

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

The tournament deadline is Sunday, February 19, 2012. All entries must be received on or **before** the specified deadline date. There is a team entry form and a singles entry form. They are on separate sheets. **The entries will be processed on a first come first serve basis.**

This year, the singles event will be bowled on Friday, and the team event Saturday. I will attempt to schedule the bowlers according to divisions. This will continue to give the bowlers a more competitive challenge to bowl against those in their same division.

Remember, membership is open to youth who have not yet reached their 20th birthday as of August 1st of the new season.

You will be able to receive your confirmation via e-mail if you complete the e-mail section on the entry form. If you do not have an e-mail address your confirmations will be mailed.

COMPLETION OF ENTRY FORM

Print legibly or type all information when completing the tournament entry form. Complete the form in its entirety and include the bowler's sex, legal name (no nicknames), TNBA and USBC sanction card numbers, date of birth, age as of August 1st and **average as of January 31, 2012.** In the appropriate section include the senate's name, coach's name, complete address, e-mail address, and telephone number. **Remember that the current league standing sheets and the signed parent permission forms must accompany your entry forms. Entries will not be processed if the permission forms or current standing sheets are not included.** Keep a copy of each submitted entry for your records. Incomplete or improperly filled out entries are subject to return at the discretion of the tournament director.

PARENT PERMISSION FORMS

These forms should be signed by a parent or legal guardian only. There are two parent requests, and they are on the same sheet of paper. **YOU WILL NEED THE FULL SHEET FOR EACH CHILD.** The top half allows their child/children to bowl and the bottom half is for video and press purposes. **Please fill them both out completely. Include the address of the parent/bowler and not the coaches or bowling center address.** If a parent's telephone number is not available, please give an alternate number and note whose number it is. Send the permission slip with the tournament entries. It may be helpful to acquire signatures when your bowlers sign up for their bowling season at the beginning of the year.

Make sure parents are aware of the Code of Conduct. Please give them a copy.

SANCTION CARDS

Every junior bowler that is bowling in the tournament must have a TNBA and USBC sanction card. These cards will not be available for purchase on site and must be secured prior to the processing of the tournament entries. If you need a TNBA card, mail your information to Nettie Cross-King, 5573 Garden St., Maple Hts., Ohio, 44137 and her contact information is (216) 633-2055 or nettieking306@gmail.com. The cost of a TNBA card is \$7.00. If you need USBC information, please contact your local USBC office.

SUBSTITUTION FORMS

Substitution forms need to be completed in its entirety. There are two separate forms: one for team and the other for singles. The forms can be forwarded by mail, fax, or e-mail no later than **March 26, 2012**, for any substitutions known prior to the tournament. **The substitute bowler's name must be listed on the league standing sheet and average verification must be submitted with the substitution form. You must also include a signed permission slip from the parent for the substitute bowler.** If you miss the deadline, all substitution forms should be brought to the tournament site. **Provide a copy of the league standing sheet that verifies the substitute's bowling average as of January 31, 2012, of the current season. You will need this information for both houses if applicable, so BRING TWO COPIES. This on-site substitution form shall then be taken to the assigned lane and an official will make the corrections on the lane.**

Coaches, once your line-ups have been received by the tournament director, you will not be permitted to change entire line-ups or transfer several bowlers from one team to another unless there are no shows on the team. Such changes are time consuming and can cause a major change within the divisions. Bowlers must bowl in the order listed on the submitted entry form. **Bowlers can transfer from one team to another only if both teams are incomplete.**

TOURNAMENT CHECK IN PROCEDURES

Only the coaches are to report to the tournament office to check in their bowlers. Have your bowlers and chaperones remain on the bus or in their vehicle until after you have completed your check in and have received instructions as to where they should enter the building. This will help to alleviate congestion and will give those still bowling ample time and space to exit the lanes. **Please bring all on-site substitution forms along with the league standing sheet, signed parent permission slip, and be prepared to show any sanction cards as may be requested to the tournament staff.** At this time notify the staff of any other changes or corrections. All substitutions **MUST** be completed one (1) hour prior to the starting squad time. Check in, with no substitutions, should be done at least 45 minutes prior to your assigned bowling times.

AWARDS

Coaches are responsible for requesting any and all TNBA and USBC awards that the bowler may qualify for during tournament play.

