REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Qualifying will consist of eight round-robin baker match games. All teams will return on Day 2 and will be seeded into tiered brackets based on matchplay record.

Matchplay will consist of double elimination, match play brackets. Each match will be decided by best 2 out of 3 game format. Teams will continue bowling until they have lost two matches, thus being eliminated from the tournament.

Each bracket will have a winning team. The team that wins the Tier 1 bracket in each division will be crowned tournament champion.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS RULES

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

• All participants are required to be active members of the United States Bowling Congress in good standing. Divisions are open and not limited to USA Bowling league competitors.

• U12 is defined as participants 11 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2019 in accordance with USBC Rule 400 regarding youth age and eligibility.

• U15 is defined as participants 14 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2019 in accordance with USBC Rule 400 regarding youth age eligibility.

• A player 12 years of age or younger may elect to participate in the U15 division but is then ineligible to compete on an additional U12 team at the same event.

• Teams must consist of no less than four and no more than six players.

• To avoid disqualification, all teams participating must be accompanied on lane by an RVP-approved coach at all times. Coaches RVP may be completed online at bowl.com/rvp.

• Bowlers who require special assistance must indicate it on their entry form so accommodations can be arranged.

• No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry form and fees have been received unless a replacement is requested in writing and the vacated space is filled.

• Bowlers are not allowed to use electronic equipment of any kind in the bowler’s area during competition. Coaches may use equipment only if it is being used to track the bowlers score with a scoring application. A maximum of five bowling balls per entrant is permitted in the bowling center at one time.

• Once an individual has qualified for the National Championship, they are no longer allowed to compete at another Regional Event.

COMPETITION

• Scoring is based on a SCRATCH match play record with no additional handicap.

• One lane courtesy is recognized and will be enforced for this event.

• Check-in will begin one hour prior to each event. All coaches must check-in their teams within 30 minutes of tournament start time. Prior to the start of tournament play, each event will begin with a 15 minute coaches meeting.

• Tournament play will begin with 10 minutes of practice time on your starting pair of lanes prior to qualifying, round 1 of the bracket and championship match.

• Any player not present when competition begins will forfeit participation in their frames and receive a score of (0) until they arrive. Once a player has been removed from a game, he/she cannot return to bowl for the remainder of the game. A maximum 2 substitutes are permitted during each game, only one of which is allowed in the 10th frame of any game.

• Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition including the warm-up session. In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition.

• Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament at any time.

• Teams must submit a team lineup and playing order prior to each Baker game. Any team making an illegal lineup change during a Baker game will forfeit all pins received during the frames bowled illegally.

• In the event of a tie at the end of a bracket match, teams will bowl a 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th frame Baker-style roll-off until a winner is determined.

• DRESS CODE

• Bowlers must compete in appropriate bowling attire. This may include jeans or slacks and a jersey, t-shirt or polo shirt. Shorts, skirts or skorts must be longer than fingertip length when arms are hanging loosely along the sides of the body. No jeans with holes or writing, sweatpants, athletic shorts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless shirts will be allowed.

• Teams can qualify for a PRIDE AWARD by wearing matching attire when they bowl in any event.