

The Next Little Thing

Youth Scholarship Events plus Jr Gold qualifier

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Tournament Rules

TOURNAMENT START TIME

Check in will be 9:00 am. Tournament will start at 10:00 am.

ELIGIBILITY

Tournament shall be USBC certified and open to all USBC sanctioned youth bowlers as follows: U12 (8/1/10 or later), U15 (8/1/07 - 7/31/10), U18 (8/1/04 - 7/31/07), and USBC sanctioned adult bowlers as follows: U20 (8/1/02 - 7/31/04).

DIVISIONS

Each division must have a minimum of 4 participants to complete the division. If there are not 4 players in a division, the players who would qualify to participate in that division will be combined with the next appropriate age division (U12 to U15, U15 to U18). Bowlers may opt to "bowl up" an age division. U20 is considered an "adult division."

FORMAT

There will be no handicap for this tournament. Tournament will consist of a singles scratch event with the 4 divisions named above. Each bowler will bowl a 5-game qualifying block moving to a different lane after each game. The field will then be cut to the top 50% (plus ties). Advancing bowlers will bowl 2 more games. Scores from the qualifying round will carry over into the advancers round. After 7 games, the field will be cut to the top 5, based on a 7-game total pinfall, who will compete in a stepladder finals to determine the tournament champion. Stepladder matches will be one game total pins. Games will be bowled on a sport shot oil pattern. Pattern will be announced prior to the event and posted at the bowling center the day of the event. There will be no re-oil after qualifying.

TIES

If there is a tie in any division to determine the advancing player into the championship round (stepladder round), the bowlers who are tied will compete in a 9th and 10th frame roll off until the advancing player is determined. If there is a tie during a stepladder round match, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be used until the advancing player is determined.

ENTRY FEE/SIGN UP

Cash or check will be accepted the DAY OF the tournament only. No pre-pay accepted. However, a **pre-sign up** (bowler's name + division, DOB, USBC #) is required. Go to www.tournamentbowl.com, select Tournaments Upcoming and search for this event. Click on the tab for Entry Form in green. The Next Little Thing tournament entry fee is \$60.00 (\$20.00 lineage, \$38.00 awards and \$2.00 expenses). Walk-in entries will be accepted, provided there are available spots remaining. Bowlers who are unable to attend the tournament for which they have signed up in advance must notify the Tournament Manager prior to the tournament.

PRIZE FUND

All prize money, for U12, U15 & U18, will be returned 100% and will be deposited into the bowler's SMART account. Payout ratios in all divisions will be 1:4 and will be published after the event. U20 division will have an option. The Next Little Thing will follow USBC rules and that an adult USBC member can receive cash if they would prefer not to have their winnings deposited into their SMART account.

DRESS CODE

Bowlers MUST wear a polo shirt, sash or butterfly collar, or mock t-shirt. Shirts with bowlers name on back strongly encouraged. Male bowlers MUST wear dress pants or dress shorts. Female bowlers may wear skirts, slacks or dress shorts. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length when arms are down on the sides. Ordinary cotton T-shirts will not be allowed. Absolutely NO JEANS of any color or HATS of any type will be permitted.

COACHING

Parents/spectators will be permitted to coach their child in the spectator's area. NO coaching will be permitted on the lanes or in the settee area. If a bowler is receiving coaching in the spectator's area, they must be ready to bowl when it is their turn. Violation of this may result in receiving a zero for each frame that the bowler is not ready to bowl when it is their turn.

CONDUCT

Conduct that is deemed unsportsmanlike, offensive, crude or detrimental to the sport will not be tolerated. First offense will result in a verbal warning. Second offense will result in disqualification. No alcohol is allowed during the competition.

JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFYING RULES

Bowlers must be Junior Gold members prior to the start of qualifying. You may purchase a Junior Gold membership at www.bowl.com under Youth, Junior Gold Championships, select Memberships. (Membership fees may vary). This event will advance 1:4 eligible individuals in each division. The winners will be determined based on the FIRST 3 games of competition. Major fraction or EARP will not be honored. The Junior Gold qualifier is a separate event within The Next Little Thing tournament. Individuals will be placed in 4 divisions: U12, U15, U18 and U20 (see birthdate ranges above). Each division must have a minimum of 4 participants to complete the division. If there are not 4 players in the division, the players who would qualify to participate in that division will be combined with the next appropriate age division (U12 to U15, U15 to U18, U20 only). Ties will be determined using rules of The Next Little Thing tournament. Junior Gold qualifiers will be announced prior to finals. Entry fees for Junior Gold qualifying event will be in addition to The Next Little Thing tournament entry fee. The cost for each division is as follows: U12 - \$25.00; U15 - \$37.50; U18 - \$50.00; U20 - \$50.00.

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament manager.

Please contact your tournament manager for further questions or concerns.

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