

## GREATER IOWA SCHOLARSHIP BOWLING TOUR

### 2019 – 2020 PLAYING RULES

1. The organization shall be known as the Greater Iowa Scholarship Bowling Tour (GISBT).

1a. The organization will conduct monthly tournaments each season beginning in August and ending in May each year. NOTE: In 2019-2020, there will NOT be a December event, but BOTH Saturday and Sunday events in April (Big Weekend) will count as official GISBT events.

2. Each tournament shall be USBC certified and open to USBC certified bowlers who have not reached their 22nd birthday by August 1 of the following season. Bowlers who have not reached their 22nd birthday as of August 1 may bowl the following season, even though they may turn 22 during the season.

2a. Any bowler who is INELIGIBLE to earn scholarship awards will NOT be eligible to bowl in GISBT competition. This includes NCAA bowlers. ANY RULINGS MADE DURING THE SEASON by the NCAA or USBC may allow the GISBT to amend their rules accordingly.

3. Each tournament will consist of a singles event with girls and boys each having their own separate divisions.

4. All scoring is done on a scratch (no handicap) basis.

5. Entrants are encouraged to submit their entry fee prior to the tournament. Entries close at 8:30 the morning of the tournament or when the event has sold out. Walk-in entries will be accepted, provided there are available spots remaining.

6. Any check returned because of non-sufficient funds (NSF) must be paid in cash prior to participation in the next event.

6a. Each NSF check will also require a \$25.00 bank fee, which also must be paid in cash prior to entry into the bowler's next event.

6b. Only one non-sufficient fund (NSF) check per bowler per season will be allowed. After that, cash only will be accepted for that bowler.

7. Bowlers who are unable to attend a tournament for which they have paid in advance must notify Tournament Directors prior to the tournament that they will not be attending.

7a. If a bowler cancels, their check will be destroyed, and they must submit a new entry fee check for their next tournament.

8. Bowlers are required to check in at the tournament desk prior to tournament competition. Each bowler shall draw for his or her lane assignment. Once their lane assignment sheet is drawn, they must immediately sign this sheet at the check in desk.

8a. Check in begins at 7:30, or at Tournament Directors discretion.

8b. Tournament bowling will begin at 8:30, or Tournament Directors discretion.

9. Bowlers arriving after the tournament has started will take zero for each frame missed. Tournament Directors may refuse to allow a bowler to enter the event once competition has started.

10. In the event that an entrant becomes injured or ill during a tournament, they must take zero for each frame missed.

10a. In the event a competitor must withdraw from competition, they must first notify a tournament director.

11. All scholarship funds shall be returned 100%.

12. All scholarship funds for each event will be deposited in the SMART Fund.

13. Prize ratio shall be at least 1 in 6.

13a. At least 2 high school bowlers – or younger – shall cash each month. If they do not cash in the general prize fund, additional scholarship awards will be presented, HOWEVER, there must be AT LEAST 4 high school or younger bowlers in the boys and girls divisions to pay 2 awards. Otherwise; prizes paid will be at the Tournament Director's discretion. These additional cash spots WILL NOT award any additional points.

14. The scholarship prize list for each tournament will be the decision of the tournament Directors.

15. Entry into each tournament shall be \$52.00 (ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN: \$31.50 scholarship fund, \$18.50 lineage & expenses, \$2.00 Tournament of Champions).

16. Greater Iowa Scholarship Bowling Tour annual membership fee shall be \$20.00. This must be paid prior to competition in the year's first tournament. For each tournament missed after that, new members will deduct \$2.00 from this membership fee.

17. One lane courtesy will be in effect.

18. Volunteer scorekeepers are encouraged.

19. ONLY Bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the bowling area.

20. Each bowler shall be responsible for his or her own scoresheet. This scoresheet MUST be turned in to tournament officials following completion of each round. Scoresheets not properly completed, or not turned in, MAY result in NO points awarded to the competitor.

