each match will be bowled on a different pair. Pins will not carry over into the next finals match. This format will continue (including lane changes) until the winner of each division is determined. In a 6-person bracket, the top two (2) qualifiers will draw a bye for the first match. Match play procedures will be used. Higher seed chooses the starting lane. The bowler on the odd numbered lane shall bowl on frame. The opponent then bowls two consecutive frames starting on the even numbered lane. The starting bowler then bowls two frames, etc. Once defeated, players are eliminated. The winner of the match play finals will determine the Division Champion. If a bowler is unable to appear for match play, the next qualifier will be given the opportunity to bowl.

**Ties for the last qualifying spot:** After the 6 games of qualifying, a tie for the cut off spot will be broken by a two-frame roll-off immediately following the qualifying round and scored as the 9th and 10th frames. This two frame roll-off will continue until the tie is broken.

**Ties in the finals match game competition:**  Winners will be determined by the two-frame roll-off procedure.

**Lane Assignments/Parings:** Entrants will draw for the starting lanes in the qualifying round when they check-in. Pairings in the finals will be determined by bowler’s finishing position in the qualifying round.

**Practice:**  10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to the first game in the qualifying round. 10 minutes of practice will be allowed prior to the first match in the finals.

**Check-in:** All bowlers must be present and ready to bowl at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting times.

**Recap Sheets:** The recap sheets are to be signed and submitted to the tournament office. Bowlers are cautioned to sign the score sheet only after ensuring its accuracy. Frames cannot be re-bowled, except as authorized by the tournament manager, or when scores are irretrievably lost from an automatic scoring device.

**Conduct:**  Unsportsmanlike behavior by a player at any time is grounds for disqualification. No exceptions. Spectators may be removed from the bowling center at the discretion of the tournament director in the case of unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior.

**Miscellaneous:**  Smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be allowed in bowling or spectator areas while the tournament is being held. No electronic devices allowed in the settee area during play. No cell phones, headphones, earbuds, PDA, computer, personal music player, and/or gaming devices. They will be confiscated until the completion of tournament play.

**FALSIFICATION OF AN AVERAGE OR VIOLATION OF USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

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