



# MVUSBC YOUTH TOURNAMENT RULES

## 1. GENERAL RULES

- a. This tournament will be conducted under USBC tournament rules. Printed rule books are available upon request. Rules & reference are also available online at [bowlingrulebook.com](http://bowlingrulebook.com).
- b. This tournament is only open to currently certified Mohawk Valley USBC Youth bowlers.
- c. **HANDICAP FOR THE TOURNAMENT IS 90% OF 220.** Team handicap is calculated using team total.
- d. Team event is composed of any combination of four (4) members. Doubles & Singles event is composed of any combination of two (2) members. **Doubles & Singles cannot be separated** (6 games bowled total).
- e. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR DOUBLES & SINGLES EVENT.**
- f. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES ARE ALLOWED FOR THE TEAM EVENT** as follows (1) at least two bowlers must be different to compose a new entry:(2) All events will use the score from the first team event bowled: (3) availability and squad selection is at the discretion of the tournament director: (4) teams that cannot be accommodated will be notified and refunds will be given only for entries that are denied.
- g. Bowlers who enter both the team and Doubles & Singles events will automatically be entered into the Bonus All Events division in which the scores from all nine (9) games bowled are combined.
- h. Juniors and Majors who qualify for the Bonus Event will also be entered into a scratch all events.
- i. **JANUARY 5, 2008 IS THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES.** All **COMPLETED** applications must be submitted with a **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** by this date. Incomplete or unpaid entries **WILL BE RETURNED.**
- j. **Walk-ins will be accepted dependant upon lane availability with an additional \$ 2.00 per bowler fee.**

## **CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY – NO CASH – NO REFUNDS FOR CONFIRMED ENTRIES**

## 2. DIVISIONS

- a. Age divisions will be as follows, based upon the bowlers' age as of August 1, 2006:
  - (1) **BANTAMS** up to 8 years (2) **PREPS** 9 – 11 years (3) **JUNIORS** 12-14 years (4) **MAJORS** 15 – 21 years
- b. Any Team or Doubles entries with mixed ages **MUST BOWL** in the highest age division.

## 3. AVERAGES

- a. If nine (9) USBC certified games have been bowled by **Dec. 22, 2007**, the bowlers official USBC average as of that date will be used for the tournament. If not, the highest certified USBC average from last year **RECORDED BY THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER** will be used.
- b. If no official USBC average has been established, than the bowler must bowl scratch.
- c. A copy of the league standing sheet must be submitted to the Tournament Director by the closing date so averages can be verified for all bowlers. **IF THE STANDING SHEET IS NOT SUBMITTED, THE BOWLERS WILL BOWL SCRATCH.**

## 4. TARDY ABSENT OR SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS:

- a. Tardy bowlers must begin in the frame being bowled at the time of arrival. Previous frames get a score of zero.
- b. In the event that a bowler cannot finish a game that is already in progress due to legitimate complications, 10 of their average is to be used as the score for each unfinished frame in the game.
- c. If there are no substitutes available for an absent bowler, the Tournament Director may allow a blind score of 90 % of the original bowlers average to be used after reviewing the details of the circumstance.
- d. All changes must be requested at least **30 minutes prior** to squad time and require review for approval
- e. Substitutions are limited to: **ONE (1) SUBSTITUTE PER DOUBLES & SINGLES ENTRY or TWO (2) PER TEAM ENTRY.** Substitutes (or coaches) must provide proof of certification and average.

## 5. IMPORTANT NOTES FOR COACHES, PARENTS AND BOWLERS:

- a. Coaches or a responsible adult, must accompany bowlers while competing in the tournament.
- b. Bowlers must check-in with the tournament officials at least **30 minutes prior** to squad time.
- c. No food or drink is allowed in the bowling areas. Alcoholic beverages are to be restricted to the bar area.
- d. **NO FORM OF COACHING IS ALLOWED DURING THE COMPETITION.**
- e. First, Second and Third place winners will be officially notified and formally invited to receive their awards at the tournament awards dinner on **March 2, 2008 at Harts Hill Inn in Whitesboro.**
- f. Tentative and Official results will be posted on [mvusbcyouth.tripod.com](http://mvusbcyouth.tripod.com) as soon as possible.
- g. **ANY QUESTIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY E-MAIL TO: [youthbowling@adelphia.net](mailto:youthbowling@adelphia.net) .**