

# GREATER LORAIN USBC YOUTH ANNUAL TEAM RULES – 2016

## ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE USBC SANCTIONED

### **PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY**

1. This tournament is open to all sanctioned bowlers who bowl in a sanctioned youth league in the Lorain USBC Youth Association. Doubles and Singles will be bowled first and team in November. Those who are not sanctioned in the Lorain USBC Bowling Association must pay the \$8.00 processing fee to participate in this tournament.
2. Last season's 2015-16 highest USBC average (in average book) must be used. If no book average you will use the current season's highest average as of October 8, 2016 (minimum of 9 games) will be used (please verify your average(s) in all leagues that you bowl in). If no average (book or current) you will bowl scratch with a 210 average.
3. All entry forms and money must be received by the tournament director no later than November 5, 2016 which will also be the postmark date. You may make your reservations by phone by calling 440-246-6434. Remember – if you make a reservation by phone your money and entry form must be received by the deadline or your entry will be dropped (strictly enforced). If squad times should be cancelled due to lack of interest – you will be notified by phone. **YOUR FIRST CHOICE IS CONFIRMED UNLESS YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WITH A PHONE CALL (YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION).**
4. Team may be either all boys, all girls or mixed. **You are permitted to bowl more than one time in team event provided you have at least one change on your roster.** All events will be the total of your first team, first doubles and singles scores plus a 9 game handicap. You must have also bowled both doubles and singles in October along with your team event to enter All Events. **All events are \$2.00 extra and will be paid with this entry form for a total of \$13.50.**
5. This tournament is conducted on an average basis as indicated on the front of this entry form. Bowlers from different age divisions may bowl together. Handicap used will be your team average total from 840 with a 90% handicap. There are only three (3) divisions which are boys, girls, and mixed for doubles.
6. If a bowler has more than 1 average, the highest average must be used. Those without a book average must have a copy of your **standing sheet** (date as of October 1, 2016) from all leagues that you bowl in and **must be attached to the entry form**. If a standing sheet has not been sent, you will then bowl scratch (210). (No exceptions) If you did not list your highest average your scores will be disqualified.
7. Tardy bowlers must begin in the frame being bowled at the time of their arrival. No pins for frames missed! No make-ups! No blinds! **ONLY THE SCORES OF THOSE PRESENT SHALL COUNT.**
8. All bowlers must report to the tournament office at least 15 minutes before their scheduled time to bowl. At this time any substitution must be made. Once a bowler has started to bowl, he/she will finish the three game series.
9. The number of entries received will determine the number of awards in each division which will be 1 for every 5 entries. If there are not enough entries in your division, (minimum of 3) you will then compete in the next division. If there are no other entries in the mixed or girls divisions then you will compete in the boys division. Handicap is the same for all divisions.
10. In the Handicap All Events, awards will be given based on one for every five entries provided you paid the extra \$2.00 in the girls and boys divisions. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives a choice of a jacket or a scholarship. In the Scratch All Events only 1<sup>st</sup> place receives an award (bowlers do not pay for this). If enough tickets are sold from the raffle the 1<sup>st</sup> place Scratch winner will also receive a choice of a jacket or scholarship. Divisions are average of 130 and under, both male and female and average of 131 and above for both male and female. Note: you can only win one jacket or scholarship even if you win 1<sup>st</sup> in handicap and scratch.
10. In the case of a tie for championship, a co-championship shall be declared. Ties of other places than first will be awarded duplicate awards.
11. There will be no charge for the use of the rental bowling shoes if you do not have your own. It is suggested that you borrow shoes and bowling balls if possible, from the center, which you bowl in.
12. All scoring errors (addition on the score sheet) must be reported within 24 hours to the tournament director. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation, and must be made by a tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error. All score sheets shall be checked for addition errors.
13. Proper bowling attire is required (your midriff and your undergarments are not permitted to be visible). No hats are to be worn while bowling. Electronic devices are not permitted to be used while bowling (cell phones, iPods, Mp3's, etc.). Refreshments and non bowlers are not permitted in the bowling area, only tournament officials. Use of tobacco, profanity, or obscene gestures in any form will not be permitted (this includes imprinted on clothing). If a bowler has been warned one time, and he/she should persist, he/she can be removed from the tournament and shall forfeit all fees paid.
14. There will be no practice bowling on the scheduled tournament lanes by participants on the day of tournament prior to bowling – only on the lanes not being used.
15. USBC rules will govern all bowling. The tournament official(s) will enforce the same. Any exceptions to the above rules will be handled at the discretion of the tournament director. The tournament director has the right to re-rate or reject any entry.

**If you have any questions that your coach cannot answer, please call Betty Velasquez at 440.246.6434.**