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1. **Overview:** The Junior Tournament Bowlers Association of Ohio (JTBA) is a scratch based, USBC Certified tournament organization which stages monthly tournaments throughout Ohio.
2. **Tournament Management:** Executive Director: Carl R. Pfeifer
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4. **Eligibility:** The JTBA is open to any USBC Youth member in good standing. No present or past members of the ABC, WIBC, USBC Open, PBA, or PWBA may participate (with the exception of the "adult" in the Adult-Junior Championships). Bowlers must be aged 19 or younger as of August 1, 2009, as pursuant with USBC Eligibility Rule 400. Tournament Management reserves the right to reject any entry.
5. **Membership:** All bowlers are encouraged to become members of the JTBA. Membership affords the bowler eligibility for the End of Year Championships, a reduced entry fee, as well as eligibility for year end awards. Membership is not mandatory. A season membership (8/1/2009-7/30/2010) costs \$40. Additionally, all players who cash in any event must become members of the JTBA before they can compete in another tournament.
6. **Tournaments:** The 2009-2010 JTBA Season will consist of 9 Standard Events, 1 Junior Doubles Event, 1 Adult-Junior Doubles Championship, and 1 JTBA Championships Tournament. Each tournament listed on the schedule is a separate event. Bowlers may elect to participate in any number of tournaments throughout the season. See each entry form for start time. Additionally, the JTBA may run several other non-points paying events throughout the year. These events will not count towards the JTBA Championships Point listings, but will count toward participation to determine championships eligibility.
7. **Divisions:** The JTBA will consist of two divisions, one for male entrants, and one for female entrants.
8. **Entry Information:** All entries must be mailed to the JTBA office. Tournaments will fill on a first come first serve basis. Checks should be made out to JTBA. The JTBA will not be responsible for cash sent by mail. Entry forms that can not be read, or do not have payment will be returned. Walk-In Entries will be available, providing room is available, starting 1 hour before the scheduled start time at each event, and close ½ hour before the start. Tournaments are open to members only up until one week prior to event, after which entries are on a first come first serve basis. 25 spots held in each event for girls entries.
Walk-In Entries will be charged an additional \$10 late processing fee.
9. **Returned Checks:** All returned checks will be charged a \$25 dollar service charge, unless bank error is proven. The JTBA reserves the right to reject this form of payment in the future for anyone who has had a returned check.
10. **Tournament No Shows:** Bowlers who wish to withdraw from a tournament before the start of the event must do so 24 hours prior to the start of the event. Refunds will be given if the Board of Directors determines a reasonable cause for withdrawal, otherwise credit toward future events will be given. Anyone withdrawing within 24 hours of the start of the tournament is subject to loss of entry fee, unless just cause is proven, in which case credit will be issued for future events.
11. **Conduct:** No smoking, consumption of alcohol beverages (regardless of age), chewing of tobacco, or using any non-prescription controlled substances is prohibited at all times while



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competition is taking place. Violators shall be disqualified. Anyone caught during the course of a tournament weekend with any controlled substances (illegal drugs etc.) will be banned from the JTBA, and reported to the proper authorities. All bowlers must remain poised during competition. Improper language, obscene gestures, and any other disruptive behavior will be punishable with a \$5 fine for the first offense, and \$10 for the following offense.

Disqualification will result from any further actions. Any damage to bowling center equipment by a JTBA player will result in a \$50 fine, loss of 25 points, disqualification from the tournament, and a one tournament suspension. The bowler will also be responsible for paying the establishment for any damages caused. No use of electronics during competition. This includes walkmans, CD Players, MP3 Players, Cell Phones, as well as hand held video games. A warning will be first given, followed by a \$5 fine for the following offense.

12. Lane Courtesy: The JTBA will maintain a policy of two lane courtesy at all times.

13. Reracks- Each player is allowed two reracks per game, additional reracks must be granted by a member of the tournament staff, who will determine just cause.