20a. Any bowler who fails to turn their scoresheet in at the completion of competition may be suspended from bowling in future tour events.

20b. Any discrepancy in a competitor's scoresheet during or after the qualifying round MUST be reported to tournament officials prior to the start of match play.

20c. Each player is responsible for ensuring his or her scoresheet is correct, and is initialed by another player following each game.

21. All bowlers will roll 8 (eight) qualifying games.

21a. LANE CONDITIONS. Host bowling centers are asked to put down a challenging lane condition each month. However; our tournament will operate regardless of whatever lane condition is applied. Tournament staff DOES NOT know what lane condition will be laid out prior to each tournament. Tournament staff and competitors will find out what condition they are competing on the day of the actual event.

22. Following completion of the qualifying round, the field will be cut to the top 8 (eight) boys, who will advance to 8 games of round-robin match play. The top 6 girls will advance to

6 games of round-robin match play. (NOTE: If there are less than 16 girls entered, the top 4 girls will advance to 4 games of match play).

22a. If there is a tie for the final spot in match play, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. If still tied, a one-ball roll-off is held until there is a winner.

22b. All qualifying pins carry over to match play.

SPECIAL NOTE: The April Saturday event will be 6 games qualifying and 6 games round-robin match play.

23. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be reviewed by the tournament directors, and the bowler may be subject to a warning, or immediate disqualification from the tournament. In severe cases, a bowler may have his or her membership revoked. The tournament director's decision regarding conduct will be final.

23a. Any bowler compromising the integrity of the sport, or the GISBT may be subject to disqualification, suspension or expulsion.

24. A Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to 1 boy and 1 girl each season.

24a. This balloting will take place at the April 2020 event.

24b. These awards shall be voted on by the general tour membership. However; members must have bowled in 3 of the first 7 tournaments to be eligible to vote.

24c. To be included on the ballot, a bowler must have bowled 3 of the first 7 tournaments.

24d. Each Sportsmanship Award winner will receive a \$50.00 scholarship award. If there is a tie in this balloting, each winner will receive a \$50.00 scholarship award.

24e. The Sportsmanship Award will be a once-in-a-lifetime award. Once a bowler has won the award, they shall not be eligible to win again, and will not be included on the following year's ballot.

24f. The previous year's winners may be asked to assist in presenting the current season's Sportsmanship Award winners.

25. A Rookie of the Year Award, a Most Improved Bowler Award, and a Rising Star Award will be awarded to 1 boy and 1 girl each season.

25a. In order to be eligible for the Rookie of the Year Award, a bowler must not have bowled MORE THAN ONE GISBT event in his/her career prior to the current season.

25b. In order to be eligible for the Most Improved Bowler Award, a bowler must have bowled in at least 5 events during the previous season, and at least 6 events during the 2018-2019 season.

25c. Above award winners will be chosen by the tournament directors, based on a review of each bowler's performance over the first 9 events of the season (August-April). These awards will be presented at the Tournament of Champions.

26. Tobacco products and alcohol WILL NOT be permitted at any time during competition by participants, parents, coaches, scorekeepers, or tournament officials. These items will not be promoted on attire worn by competitors. Violation of this rule may be cause for immediate disqualification from the tournament, and offending members may have their membership revoked.

27. Tournament rules, scores and scholarship award winners will be emailed or delivered by hand to each paid GISBT member. This information will also be available on the tour's official web-site.

28. DRESS CODE: All bowlers MUST wear a polo shirt with collar or a mock t-shirt. Male bowlers MUST wear dress pants. Female bowlers may wear skirts, slacks or dress shorts. Absolutely NO JEANS of any color, or HATS of any type will be permitted. Any exceptions and/or questionable attire will be reviewed by the tournament directors.

29. Tournament Directors will rule on all protests and complaints. Any protest must be made by participating bowler in writing to the tournament directors on site after bowling is completed. In the event of a protest/complaint, all affected parties will be notified. Any decisions made by the tournament directors will be considered final.