BOWLING DRESS CODE

Bowlers may only wear khaki or dress slacks. No jeans or jean look-a-likes (pants or skirts) of any kind. Again this is another decision of the coaches. Only bowling shirts or polo shirts with collars may be worn. Mock neck bowling shirts are acceptable. ALL SHIRTS MUST HAVE TNBA OR CRJT INSCRIBED ON THEM. No head gear, (such as: hats, caps, doo rags, scarves, electronic, or telephone equipment), stretch or spandex slacks, sweat pants, jogging pants, short shorts, mini-skirts, halter, tank-tops, sweaters, designer or decorative shirts, undershirts that hang below the shirt, baggy, sagging (wear a belt) or hip-hop pants, athletic or hip hop shirts (if your shirt is 2 sizes too big, it is too large) during tournament play. **Failure to adhere to the dress code could result in disqualification and the bowler WILL be required to leave the lanes.**

The preferred dress is a tucked in at the waist bowling, mock neck or polo shirt with **TNBA or CRJT inscribed**, dress slacks or the appropriate short or skirt length. (Appropriate length can be judged when the bowler is standing up straight, arms and finger tips extended to the side of their body and the length of their skirt or shorts are below the extended fingers.) Displaying of the bowler's name on their shirt would be ideal.

THIS DRESS CODE APPLIES TO ALL JUNIOR BOWLERS.

Coaches, we, the Central Regional Junior Tournament program, need your assistance in enforcing the dress code. The code is the request of you, the Coaches/Coordinators. Start informing your bowlers and parents now!

CHAPERONE EXPECTATIONS

Chaperones are expected to supervise the children that have been assigned to them at **ALL TIMES**. This means to escort them to and from bowling and all other activities that the children are involved. This responsibility also includes hotel activities. The children should not be allowed to wander throughout the hotel, game rooms, or pool area without their chaperone as an escort.

I recognize the temptation to consider this as a mini vacation for yourself, but you must remember you are there for the safety and liability of the children in your care. This even includes our bowlers that may be 18 or over. They, too, are on a junior program sponsored trip and are under your supervision.

Coaches, your chaperones should be a responsible adult at least 21 years of age but not a participating bowler of the tournament. Please review with your chaperones the CRJT expectations as well as your own.

I know that it is sometimes difficult to control the behavior of adults, but as a program we must attempt to do so or at least have some guidelines in place. The reputation of TNBA is always being scrutinized and we certainly want to leave a favorable impression.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS' EXPECTATIONS

We are asking parents to inform their child/children to stay on their lanes and be prepared to bowl when it is their turn. Parents/spectators are to remain in the spectators' area and will not be permitted in the bowlers' settee area or on the lanes. **COACHING IS DEFINITELY NOT ALLOWED IN THE BOWLING AREA.**

As you know, many establishments are becoming smoke free or have designated areas for smoking. Please adhere to the centers rules. During the tournament, we ask that alcoholic beverages are not served, and if this is not possible, a designated area is requested. We would hope you will refrain from the use of either, but if it is necessary, please do so in the designated areas. No smoking or drinking will be allowed neither in the bowlers' area nor in the spectators' section.

PICTURES

We will have a photographer on site to take pictures. This will provide an opportunity for the bowlers/spectators to take individual or team photos that can be purchased for a nominal fee. Please encourage your parents to sign the video and press permission slip so we can continue to develop promotional materials for our photo gallery.

HOTEL REGISTRATION

THE RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2012. All request will be honored on a first come, first serve basis. **Your requests should be made directly with the hotel. You must submit a housing list to the hotel prior to your arrival.** If you have difficulty reserving a room due to availability, contact Marian Kirby at (989) 777-6624. Availability is limited, but we may be able to increase our contracted number of rooms in order to accommodate your group. We will also attempt to have a CRJT staff representative and/or security available at each hotel for any assistance you may need.

Please understand that hotel establishments do have certain requirements for groups, and many are requiring you to sign a damage liability agreement. They expect that **ONE** person will check-in and check-out the entire group. An exception is made for those arriving a full day or more in advance of the entire group. **Have your group remain in the bus/vehicle until you have completed check-in. Do not permit them to congregate in the lobby and hallways.** Check in time is usually 3:00 p.m.

