

TOURNAMENT RULES

ILLINOIS STATE YOUNG AMERICAN BOWLING ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM TOURNAMENT

1. This Tournament is sanctioned and conducted under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Young American Bowling Alliance. ALL YABA rules will apply unless otherwise stipulated in the following.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY:

The Illinois State YABA Championship Tournament is confined to teams of 5 bowlers -- excepting Bantam teams, which consist of only 4 bowlers (All Girls -- All Boys -- Mixed) that are YABA Members.

A. Tournament will be conducted in twelve Divisions:

BANTAMS	*8 years old and under	Boys, Girls, Mixed (3 games/4 bowlers)
PREPS	*9, 10, 11 years old	Boys, Girls, Mixed
JUNIORS	*12, 13, 14 years old	Boys, Girls, Mixed
MAJOR/SENIORS	*15 through 21 years old	Boys, Girls, Mixed

*Ages are as of August 1.

B. The age of the oldest member will determine the Division.

C. All divisions will bowl three games.

D. Multiple entry will be permitted providing no more than 3 of the original members are on the team.

3. LEGAL TEAMS & SUBSTITUTES:

(After STATE entry has been submitted)

All teams will consist of 5 players (4 players for Bantams), with a minimum of 1 player from the original team to constitute a legal team. Four substitutes (three for Bantams) will be permitted. All substitutions accompanied by properly signed average certification and travel/medical release authorization form must be reported to the Tournament Director one-half hour before scheduled time of bowling. In case of disability, after a game has started, a substitute will be permitted if available, and the combined score shall count. Once a substitute has been made at the tournament site, it stands.

4. TARDY PLAYERS:

Tardy players shall receive 0 for all frames missed. NO PACERS WILL BE ALLOWED.

5. AVERAGES:

All averages will be based on the players highest average as of January 1st, for at least 6 games or more. If no average, then use average at time of bowling, provided entrant has bowled 6 games or more. If no current average, then entrant uses last year's average of at least 9 games. All others will bowl scratch. All averages must be verified.

6. HANDICAP:

All handicaps will be 90% of the difference of players average and 220.

7. AWARDS: Individual trophies will be awarded 1 award for each 10 teams, or major fraction, in each division at the State Championships. All ties in the standings, where awards are given, count as one place. Duplicate awards to be given. Individual Chevrons will be awarded to the Championship Teams in each Division. In the event of a tie for first place -- Co-champions will be declared and duplicate Awards will be presented. A special award will be presented in each team division for high individual scratch and handicap game, high individual scratch and handicap series. A bowler may receive only 1 award in high game category, and only 1 award in high series category.
8. APPEALS & PROTESTS (See Rule 705): Any appeal or protest shall be made in writing and submitted to the ISYABA Tournament Director within 72 hours after the games have been played. This appeal or protest shall state briefly the grounds of appeal or protest. *Appeals*. The decision of the tournament director shall be final unless advised within forty-eight (48) hours an appeal will be filed with the YABA at 5301 So. 76th Street, Greendale, Wisconsin 53129.
9. SCORING: All score sheets must be verified and signed by the team captain and official scorekeeper. All final scores posted will be official. Automatic scoring will be used where available.
10. CLOSING DATE: Reservations will not be held after February 1, 2004. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, February 15, 2004.
11. ENTRY FEES: No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by check or money order for total fees. Make checks payable to Illinois State YABA. No fees will be returned after team has been scheduled. There will be a \$25 fee for any returned checks. The entry fee will be \$4.50 for bowling, \$1.50 for awards, \$4.00 for expenses, and \$2.00 for scholarships. The total per person will be \$12.00.
12. CHECK-IN: All teams must report and check-in at least one hour prior to their scheduled starting time. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRESENT THEIR YABA MEMBERSHIP CARD AT THE TIME OF CHECK-IN.** All cards must have names printed on them.
13. YABA CODE OF ETHICS: Bowlers will strictly adhere to and conduct themselves in accordance with the YABA CODE OF ETHICS AT ALL TIMES while participating in the ISYABA Championship Tournament. No use of tobacco products will be permitted. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed by the spectators unless in designated areas.
14. FOREIGN SUBSTANCE: Use of any foreign substance, such as talcum powder, or moistening of shoes will not be permitted.
15. BOWLERS AREA: No food or drink will be permitted in bowlers area. Only participants in the tournament, tournament officials, and the official scorekeeper will be allowed in the bowlers area. Bowlers must stay in the bowlers area and advise the scorekeeper if they need to leave.
16. DRESS CODE: Bowlers are requested to wear suitable attire while bowling in the ISYABA Championship Tournament. Bowling shoes must be worn. No headgear will be permitted while bowling unless approved by the tournament director. Proper dress will be required: Names, wording, logo, and print indicating alcohol, tobacco, sex and drugs will not be permitted to be worn or used during the tournament.
17. A travel/medical release authorization form is required for all entrants.
18. There is a limit of one ball per bowler on the rack.

19. Entrants must bowl with the same hand as established average used on entry blank.