

LONG ISLAND YOUTH BOWLING TOUR REGULAR TOURNAMENT

1. Tournament shall be governed by USBC tournament rules. The only exceptions being the rules outlined here which shall conform to USBC rules.. Entries close 15 minutes before starting time. Once tournament has started all late entrants shall receive a zero score for missed frames.
2. Tournament shall be open to all bowlers not reaching their 22nd birthday by August 1st of the current year and who have not been found in violation of Y.A.B.A. Rule 400 (except scholarship money where awarded). Bowlers who have bowled 15 games in the LIYBT will use their tournament club average. If you have not bowled we will use current book average. **If you have more than 21 games in league play at the time of your entry,** you must supply tournament official with a current league sheet. Bowler's average will be adjusted after every tournament but may not fall 10 pins below their entering average for handicap purpose. Bowlers without averages will be as per U.S.B.C. rules:

Ages 9-11 - 120, Ages 12-14 - 150, Ages 15-18 - 180, Ages 19-21 - 200
3. Coaching shall NOT be permitted on the lanes at any time the bowlers are competing, Coaching permitted behind the lanes only. No one shall be permitted in the pit areas at any time except for tournament bowlers and tournament staff/officials. THERE IS NO COACHING DURING STEPLADDERS.
4. Any of the following actions shall be considered as rule violations:
(a) Use of foul, obscene or vulgar language/gestures (b) Attempts to intimidate or distract other competitors, (c) Any action which is abusive to bowling equipment (d) Any action which is intended to delay the start, continuity or completion of a game (e) All bowlers must wear shirts with sleeves. Dirty or torn clothing, clothing with offensive language etc: are not permitted, if your not sure don't wear it. These rules will be strictly enforced.
5. Entry fee will be \$30.00 Breakdown: Lineage \$19.50, Expenses \$2.50 Optional Scholarship \$8.00
6. **NCAA member's** entry fee \$22.
7. All regular tournaments shall have the following format: All bowlers will bowl 5 games across 10 lanes. * Handicap shall be 80% of the difference between the bowlers average and 200 (Example: Bowler averaging 150 shall receive: (200-150) x 80% - 40 pins per game) Stepladder finals are 60% of the difference in averages.
Top 40% of entries in each division (maximum 16) advance to semi-finals, handicap division bowls for score, scratch division bowls match play, win = 30 pts, tie = 15 pts, loss = 0 pts.
Scratch division: Bowlers shall bowl 3 games in match play format with the winner of each match receiving 30 bonus pins, ties 15 each. Matches shall be determined by the tournament committee.
Handicap division: Bowlers shall bowl 3 games across 6 lanes with total pin fall determining the finalist.

Top 5 advances, finalist seeded 3rd, 4th & 5th will bowl one game, highest score advances vs. #2 seed etc.....
8. All awards shall be awarded as follows: 1st 35%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 17%, 4th 13%, 5th 10%. Money will be dispersed in each division with a minimum prize ratio of 1:8,
9. **Lane assignments shall be at the discretion of the tournament committee.**
10. Violations of the rules listed here or in the USBA rulebook shall be handled as follows: 1st offense, the bowler shall be warned. A 2nd offense shall result in a zero for the tenth frame. A 3rd offense is immediate disqualification.
11. **Slow Play Rule:** All competitors will have twenty five (25) seconds to start their delivery from the time the opponent steps off the approach.