

# 2016-2017 Rules and Regulations (updated 8.10.2016)

1. **Classification:** The Junior Tournament Bowlers Association (JTBA) conducts USBC-certified scratch bowling tournaments for young bowlers.
2. **Management:** --  
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3. **Communications:** The primary communication vehicles are our website: [www.jtba.com](http://www.jtba.com) and E-mail. The use of electronic media for communications reduces the operating expenses of the Association resulting in controlled costs for participants. Bowlers are required to provide an E-mail address when requested.
4. JTBA Tournaments are open to any 2016-2017 USBC-certified bowler (youth or adult) in good standing age 20 and under as of August 1, 2016. Exception: The "adult" in our annual adult-junior doubles tournament. The adult in the adult-junior doubles tournament must be age 21 or older as of August 1, 2016.
5. **Divisions:** 4 Divisions: U20 boys, U20 girls, U15 boys & U15 girls. Bowlers age 15 and under may elect to bowl in the U20 division. **Bowlers will be eligible for performance points only in the division in which they participate.**
6. **Membership:** Membership in the JTBA by bowlers is optional but is encouraged. The annual membership fee (8/1/16 – 7/31/17) is \$40.00. Membership provides benefits which include:
  - A. A \$10.00 lower entry fee in all our singles tournaments.
  - B. The opportunity to participate in our end-of-season Championship Tournament which is our richest scholarship event (See Rule #12 for eligibility details).
  - C. The opportunity to earn end-of-season performance scholarship awards (see rule #14 for details).
7. **Tournaments:** The JTBA season schedule is posted on the website. The season consists of singles tournaments, an adult-junior doubles tournament, a junior doubles tournament, and an end-of-season Championship Tournament. Each tournament is a separate event. The JTBA will not conduct tournaments in the State of Ohio during December, January, and February out of respect for the in-season non-interscholastic competition policy of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).
8. **Tournament Entries:** The entry form for each tournament will be posted on the website. Bowlers should type-in the information online, print it, and mail it with payment. No entry will be accepted without payment. Tournaments will fill on a first come, first serve basis based on the date the entry is received. Pre-registered JTBA members will be given first preference in tournaments in which the size of the facility limits the number of entries. Walk-in entries (day of tournament) will be allowed subject to lane availability. Entries received after the closing date posted on the entry form will be subject to an additional \$10.00 late processing fee in singles tournaments and a \$20.00 late processing fee in doubles tournaments. Tournament management has the right to reject any entry. Entries paid by check with insufficient funds will be subject to a \$40.00 service charge and will result in the suspension from future JTBA participation until the service charge is paid-in-full. Bowlers may withdraw from a tournament and receive an entry fee refund (less a \$10.00 processing fee) provided that E-mail notification to a director is received prior to the date of the tournament. Bowlers who do not show for a tournament and do not withdraw prior to the date of the tournament will forfeit their paid entry fee. The refund policy may be subject to a case-by-case review based on bowler circumstances at the discretion of a director.
9. **Tournament Check-in:** All pre-paid bowlers must be present and checked-in at the tournament office 20 minutes prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to do so may result in the non-refundable forfeiture of their tournament entry.
10. **Dress Code:** Tops - All bowlers must wear a sleeved polo shirt with a collar or a sleeved collarless shirt made of dry-mesh or rapid-dry material. T-shirts, sweat shirts, and tank-tops are not allowed. All tops manufactured to be tucked-in (uneven bottoms) must be tucked-in. Bowlers names on the back of shirt are optional. Bottoms - Bottoms must be worn at waist level and not touch the floor. Jeans, cargo pants (outside pockets), yoga pants, or bottoms made of spandex-type material are not allowed. Girls are allowed to wear dress shorts, skorts, or skirts provided that they comply with the finger-tip length test. Girls may wear capri pants. Boys must wear full length dress pants. Belts must be worn on bottoms that have belt loops. Bowling shoes must be worn. No apparel may be worn with references to illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or use of obscenities or offensive content. Bowlers are expected to be professional in appearance reflecting the high caliber of scratch tournament bowling anticipated. Enforcement of the dress code is at the discretion of a JTBA Director who is empowered to fine (\$5.00) or withdraw a bowler "at will".
11. **Tournament Format and Lane Patterns:** Each JTBA tournament is a separate event. Formats will vary. The format for each JTBA tournament will be identified on the entry form & website for that tournament. The JTBA will apply a "sport" lane pattern at all JTBA tournaments except the adult-junior doubles event. A lane graph will be available in the tournament office.
12. **Championship Tournament:** The JTBA end-of-season Championship Tournament is open to JTBA members who participated in five (5) of the ten (10) regular season tournaments, including one (1) of the last three (3) regular season tournaments. There will be no "buy-ins" allowed to the Championship Tournament for members not meeting this requirement.
13. **Tournament Scholarship Awards:** 100% of all scholarship funds collected from entry fees and additional scholarship resources will be deposited in the USBC SMART Program for management and dispersal (account #09584). No cash awards will be given to any JTBA bowler regardless if they are youth or adult USBC members. Bowlers can confirm the deposit of scholarship awards by visiting their SMART account statement at [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).  
Tournament scholarships will be awarded as follows:
  1. To no fewer than 1:7 participants in each division at every JTBA event.
  2. To those who earn scholarships in optional scholarship bracket and/or scholarship jackpot participation.In addition to tournament scholarship awards, the youth bowler in each division who places 1<sup>st</sup> at each tournament will receive a JTBA insignia medal honoring their achievement.