14. Dress Code: All bowlers must wear a collared, sleeved shirt. JTBA Members must have their names (last mandatory, first name is optional) professionally affixed on the back of their shirts in no less than 1" font. Mock Neck shirts are permissible, provided they are an athletic shirt made of dry mesh or rapid-dry material. All mock neck shirts require prior approval of tournament staff. All shirts, regardless of style must be tucked in. Pants must be worn at waist level and not touch the floor. No pants with outside pockets (Cargo Pants) will be permitted. Belts are required if loops are on the pants. Skirts/walking shorts (at least fingertip length), or skorts, are allowed for girls only, provided they have no outside pockets. No cutoffs, jeans, sweats, hats, denim, or headgear. Bowling shoes must be worn. No references to illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other distasteful/offensive apparel or decorations may be worn. Bowlers are expected to be professional in appearance reflecting the high caliber of scratch tournament bowling anticipated. **Failure to adhere to the dress code for JTBA Events will result in a \$5 dollar fine for each offense. Non-Members must adhere to all dress code rules, except name on shirt.**

15. Check In: All bowlers must be present and checked in ½ hour prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to do so will risk loss of spot in tournament. Bowlers must be dressed and prepared to bowl at the time of check in. USBC Membership cards may be checked at any event, failure to present one will result in a \$3 fine.

16. Practice: All bowlers are afforded a 15 minute practice period prior to the start of competition. Practice will begin 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Athletes may practice on any lane in play for the event, these will be announced prior to the start of the practice session.

19. Competition Hand/Withdraws: All players must finish the tournament with the hand they begin practice with. Any injuries will be permitted to withdraw, under the Executive Directors discretion. No entry fees will be refunded for withdrawing players after the tournament has begun. Any player withdrawing for reason other than injury will also be subject to a 25 point penalty.

20. Spectator Smoking/Drinking: All spectators will be permitted to smoke only outside the host center, pursuant to state law. No alcohol consumption by spectators in the bowling area during competition by anyone.

21. Bowlers Area: Only bowlers and designated tournament officials are permitted in the bowling area. No parents or coaches may enter this area at any time.

22. Tournament Formats: 2009-2010 Standard Format: All bowlers will bowl a single six (6) game qualifying round on six (6) different pair of lanes. The top boys and girls, as per the advancement requirements set forth in Rule 23 will advance to bowl a single elimination bracket. All ties for advancement to the bracket will be broken by a one game roll off, immediately following the completion of the first block, and tabulation of scores. Bowlers not



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present for roll-off will forfeit roll-off to opponent. All other ties for bracket seeding will be broken by the high single game score during qualifying. With 16 match play advancers, the Round of 16 will be best 3 of 5 games, Round of 8 best 2 of 3 games, and semi-final/final matches being one game. With 8 advancers, the Round of 8 will be best 3 of 5, Semi-Final 2 of 3, and Final match being 1 game. With 4 advancers, the Semi-Final match will be 2 of 3, and the Final Match will be one game. The high seed in each match will have choice of starting lane for game number one. All subsequent games will begin on alternating lanes. All matches will begin on the left lane. All ties in match play will be broken immediately by a 9th and 10th frame roll off.

Alternate Formats: JTBA Adult-Youth Championships- Both adult and youth players will bowl six games of qualifying. The top 16 male and 8 female teams will advance to the single elimination match play bracket. Match play will be conducted in an alternating lane baker match play style. The youth member of the team must bowl the tenth frame. The higher seeded team will have lane choice for game one of the match. With 16 match play advancers, the Round of 16 will be best 3 of 5 games, Round of 8 best 2 of 3 games, and semi-final/final matches being one game. With 8 advancers, the Round of 8 will be best 3 of 5, Semi-Final 2 of 3, and Final match being 1 game. With 4 advancers, the Semi-Final match will be 2 of 3, and the Final Match will be one game. Participation points will be awarded for this event.

JTBA Doubles Championship- All bowlers will bowl a six game qualifying block. The top 16 male and 8 female teams will advance to the match play bracket. The match play bracket will be conducted in an alternating lane baker style. The higher seed will have lane choice for the first game of each match. Subsequent games will begin on alternating lanes. Bowlers may select their order of play at the start of each game. With 16 match play advancers, the Round of 16 will be best 3 of 5 games, Round of 8 best 2 of 3 games, and semi-final/final matches being one game. With 8 advancers, the Round of 8 will be best 3 of 5, Semi-Final 2 of 3, and Final match being 1 game. With 4 advancers, the Semi-Final match will be 2 of 3, and the Final Match will be one game.

JTBA 30th Anniversary Championship: All athletes will bowl eight games of qualifying. The top 50% of those athletes will advance to a second three game qualifying round. The top 5 male athletes, based on 11 game totals, and top 4 female athletes based on 11 game totals, will advance to stepladder finals.