30. Each GISBT event (August – April) MAY conduct Junior Gold qualifying. However; there must be sufficient entries to warrant conduction qualifying, and there must be available openings at the National Junior Gold Tournament to warrant conducting qualifying.

30a. Cost for entry into junior gold qualifying will be \$50 per event (based on entries).

30b. Any bowler who enters junior gold qualifying must be a member of Junior Gold. Membership card must be shown at check-in, or you must pay the \$30 membership fee and fill out a membership application, which will be submitted by the GISBT.

30c. There will be separate boys and girls division in Junior Gold qualifying. However; in the event there are not enough entries, entries may be combined to form one (1) division, with the winner advancing in their respective division.

30d. Junior Gold qualifying score will be determined during the 8-game qualifying round ONLY. Winners will be announced prior to the start of match play. Any discrepancies in Junior Gold scores must be reported to Tournament Directors at that time. In the event of a tie, there will be a 2-frame roll-off to determine the qualifier.

30e. Bowlers advancing to the Junior Gold National Championship Tournament shall have their information and entry fee (\$200) forwarded to USBC Office for placement into the 2020 Junior Gold National Championship Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada in July 2020.

30f. In the event a bowler cannot attend the national championship tournament, they must notify GISBT Tournament Directors immediately so that an alternate can be contacted. If a bowler does not proceed with this notification, or fails to participate in the national tournament, it may affect their ability to enter all future Junior Gold qualifying events in GISBT competition.

30g. Any bowler qualified who has qualified for the National Championship Tournament, and does not have their necessary paperwork received at USBC by May 31, will forfeit their spot. An alternate will be contacted as a replacement.

31. The Tournament of Champions shall be each season's final event.

31a. The 24 boys and 12 girls with the highest season-long point totals (for the first 9 tournaments) will be eligible to compete in this event.

31b. All bowlers tied for the final spot in the field will qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

31c. To qualify for participation in the Tournament of Champions, a bowler must have bowled at least 5 of the first 9 tournaments of the season.

31d. In the event a competitor is unable to bowl, his or her spot will be offered to the first available alternate.

31e. Each eligible bowler MUST have their entry fee received approximately TWO WEEKS prior to the Tournament of Champions.

31f. Any bowler failing to submit their entry fee prior to this deadline will FORFEIT their eligibility.

31g. EVERY BOWLER participating in the season-ending Tournament of Champions will receive a scholarship award.

32. After the 9th event of the season, the top 5 boys and top 5 girls (in point totals) will be declared that season's GISBT All Star Team. Each bowler shall receive a plaque for this achievement.

32a. After the 9th tournament of the season, the boys top point earner will receive a \$100.00 scholarship and a plaque as that season's GISBT Bowler of the Year. The girls top point earner will receive a \$50.00 scholarship and a plaque for being that season's GISBT Bowler of the Year.

### **POINT FORMAT**

33. Each bowler will receive 15 points for each tournament bowled. Additional points shall be awarded to ALL MATCH PLAY FINALISTS based on their final standing each tournament as outline below in 33c.

33a. Bowlers will receive 1 point for each player they finish ahead of at each tournament.

33b. Bowlers who cash in the prize fund (not including high game out of the money or high school or younger prizes paid) will receive an additional 10 points.

33c. Finalists will be awarded bonus points based on their finishing position, as outlined below.

BOYS DIVISION	GIRLS DIVISION (If 17 entrants or more)	GIRLS DIVISION (If less than 17 entrants)
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1	100 pts	5	50 pts	1	80 pts	4	40 pts	1	50 pts	3	30 pts
2	85 pts	6	40 pts	2	65 pts	5	30 pts	2	40 pts	4	20 pts
3	70 pts	7	30 pts	3	50 pts	6	20 pts				
4	60 pts	8	20 pts								