14. **End-of-Season Scholarship Awards:** Those JTBA members in each division who qualify for the end-of-season Championship Tournament will be eligible for the following scholarship awards earned during the regular season.
- A. High Average: For members who bowled in six (6) or more regular season tournaments.
  - B. Rookie of the Year: For 1<sup>st</sup>-time JTBA members who bowled in six (6) or more tournaments this season.
  - C. Sportsmanship Award: As selected by participating members of the same division at our end-of-season Tournament.
  - D. Bowler of the Year: Bowler of the Year Award is determined based on points earned in the division in which a bowler participated at regular season JTBA tournaments.  
Points are awarded as follows:
    1. Participation – Bowlers will receive 10 points for bowling in a JTBA tournament.
    2. Performance
      - A. 1 point for each bowler you place ahead of in the tournament.
      - B. Qualifying Round (1<sup>st</sup> 5 games in tournament): 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
      - C. Bonus Points: 10 points-1<sup>st</sup> place, 8 points-2<sup>nd</sup> place, 6 points-3<sup>rd</sup> place, 5 points-4<sup>th</sup> place, 2 points-5<sup>th</sup> place (based on final tournament standings).
      - D. Exceptions: No performance points will be awarded for participation in the Adult-Junior Doubles event. Instead, each youth bowler will receive 25 participation points. Points awarded at the Jr. Doubles event will be based on team placement.
      - E. The JTBA may deem certain tournaments as “double points tournaments” in which case the participation & performance points listed above will double. Double point tournaments will be identified on the schedule.
- The amount of these end-of-season scholarship awards will be based on funds collected from entry fees at regular season tournaments. 100% of all funds collected will be awarded.
15. **USBC Junior Gold:** All JTBA events will offer current season USBC Jr. Gold members the optional opportunity to compete in a Jr. Gold Qualifier. The fee to participate in a Jr. Gold Qualifier is \$40.00 for U20 boys / U20 girls and \$37.50 in the U15 division. To conduct a qualifier requires a minimum of five (5) participants in each of the U20 divisions and four (4) participants in the U15 division. One in five (1:5) U20 division participants and one in four (1:4) U15 division participants will earn a paid entry in the USBC Jr. Gold National Championships in July, 2016. Scores used to determine recipients of a Jr. Gold entry will be the sum total of all Qualifying Round games with ties broken by the high game(s) bowled. NOTE: The USBC Junior Gold Program determines the age requirements (date of birth) for their U15 and U20 divisions which may be different than the JTBA U15 and U20 division age requirements (date of birth). NOTE: The entry fee to participate in a Jr. Gold qualifier is separate from the fee to purchase a USBC Jr. Gold annual membership.
16. **Additional Rules & Regs:**
- A. Score corrections - When the automatic scorers in a center record the incorrect pin fall on any ball, bowlers may correct the score provided that another bowler(s) on the same pair acknowledge the scoring error. The correction must be completed prior to the next bowler throwing a ball on that lane or the correction may not be made.
  - B. Tie-breaker – *Championship Rd. Bracket* (Top 16,8,4, best of 3): Each bowler receives ½ point for a tie. If the match is tied 1.5-1.5 after 3-games, the tie will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. *Stepladder Finals:* tie game broken by 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. *Bracket Seeding:* ties broken by high game rolled in the Qualifying Round. In 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> roll-offs: High seed chooses starting lane and who bowls first. Exception: Baker game roll-offs will be conducted on the same lane used by a team in the tied game.
  - C. Lane breakdown - Contact the front desk at the center to correct/repair any lane breakdown or deadwood. Tournament management has the right to move bowlers on a broken pair to an unused working pair if conditions warrant.
  - D. Rules violations - If it is believed that a rule has been violated, bowlers on the pair must stop bowling, report the violation to a Tournament Director, and await a rules decision on the alleged violation.
  - E. Lane Monitors – Lane monitors will be requested at each tournament. The lane monitor is responsible to record each game score on a provided score sheet, have each bowler initial their score, and turn in the completed score sheet to the tournament office as requested. Lane monitors are not considered tournament “officials” responsible to settle disputes.
  - F. Early Termination – Premature termination of any tournament caused by any reason beyond the control of the JTBA will end in results declared “final” based on scores from the same last game completed by all bowlers. Awards will be prorated.
  - G. Disputes – Only a participating bowler may approach a tournament manager to discuss alleged rule violations.
  - H. Pace of Play – A bowler’s delivery must be made within 25 seconds after the last ball rolled on the lane. Slow play will not be tolerated. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: a warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: a score of zero for the delivery in question.
  - I. Lane Courtesy – All JTBA Tournaments shall observe one (1) lane courtesy.
  - J. Empowerment – Tournament Management has the right to refuse any entry. The bowler, by voluntary participation in the tournament, acquiesces to the final authority of tournament management to enforces all tournament rules, regulations, and procedures. Any unforeseen or not described situation(s) will be regulated by USBC rules with interpretative judgment guided by the best interests of youth bowling and the JTBA.
17. **Disclaimer:** All JTBA rules and regulations are subject to modification at any time at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any changes or modifications will be posted on the website and available in the tournament office.

