

Toys for Joy Championships Rules

The tournaments will be held on October 15, 2023, at Garden Center Lanes, 115 30th Ave E, Alexandria, MN, at 9 a.m. and on November 5, 2023, at Sunset Lanes, 620 US-75, Moorhead, MN, at 9 a.m.

Section I - Check-in

1. Bowlers are required to check in at the tournament desk prior to tournament competition. Each bowler shall draw for his or her lane assignment. Bowlers must bowl on the assigned lane unless changed by the tournament director.
2. Check in time begins at 8:00 a.m. and competition at 9:00 a.m. Bowlers arriving after the tournament has already started will take a zero for each frame missed. Tournament directors may refuse to allow a bowler to enter once competition has started.

Section II - Entry

1. Entry into the tournament shall be \$70 + 2 Toys
 - a. Entry Fee Breakdown:
 - i. Garden Center Lanes - \$20 Lineage, \$45 scholarship fund/cash prizes, \$5 website processing fee and 2 toy donation going to the United Way's Winter Wishlist Program and the Dilworth Lutheran Church of Dilworth, MN.
 - ii. Sunset Lanes - \$10 Lineage, \$55 scholarship fund, \$5 website processing fee and 2 toy donation going to the United Way's Winter Wishlist Program and the Dilworth Lutheran Church of Dilworth, MN.
2. Bowlers may only sign up on toysforjoybowling.com.
3. Bowlers who are unable to attend the tournament for which they have paid in advance must notify the tournament directors prior to the tournament that they will not be attending. The funds will be returned to that bowler.

Section III - Prize Money

1. The scholarship prize list for each tournament will be the decision of the tournament directors.
2. All scholarship funds will be returned 100%.
3. All scholarship funds for each event will be deposited in the SMART fund.
4. Payouts are based on the number of entries. The minimum guaranteed prizes for all top placers within a division are listed as follows: Youth scratch - \$1300 total for top 4. Youth handicap - \$700 total for top 4. Adult handicap - \$400 total for top 4.
5. All adult division prize money will be returned at the end of the tournament.

Section IV - Qualifying

1. Competitors are allowed 10 minutes of practice on their starting pair of lanes before the beginning of qualifying.
2. Youth and adults will bowl together but will be in their own tournament series.
3. Tournament is 6 games based on total scratch pin count or pin count + handicap depending on division.
4. The top 8 bowlers in the youth scratch division and the top 4 bowlers in the handicap divisions after qualifying will advance to match play.
5. Adult division will be set up the same as the youth division.
6. Each bowler will be responsible for his or her own scoresheet. The scoresheet must be turned into the tournament directors following completion of the tournament. Scoresheets not properly completed or not turned in may result in NO points awarded to the competitor.
7. Handicap Division Rules
 - a. All bowlers in the handicap division must have a verifiable average
 - b. Handicap will be 80% of 220 scratch
 - c. Tournament will use bowler's high average from the previous two seasons to determine handicap

8. Any discrepancy in a competitor's scoresheet during or after the qualifying round MUST be reported to the tournament directors prior to the start of the next round. Each competitor is responsible for ensuring his or her scoresheet is correct.
9. In case of a tie, for the final step ladder position there will be a 9th & 10th frame roll off to determine an advancer.
10. In case of a tie for seeds 1,2,3, or 4, the bowler with the highest qualifying game will be the higher seed.

Section V - Match Play

1. Match place will consist of a bracket format.
2. In each round, bowlers will bowl two full games against their opponent. After each game, The bowler with the highest score will earn one point.
3. In the event of a 1-1 tie between two bowlers, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be bowled to determine a winner.
 - a. In the event of a tie in the 9th and 10th frame roll-off, competitors will bowl a one-ball roll-off to until a winner is determined.
4. The highest-seeded bowler will determine their starting lane and order of bowlers.
5. These rules all apply to the handicap divisions. Furthermore, handicap is applied to each game bowled in the handicap division match play bracket.
 - a. In the case of a 9th and 10th frame roll-off in the handicap division, competitors will bowl scratch to determine a winner.

Section VI - Regulations

1. All youth competitors must be 18 or under as of event day. Competitors over this age will be competing in the adult handicap division.
2. This is a singles tournament. All youth bowlers must be sanctioned members of the USBC Association to participate in the tournament.
3. If there is a need for an adjustment in scoring, a tournament director or bowling center staff member will make the adjustments accordingly.
4. In the event that a competitor becomes injured or ill during a tournament they must take a zero for each missed frame. Frames may not be made up. In the event a competitor must withdraw from competition they must notify a tournament director.
5. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. No hats/caps are allowed.
6. No electronic items allowed while on the approach. Ex. phones, earbuds, etc.

Section VII- Junior Gold Qualifier

1. Only bowlers in the youth scratch division may enter the Junior Gold Qualifier.
2. Junior Gold qualifier entry cost: \$50.
3. Ratio is 1:4
4. Advancers will be determined by high pin fall after all six qualifying games.
5. All bowlers must be a current Junior Gold member in good standing (those bowling for 2023-2024 Junior Gold must purchase their new memberships).

Section VIII - Etiquette

1. Two lane courtesies will be in effect (left and right side of lane that a bowler is currently up to bowl).
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be reviewed by the tournament directors, and the bowler may be subject to a warning or immediate disqualification from the tournament. Any bowler compromising the integrity of the sport or the tournament will be disqualified.