23. JTBA Match Play Advancement Requirements: In events which a bracket formatted match play round is conducted, the following requirements will determine the number of advancers in each division.

0-4 Entrants: Tournament Champion Declared at Conclusion of Qualifying

5-15 Entrants: 4 Advance to Match Play

16-32 Entrants: 8 Advance to Match Play

>33 Entrants: 16 Advance to Match Play

24. JTBA Sport Bowling Championships: The 4th Annual JTBA Sport Bowling Championships Tournament will be a one day event conducted in compliance, and certified, by USBC Sport Bowling. The format for this event will be a six (6) game qualifying block, with the top half of the field returning for an additional six (6) game block. The top five males and four females will advance to stepladder finals, to be held at the conclusion of the second block.

25. JTBA Championships Tournament: The 30th Anniversary JTBA Championships Tournament will be conducted June 5 and 6 2010. To be eligible to participate, bowlers must have participated in 5 of the 11 regular season events, including two of the last four events, as well as advanced to match play at least once. Any bowler who participates in all 11 events will also be eligible for the Championship Tournament, regardless of match-play advancement. All of the above listed requirements must be completed **AS A MEMBER** of the JTBA.



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26. Championships Tournament Format: The 30th JTBA Championship Tournament will consist of two 6 game qualifying blocks on Saturday afternoon for all participants. The top 12 males, and 6 females will advance to twelve games of round robin match play on Sunday. 30 bonus points will be awarded for each match play win. Games 6 and 12 for females, and game 12 for the males will be a position round. The top 5 male and top 4 females at the conclusion of match play will advance to a stepladder final. Each Block of the event will be held on a different Sport Bowling Oil Pattern, with the Tournament Leader determining the pattern for the stepladder finals in each division.

27. SMART Scholarship Awards: Since 8/1/01, the JTBA has deposited 100% of all collected scholarship funds in the SMART Program for disbursement (Acct. #9584). SMART is the bonded, scholarship management service of the YABA. SMART provides professional accounting, management, and dispersal of scholarship monies. Information about the SMART Program is available by writing to SMART, c/o USBC, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington TX 76011. Additional information can be found online at <http://members.bowl.com/smart/> For scholarships earned prior to 8/1/01, please contact Kyle Wilson for disbursement per the policies of the JTBA at the time of scholarship issuance.

28. Awards: At each tournament, scholarships will be awarded to no fewer than 1 of 10 participants in each division, as well as the qualifying leader. Further, the JTBA will award it's members in each division who qualify for the end of season Championship Tournament scholarships for the following regular season achievements: **Sportsmanship Award:** as voted on by same gender JTBA members. **High 3-game series:** games 1-3 or 4-6 in the qualifying round or games 1-3 in the championship round. **High 6-game series:** in the qualifying round. **High Average:** six (6) tournament participation and no fewer than 42 games bowled. **Rookie of the Year:** for members who, prior to this season, bowled in no more than three (3) JTBA tournaments in a single season. **Bowler of the Year:** awarded to member who ends the regular season with the most points. Bowler of the Year points are awarded as follows in all points tournaments: +10 for participation, +5 for being high qualifier after the 1st six (6) games, +5 for advancement to the championship round, +15 for 1st place, +10 for 2nd place, +7 for 3rd place, +5 for 4th place, +3 for 5th place, + 1 point for every bowler you finished ahead of at the tournament. Bowler of the Year points will not be awarded in the adult/juniors doubles tournament, with the exception of participation points. Points will be awarded in the junior doubles tournament based on team placement. Scholarship amounts will vary based on participation, sponsorship, and other sources of scholarship income. Award amounts will be posted at each tournament.

29. Awards/Membership: Any bowler who receives a scholarship award at a JTBA event must become a member before competing in another event.

30. USBC Junior Gold: The JTBA is approved by the USBC Youth Junior Gold Program as a qualifying tournament for its National Championship Tournament to be held July, 2010, in Indianapolis, IN. Participation is voluntary. There are two separate divisions, boys and girls. Those participating must be current Jr. Gold members. Jr. Gold memberships cost \$30.00, and run from August 1, 2009 to July 31 2010. Junior Gold Memberships are available for purchase at JTBA tournaments, as well as online at www.bowl.com. The cost to enter a JTBA Junior Gold Tournament qualifier is \$15.00 per entry to qualify 1 of 10 bowlers and \$30.00 to qualify 1 of 5 bowlers. Minimum participation of junior gold bowlers is required to conduct a junior gold qualifier at a JTBA tournament, as per USBC Rules. The Tournament Director will decide on site, based on the number of paid Jr. Gold entries, whether the tournament will qualify 1/5 or 1/10 entrants. Qualifiers will be determined by the results of the 6 games bowled in the qualifying round. Qualifiers receive a paid entry (value: \$150.00) to the national tournament. Paid entry recipients will be required to provide their own transportation, housing, meals, and expenses to attend the Junior Gold National Tournament.



