



# GEORGIA YOUTH BOWLERS TOUR

## TOUR RULES

USBC CERTIFIED #04213 (rev: 06-24-11) SMART ACCT 10962

WEBSITE: [www.georgiaybt.com](http://www.georgiaybt.com)

**Eligibility:** Must be a USBC Certified Youth bowler or USBC Certified Adult bowler age 21 or under.

**Age Divisions:** 11 and Under (Coed), 12 to 15 Boys, 16 to 21 Boys, 12 to 15 Girls, 16 to 21 Girls. Ages are determined as of August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. If a bowler wishes to move up into the next age division before he or she has aged out of their current division, they may do so. However, once they have done this they **will not be allowed** to move back down to their original division for the remainder of the current tour schedule.

**Format:** Bowlers will bowl six games moving one pair of lanes to the right after each game. The top three bowlers with the highest pin count in each division move on to a TV-style stepladder final. The winner of the step ladder will receive a scholarship award. Additional stepladder scholarships may be awarded depending on the number of entries. Scholarship award amounts are based on the number of entries and may vary from event to event. Each event will be a Junior Gold Qualifying event. All ties will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off.

**Junior Gold:** Each event will be a Junior Gold qualifying event. To be eligible for the Junior Gold qualifying portion of this event you **MUST** be a USBC certified youth bowler and a Junior Gold member in good standing. If you are not a Junior Gold member you **MUST** present a current verifiable 21 game average of 175 for boys and 150 for girls, fill out the Junior Gold membership form and pay all applicable dues prior to the entry deadline. Junior Gold membership card and/or average verification will need to be presented at the time of check in. We will qualify a minimum of one in 10. If there are a minimum of 4 girls and 6 boys, one male and one female will qualify for the Junior Gold National Championship. A minimum of six Junior Gold bowlers must be present at each event for the event to be a Junior Gold qualifying event. In the event only six Junior Gold bowlers are present, only one (1) Junior Gold bowler will qualify for the National Tournament. The bowler(s) with the highest six game total will qualify for the Junior Gold National Championship.

(NOTE: Step ladder games will not be included in the six game totals.)

**Dress Code:** All bowlers must wear a shirt with a collar, with jeans or pants. The jeans and pants must be worn up around the waist – this applies to both boys and girls. The bowlers may **NOT** wear hats, tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, T-shirts, bare mid-drifts, shorts, skirts, culottes, capri's, baggy jeans or pants, pajama pants, sweat pants, jeans or pants with holes in them or anything that may be

considered offensive. All bowlers **MUST** be in their bowling attire before check in; if the bowler is not dressed appropriately he or she will not be allowed to check in. **The tournament director and advisor will enforce the dress code; do not risk disqualification for ignoring this rule.**

**T.O.C.:** To qualify for the Tournament of Champions in June a bowler must have participated in at least one event. We strongly encourage all bowlers to participate in all the events as the oil patterns change from event to event. This will better prepare the bowlers for the T.O.C. which will feature three different patterns over two days. *All entries must be received no later than June 9, 2012.* Mail them to Larry Harper, 65 White Birch Dr., Covington GA 30016-5535

**Scholarships:** All awards will be returned 100% in the form of Junior Gold National entries and/or scholarships. All scholarships will be awarded through the SMART program. The Tournament Committee may request the bowler's certification numbers at the time of the scholarship award to help expedite the process, but it is not required in order for the bowler(s) to receive a scholarship award.

**Entries:** Check-In refers to published schedule for times. Bowling begins approximately 1 hour after check in time. All bowlers must COMPLETELY fill out an entry form and show a current USBC certification card (Junior Gold card or average verification if applicable) at the time of check in. A Travel Authorization form **must** be filled out only once – at the first event in which a bowler enters. If this is not done, the bowler will not be allowed to check in. All bowlers **MUST** have their completed entries turned into the tournament office no later than **15 minutes** prior to the start of each shift time. If you are checked in, but arrive late, you will be allowed to bowl but will receive a **zero** for the frames missed. Bowlers will have **15 minutes** to turn their scores into the tournament office after the completion of the shift or they will be disqualified.

**Conduct:** The use of profanity (Verbal or Non Verbal), alcohol or tobacco products by any youth bowler will not be permitted from the time they check in to the time they turn in their score sheet. The first violation of this rule will be a warning; the second violation will be disqualification without a refund. Any rules not specifically listed will be governed by the USBC. We also ask that all adults refrain from the use of profanity, alcohol or tobacco products until all youth bowlers have completed their bowling. Any bowlers or spectators not conducting themselves in an appropriate sportsman-like manner will be disqualified, in the case of the bowler, or asked to leave the tournament area, in the case of a spectator.

**Practice:** No practice will be allowed prior to the beginning or during the 6 game competition. All bowlers will be given 10 minutes of warm up on their starting pair prior to the start of the 6 game competition. Practice will be allowed prior to stepladder competition on lanes that do not have the tournament shot on them; the bowler will be responsible for all practice lineage. If no lanes are available without the tournament shot on them, then **no practice** will be allowed except the 2 balls given to the bowler prior to starting their stepladder competition.

**Tournament Committee:** The tournament committee will handle all disputes and rule violations; the Tournament Committee's decision is final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the format of the stepladder – these includes practice prior to stepladder competition, or cancel a tournament without prior notice, or delay the start of an event up to ten minutes. Please note that the number of recipients of the Junior Gold National Championship entry and scholarships are based on a minimum participation of 20 bowlers.