



44th ANNUAL (2017) NATIONAL DUCKPIN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES



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1. All NDYA-sanctioned bowlers are eligible to compete according to their NDYA division (age as of September 1, 2016: Preps - 7-9; Bantams - 10-12; Juniors - 13-15; Majors: - 16-21). A bowler may compete in their regular age division and/or the next highest age division. The age of the oldest team member will determine the division of the team. **NOTE: PEE WEES (AGES 6 & UNDER) MAY NOT ADVANCE A DIVISION AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.** Pee Wees may compete in the State/Regional Tournament at the state's option.
2. Each team will be comprised of four (4) eligible bowlers and must be from the same bowling center. Teams may be all boys, all girls or any combination of boys and girls. **NOTE:** Travel leagues (i.e., leagues with four (4) or more teams that bowl as a league at two (2) or more bowling centers during the schedule) will be recognized as a separate entity. Substitutes may be used at the State/Regional and National Tournament, and must be eligible under all tournament rules. Teams may not compete with more than two absentee and/or vacant bowlers. Registered teams must pay the full-team entrance fee, regardless of the actual number of bowlers competing in the tournament. Teams with absentee bowlers will receive that bowler's full average and full 80% handicap. Teams with vacant bowlers (or blinds) will receive the following scores and full 80% handicap: Pee Wees - 60; Preps - 70; Bantams - 80; Juniors - 90; Majors - 100. Ineligible bowlers will be disqualified, regardless of when the discovery is made, and the scores will be replaced with the vacant scores listed above.
3. Multiple participation will be permitted under the following conditions:
 - A. Bowlers may enter the tournament as often as there are squads scheduled.
 - B. The same four (4) bowlers may not compete as a team more than once in the same region. The team must change at least one (1) of its original members.
 - C. Should a bowler compete on more than one team, in more than one age division, or in more than one region, and place on a championship team in each region, the bowler's earliest entry will determine which team the bowler will participate on in the National Tournament.
4. All teams will bowl three (3) games. Pee Wees may bowl two (2) games at the state's option.
5. Highest NDYA league average for a minimum of thirty (30) games as of March 1, 2017 will be used (Pee Wees bowling in two-game leagues will have a minimum of fifteen (15) games as of March 1, 2017). A league standing sheet (to include bowler's full name, games, pinfall and average, and league sanction number) must accompany the entry form supporting the reported average.
6. Bowlers will receive a handicap of 80% of 160 scratch, using the official NDYA handicap chart.
7. All matches will be bowled at the times scheduled by the State/Regional Tournament Director. Bowlers should report thirty (30) minutes prior to squad time.
8. Total pinfall, including handicap, will determine the winners.
9. In case of a tie for 1st place only, the teams will bowl three (3) games to determine the winners. The roll-off will take place at a time mutually convenient for the tied teams and the bowling center.
10. The division champions from each state/region will receive a state champion shirt and emblem and will advance to the National Tournament, all expenses paid for hotel accommodations and meals. Transportation to the National Tournament varies by state. All National Tournament finalists must stay in the tournament headquarters hotel. Bedding will be two bowlers per bed and a parental permission form will be signed acknowledging this. **NOTE:** Teams that advance to the National Tournament must be accompanied by a coach at least 21 years of age who has been "green lighted" by the USBC Youth Registered Volunteers Program.
11. NDYA rules take precedence; however, NDBC rules will apply in a situation where a specific NDYA rule does not exist.
12. Rules of conduct: A) no eating, drinking or chewing gum in the bowlers' area during tournament competition; B) only tournament bowlers and their coaches will be permitted in the bowlers' area during the tournament competition; C) rules of conduct will be strictly enforced (i.e., temper); D) no smoking by youth participants at any time while tournament is in progress. Penalties to be announced prior to tournament competition. Caution: refrain from lofting balls.
13. The Tournament Director of the State/Regional Tournament will make any and all decisions not covered by these rules on the state/regional level.
14. The National Tournament will consist of three (3) games plus handicap. The 1st and 2nd place team awards will be based on total pinfall plus handicap. There will also be 1st place scratch team awards and individual scratch awards for high game and set.
15. All bowlers in the National Tournament will have their scores used in a singles ranking competition for the purpose of awarding scholarship awards. The specific information about the scholarships will be announced at the tournament.
16. The scholarship recipients will be able to use their scholarships at an accredited private school (up to grade 12), college or trade school. The National Duckpin Youth Association will make tuition and other registration payments directly to the school after receiving a bill from the school. No money will be paid directly to the bowlers. Bowlers will have until age 25 to use their scholarship money, after which time the scholarship will revert back to the NDYA scholarship fund.
17. The Tournament Director of the National Tournament will make any and all decisions not covered by these rules on the national level.
18. Any and all decisions rendered by the NDYA Tournament Committee will be final.