

Treasure Valley Monthly Scholarship Tournament 2020-2021

This tournament shall be known as the Treasure Valley Monthly Tournament (TVMT) and will be referred to as “TVMT” or simply as the “Tournament” in the rest of these ‘rules’. The season will consist of eight tournaments. These tournaments shall be sanctioned and governed by USBC rules. Entrants shall be limited to USBC youth league members (USBC rule 300c.2). Scratch tournaments shall be held the third Saturday of each month followed by the Handicap tournament on Sunday of the same weekend (**check the schedule for the actual dates**). The TVMT will start in the month of October and end in the month of May.

1. Times: Tournament time shall be 2:00 PM Saturday for Scratch and 9:30 AM Sunday for Handicap with the following exception:
 - a. March 21st at KT’s Lanes (Handicap 2 & 3 at 9:30 AM; Handicap 1 at 11:30 AM)
2. Check in: Registration and check in will begin 1 hour before each flight begins.
3. Averages/Handicap:
 - a. Handicap will be figured at 100% of 220 with a maximum handicap based on the lowest average in a division.
 - b. Averages used for TVMT will be based on the following:
 - i. Bowlers entering TVMT will use their TVMT book average from last year.
 - ii. Those not having a TVMT book average will use their highest house average of 12 games from the end of the previous month.
 - iii. Bowlers not having a TVMT book average or current house average of 12 games will use their highest league average at the end of the previous season.
 - iv. TVMT average after 9 games will be used from that point on.
 1. TVMT averages are calculated using all games bowled during scratch or handicap tournaments for a month. Scratch and Handicap averages are separate.
 - v. Any bowler not having an average meeting the above criteria will use an entering average of 220.
4. Participation:
 - a. Participation shall be limited to one entry in the Scratch Tournament (any division), and one entry in the Handicap Tournament (any division) per month.
 - b. Average will determine a bowler’s division (see 3. Averages/Handicap).
5. Divisions: There will be five divisions:

DIVISION I	SCRATCH	Average 160 and above
DIVISION II	SCRATCH	Average 159 and below
DIVISION I	HANDICAP	Average 155 and above
DIVISION II	HANDICAP	Average 115-154
DIVISION III	HANDICAP	Average 114 and below

- a. ONCE A BOWLER MOVES TO A HIGHER DIVISION WITH A CURRENT TVMT AVERAGE, THEY CANNOT MOVE BACK TO A LOWER DIVISION. HOWEVER, ANY ACCUMULATED POINTS MOVE WITH THEM.
- b. There will be no changing of divisions for the final tournament of the year (April to May).

6. Moving Lanes:

- a. Bowlers, in all Scratch divisions will move one pair of lanes to the right after each game, with the bowlers on the last pair of lanes moving to the first pair of lanes.
- b. Bowlers in all Handicap divisions will stay on the same pair of lanes for the entire qualifying set.

7. Tournament Format:

- a. All Scratch Divisions and Handicap Divisions I and II will bowl four games.
- b. Handicap Division III will bowl three games.
- c. Scratch bowlers will bowl on a predetermined oil pattern (see schedule). Handicap bowlers will bowl on the "house" oil pattern.
- d. The bowlers with the top eight total pin scores in each division shall compete in a one game head-to-head competition. The bowler in the first position will bowl against the bowler in the eighth position; the bowler in the second position will bowl against the bowler in the seventh positions, etc.
 - i. In the case of a tie for eighth place, a one game roll-off will be held to determine which bowler will fill the final qualifying position.
 - ii. Top eight placement ties:
 1. In the scratch divisions, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine placing.
 2. In the handicap divisions, ties will be awarded to the individual with the highest scratch score in the first set of qualifying games.
- e. Head-to-head games will determine the four final qualifiers, who will then compete in a traditional "step ladder" finish. In case of a tie in the head-to-head matches or "step ladder" finals, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be used. The bowler with the higher score advances. Handicap tournaments only: 1/10th of the bowlers' handicap will be used for both the 9th and 10th frame. All fractions of handicap will be rounded down. For example, if 1/10th of the bowler's handicap is 8.7 the handicap will be 8 pins per frame.

8. Scores:

- a. A TVMT official or a designated adult will write down all scores.
- b. Each participant is responsible for verifying that his/her scores are accurate by signing/initialing their scorecard. If scorecards are not signed the bowler's scores will NOT be entered for that day's Tournament and they will NOT receive points or credit for participation in that day's Tournament.