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31. Entry Fee Breakdown: Here is the entry fee breakdown for members for JTBA regular season singles events:

\$15.00 cost of bowling,
\$ 9.00 expenses,
\$18.00 tournament scholarships,
\$ 5.00 Championship Tournament scholarships,
\$ 3.00 End of Season awards
Total Cost=\$50

Here is the entry fee breakdown for members for JTBA regular season junior doubles event (per team):

\$30.00 cost of bowling
\$18.00 expenses
\$36.00 tournament scholarships,
\$10.00 Championship Tournament scholarships,
\$ 6.00 End of Season awards
Total Cost= \$100.00.

Here is the entry fee breakdown for members for the JTBA regular season adult-junior doubles event (per team):

\$34.00 cost of bowling,
\$20 expenses,
\$40.00 tournament scholarships,
\$10.00 Championship Tournament scholarships,
\$6.00 end-of-season scholarships
Total Cost=\$110.00.

Here is the entry fee breakdown for members for the end-of-season Championship Tournament:

\$30.00 cost of bowling,
\$20.00 expenses/awards,
\$25.00 tournament scholarships
Total Cost= \$75

Non-JTBA members (excluding adults in the adult-junior doubles event) pay an additional \$10 processing fee to enter any JTBA regular season event. Walk in entries will pay the non-member rate.

32. "2nd Chance" Tournament: At numerous JTBA regular season singles events, bowlers not advancing to the championship round will have the elective opportunity to participate in a separate, single gender, "2nd Chance" Tournament. The format consists of four (4) games with the bowler discarding his lowest score of four (4) games. Entry fee: \$20.00. Cost breakdown: Lineage: \$8.00. Expenses: \$2.00. Scholarships: \$10.00. Ask for additional details and entry forms at tournament check-in.

33. Lane Monitors: Volunteer lane monitors will be requested at each JTBA event. The lane monitor will be responsible for recording the bowler's score after each game on the lane monitor sheet. Bowlers are then responsible for initialing their score on the same lane monitor sheet as entered by the lane monitor after each game.

34. Disputes: All disputes must be raised by the participants. Disputes from parents, coaches and guests will not be heard at any time.

35. Scoring Corrections: All score corrections must be made by a JTBA official, youth board member or designee before another ball is thrown in competition (I.E. bowling for score) Corrections may not be made after another shot is taken.



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36. Fines: All fines may be appealed. An appeal hearing with the board of directors will be held prior to the start of the next event. Failure to appear at an appeal hearing shall result in doubling of the fine. All fine revenue will be used as scholarship funds for the Championship Tournament. Fines will be doubled at the Championship Tournament. All fines must be paid before bowling another JTBA event. Anyone with outstanding JTBA fines will not be permitted to participate in future events until fines are paid. Any fines incurred at the JTBA Championship Tournament must be paid prior to the start of the subsequent block of competition.

37. Early Termination: Premature termination of any tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fire, natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of the Junior Tournament Bowlers Assoc. shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

37. Empowerment: The Executive Director and/or the Tournament Manager have the right to refuse any entry. The bowler, by voluntary participation in this Tournament, acquiesces to the final authority of the Director/Manager to interpret and enforce all Tournament rules, regulations, and procedures. Any unforeseen or not described situation(s) will be regulated by USBC rules with interpretive judgment guided by the best interests of youth bowling and the JTBA.

38. Certification: All JTBA events are USBC youth certified therefore all rules from USBC publication USBC Playing Rules will be in effect at all times. These rules are available online at www.bowl.com. USBC Membership is not required for participation, non-USBC members may pay a participation fee.

39. USBC Sport Bowling: Numerous JTBA Events are certified as USBC Sport Bowling events. Scores bowled in these events are eligible for USBC Sport Bowling Awards, provided the bowler is a Sport Bowling Member. Membership is not required, however, non Sport Bowling members are not eligible for these Sport Bowling Awards.