53rd Annual NCAUSBCA Youth Invitational
Scratch Singles Tournament

MANAGEMENT: The Tournament Director or their appointed representative shall administer all matters of policy and disputes for the tournament including enforcement of lane etiquette and rules of good sportsmanship and conduct.

ELIGIBILITY: The tournament is open by invitation only to youth bowlers certified in the Nation's Capital Area USBC (NCAUSBCA) with a 150 or higher average (141 – Challenge, 135 – Sport) based on the highest league average bowled in certified NCAUSBCA league play. The highest league average AFTER bowling on December 12th, 2022 with a minimum of 12 games will be used; Sport and challenge averages will be adjusted if they are the only average for a bowler. However, if a bowler has a higher fall/winter average on www.bowl.com from last year (2021-2022) then the higher average is the average that must be used. This may change the bowlers division.

ENTRY DATE: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than January 17th, 2023.

FIELD SELECTION: There will be four divisions: **Division A** (average of 195 and above), **Division B** (average of 180 – 194), **Division C** (average of 165 – 179) and **Division D** (average of 150 – 164). Selection of starting fields will be based on average. There will be NO cut after the first round. The field will be cut to 16 bowlers, for each division, at the end of the second round. The field will be cut in half after Round 3 to the final 8 bowlers.

SCHEDULE: Assigned squad times are binding on all participants for all rounds. Alternates will be used for entrants appearing after the start of the game (alternate will step in and bowl when the first ball occurs in the first frame.) At this point, when the first ball has been rolled the alternate becomes the tournament participant and the tardy bowler is eliminated from the tournament. Further, only bowlers who have qualified as an alternate in the previous round may be used as an alternate.

ELIMINATION: This tournament is a 4 round elimination event (4 games per round) with the final elimination round consisting of 8 games. The first and eighth games of the final round will be position rounds. A bowler's accumulated pinfall determines continuation or elimination at the conclusion of each round. The bowler's score sheet will be totaled at the conclusion of each round to determine the total pin count. Failure to turn in the score sheet immediately following each round will result in disqualification. A one game roll off at no additional cost to the bowlers will decide ties for the cutline position during elimination rounds. In case of a tie for the alternate(s) there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off. The winner of the roll off will be the first alternate and the other bowler the second alternate. A similar roll off will be held if the tie is for the second alternate. If an eligible bowler misses any round, he may not return for the balance of the competition. A bowler that is tardy and not replaced by an alternate will receive a zero for each frame missed.

FINAL ROUND: Position standings will be determined on the total pinfall accumulated in all of the elimination rounds plus the pinfall and 30 bonus pins for games won in the final elimination round. A 2 game roll off shall be used in case of a tie for the division winner.

FEES: Each bowler will be charged lineage cost according to prevailing rates and $3.00 per round for expenses. There will also be a fee of $15.00 per round to be used toward scholarships that will be awarded to the top 16 in each division. Fees for Rounds 1 and 2 **must accompany the entry form** and no fees will be refunded once the entry has been processed. Fees for the third and fourth rounds will be collected prior to bowling. Return checks will be assessed a $30 fee. **We are running 2 separate Junior Gold Qualifiers, Rounds 1 and 2. Cost is $40 each, pay at check-in.**

JUNIOR GOLD: Advance ratio is 1 in 4 or a major fraction thereof.

PLAYING RULES: The tournament will be conducted according to the Youth playing rules set forth by the United States Bowling Congress.

SCORING: Each bowler will be responsible for entering each correct score on the score sheets supplied by the tournament. An opponent must certify each game immediately upon completion. Score corrections must be verified by a tournament official or they will not count toward the bowler's pinfall. Scores altered will automatically be voided. Score sheets must be turned in at the completion of each round. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

AWARDS: A plaque, in accordance with USBC Youth regulations, will be awarded to the champion in each division. Scholarships will be awarded to the final 16 in each division and will be administered through the USBC SMART program under Account 9559.

BRACKETS: Scholarship brackets (within each division) will be available during the first two rounds.

OIL PATTERN: The Autobahn oil pattern will be used for all rounds.

UNIFORMS / DRESS CODE: All bowlers will be required to wear a collared shirt during tournament play. Each finalist will be provided a special tournament shirt provided by the tournament to wear during the final round. Bowlers will be neatly dressed while bowling in this tournament. Bowlers wearing shirts with language and/or content that is deemed offensive and/or shows bad taste will be asked to change. **See the attached Youth Tournament Dress Code (Tier 1) for further information.**

SQUAD TIMES: All divisions of the tournament will be scheduled as follows:

Round 1 – Saturday, January 21, 2023 Crofton Bowling Centre   **1:00 pm**
2115 Priest Bridge Drive, Crofton MD 21114 (301) 261-6670

Directions: From the Beltway I-495 take the Route 50 East exit. Go approximately 7 miles to Exit 13A-B-C). Follow Exit 13B – Route 3 North for 2 miles, turn right on Route 450 North and take a right in .3 miles onto Priest Bridge Road.   Bowling center is less than .1 miles on your right.

Round 2 – Sunday, January 22, 2023   B/A Falls Church   **10:00 am**
140 South Maple Avenue, Falls Church VA 22046 (703) 534-1370

Directions: From the Beltway I-495, take the Route 7 East exit. Go approximately 3 miles to Annandale Road -- go right on Annandale Road. At the first light, the center will be on your right.

Round 3 – Saturday   January 28, 2023   Lord Calvert   **11:00 am**

Round 4 – Sunday   February 5, 2023   B/A Shirley   **1:00 pm**

PARTICIPANTS: It is important to get your entry form in and register for the tournament as early as possible due to space availability. Walk in entries will be allowed to enter the tournament provided there is space available once the pre-registered bowlers have checked in.

QUESTIONS: For questions concerning the Dress Code, email Robin Leonard, Tournament Director, at Rcleonard62@gmail.com or call (540) 220-2609. Questions about entry mailing / receipt call Tom Dale, Assistant Tournament Director, (703) 989-8573 or via email at tdale24@yahoo.com