9. Entry/Registration:

- a. PREREGISTRATION:
 - i. BY SIGNING THE BOOK AT THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S TOURNAMENT (PREFERRED).
 - ii. BY EMAILING OR CALLING DIRECTOR **PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT** AT EITHER:
tvmtdirector@gmail.com or 208-488-5788
- b. Day of the tournament entries are allowed if space allows up to the start time of the tournament. WE TRY VERY HARD TO TURN NO ONE AWAY!!

-----Do your part and pre-register!-----

10. Fees:

- a. All fees are to be paid on the day of the Tournament, prior to bowling. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
- b. Please make checks payable to TVMT.
- c. Entry fees for 2020-2021:

	SCRATCH DIVISIONS	DIVISION I & II Handicap	DIVISION III Handicap
Linage Fee:	\$10.00 - \$11.00	\$10.00 - \$11.00	\$7.50 - \$8.25
Expenses:	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Award Fund:	\$3.50 - \$4.50	\$1.50 - \$4.50	\$2.25 - \$3.00
TOTAL:	\$15.00	\$13.00	\$11.00

11. Tournament Rules:

- a. 100% OF THE AWARD FUND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BOWLERS IN THE FORM OF MEDALS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.
- b. To be eligible for a scholarship award, a bowler must participate in at least 5 of the 8 tournaments during the year.
- c. All bowlers must be ready to bowl when it is their turn to bowl or risk disqualification.
- d. No use of tobacco or alcohol products by participants will be allowed.
- e. Proper bowling attire and etiquette will ALWAYS be observed. NO HATS!!!
- f. NO PROFANITY OR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR BY PARTICIPANTS OR PARENTS WILL BE TOLERATED.
- g. Disciplinary Action:
 - i. 1st offense: A warning will be issued.
 - ii. 2nd offense: Will result in a loss of score for the next two frames.
 - iii. 3rd offense: Will result in ejection from the Tournament. Participation in future Tournaments will be at the discretion of the TVMT officials.
 - iv. If a parent or spectator is involved in a disciplinary action they will be asked to leave the facility upon their second offense
 - v. The attending TVMT officials will have final say in the determination of proper bowling attire, profanity, and disruptive behavior.
 - vi. ANY COMPLAINT AGAINST A BOWLER OR PARENT MUST BE TAKEN TO THE OFFICIALS, NOT TO THE BOWLER OR PARENTS. WE WILL TRY TO ATTEND TO IT IMMEDIATELY!

12. Disputes: In case of a dispute, the decision of the TVMT official shall be final. Any appeal must be made in writing within 72 hours to the Nampa USBC Association Manager – John Smolders.

Points: Scholarship points will be awarded as follows:

- a. Twenty (20) points per division bowled for each Tournament. If a bowler does not complete a full series, 5 points per game completed are awarded.
 - b. Points may not be used in another division unless the bowler is forced to move to a higher division because of their average. Once a bowler moves to a higher division, they may not move back!
 - c. Seventy (70) points will be awarded for finishing in FIRST place, after the stepladder finals, 65 points will be awarded for second place, 60 points for THIRD place. Each position decreases by five points down to tenth place.
 - d. Medals will be awarded in a Medal Ceremony to FIRST through FOURTH place.
 - e. Two double points Tournaments will be held during the season.
 - i. The first double points Tournament will be determined by the TVMT directors, and will be announced the day of the Tournament, prior to the start of play.
 - ii. The second double point Tournament will be the last TVMT Tournament of the year, during the Grand Finals.
 - f. Total points accumulated throughout the season will determine the scholarship winners.
 - g. Four scholarships will be awarded in each division. To qualify for a scholarship, a bowler must participate in at least five of the eight Tournaments. One individual may not receive more than one scholarship in a tournament (scratch/handicap), but may receive a scholarship in scratch and handicap. Scholarship amounts will be determined at the end of the season based on the number of bowlers in each division for the season.
 - h. Scholarships will be managed by the Nampa USBC Association Manager. All scholarships earned will be sent in the recipients' name to the USBC SMART program.
13. Receipt of Rules: A signed index card indicating that each bowler has received a copy of the TVMT Rules will be kept by the TVMT officials for each bowler. This card will have the bowler's name, address, and phone number, home bowling house, USBC membership number, and signature on it.

THANKS FOR MAKING IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THESE RULES AND HELPING US TO MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR OF BOWLING AND FAMILY FUN.

YOUR TVMT TEAM