Room occupancy is four (4) people to a room. This is a fire code law. Any and all additional person(s) will be charged. **The room chaperone should be one of the four (4).** Adjoining rooms are limited if available at all. The same generally applies for rollaway beds. In many cases, this is an extra cost. Please indicate your request to the reservationists if you need a crib, rollaway, or an adjoining room.

It is suggested that you check your room balances late on the evening before your departure, getting printouts of all phone, room, or incidental charges, collect the money, and then pay these charges upon check-out. If you use a credit card for payment, this will help to alleviate any incidental charges to your card from your group.

HOTEL RULES & CURFEW

Chaperones are expected to accompany their group throughout the facility and the outside grounds. There should be no loitering, horseplay, running or loud music/noise in the hallways, hotel rooms or pool area. A chaperone must accompany and remain with the bowlers at the pool. Our juniors will not be permitted in the complimentary business area of the hotels.

Curfews and noise levels are generally established by the hotel. If not, all CRJT bowlers have a 10:00 p.m. curfew unless accompanied by a chaperone, parent, or guardian.

Security will insist that you adhere to the rules and curfew. They will escort children back to their rooms unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or chaperone. It is strongly suggested that each individual carry identification. Failure to comply with the hotel rules and curfew could subject the person to arrest and/or suspension from future tournaments.

SECURITY

CRJT security will be on the premises of the endorsed hotel(s) and bowling lanes. They will be easily identifiable and will ensure that all are adhering to the rules of TNBA as well as the hotel(s) and bowling establishments. Volunteers to assist with security are needed. If you are interested or have someone that you would like to recommend please contact J. Nevelle Kirby at (989) 430-6591.

AWARDS BANQUET

MARCH 4, 2012, IS THE DEADLINE FOR BANQUET TICKETS. ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. The banquet coordinator is Lorita W. Simon. You may send your request for tickets and payment to: 1558 Forest Hill Ave., Flint, Michigan 48504. Her contact information is (810) 235-9379 or lsimon395@hotmail.com. **Make all certified checks or money orders payable to TNBA Central Regional Junior Tournament Fund.**

The banquet is a pre-pay event and tickets will not be available at the door. The banquet will be held on **Saturday, April 6, 2012**, from 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The cost of the banquet is \$25.00 per person. **The location will be at the headquarters hotel. The menu will be acceptable to all and variances of meal requirements have been considered.**

You **MUST HAVE A TICKET** to enter. The ticket will be collected at the door and you must have a ticket stub to exit and re-enter the room. Remind your bowlers that this is not a drop-in affair. Seating is assigned and done on the first come, first serve basis.

The dress code for the banquet is semi-formal (dress up). Wear khaki or dress slacks. No jeans, or jean look-a-likes, or sneakers will be permitted, nor will head gear of any kind (such as: hats, caps, doo rags or scarves), short shorts, stretch or spandex slacks, mini-skirts, halter, tank-tops, undershirts hanging below their shirt, baggy, sagging, sweat, jogging or hip-hop pants, athletic or hip hop shirts. Failure to adhere to the dress code will result in no admittance. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

SOUVENIR BOOK

THE DEADLINE FOR ADS IS MARCH 3, 2012.

The ads for the souvenir book may be mailed to Dawnette Jefferson at 1325 Green Ridge Dr., Flint, Michigan 48532. Her telephone number is (810) 691-19982. Her e-mail address is recoveringsista52@att.net.

Complete and send in the Ad Rate Sheet along with your advertisement. It is helpful whenever possible to forward the original business card or photo. Photos will be returned at your request. **Make all certified checks or money orders payable to TNBA Central Regional Junior Tournament Fund.**

Please support the book and contact your Senate, bowling center, parents, awards supplier, bowling leagues, church, your barber/beautician, and other places of business to obtain ads.

Any person or business placing an ad will receive a book. If any extra books are available they may be purchased for \$5.00 (five dollars) while supplies last. The books will not be placed on the tables at the banquet.

Coaches, please remember to advice and ask your parents to place an ad for their child.

WORLD WIDE ORIGINS

This is our official TNBA vendor. They will be on site with TNBA bowling apparel and souvenirs for sale. Please visit the booth and make purchases to support the organization. World Wide Origins can also assist you with your local Senate purchases. You may contact Terry Carter at 404-305-7878.