



# 47th ANNUAL (2020) NATIONAL DUCKPIN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP RULES



All NDYA-sanctioned bowlers are eligible to compete in the State/Regional Team Championships, held each spring in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, and three regions in Maryland. Winning teams in each age division advance at no cost to the National Team Championships, to be held this year at AMF Southwest, in Linthicum, Maryland, on 24-25 July 2020.

## STATE/REGIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. Bowlers compete according to their NDYA age division (age as of September 1, 2019: Preps (7 - 9); Bantams (10 - 12); Juniors (13 - 15); Majors (16 - 21)). Pee Wees (ages 6 and under) may compete in the State/Regional Championships at the state's option but are NOT eligible for the National Tournament. A bowler, including Pee Wees, may compete in their age division and/or the next highest division. The age of the oldest team member will determine the division. Teams may be all boys, all girls, or any combination.
2. Each team is comprised of four eligible bowlers from the same bowling center. Travel leagues (i.e., leagues with four or more teams that bowl as a league at two or more bowling centers during the schedule) will be recognized as separate entities. 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 a vacant bowler (or blind) 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. Bowlers may enter the State/Regional tournament as often as they like; however, the same four bowlers may not compete as a team more than once in the same region (the team must change at least one of its original members). Should a bowler compete on more than one team, in more than one age division, or in more than one region, and place on multiple championship teams, the bowler's earliest entry will determine which team the bowler will participate on in the National Tournament.
4. Teams bowl 3 games. Pee Wees may bowl two at the state's option.
5. Highest NDYA league average for a minimum of 24 games as of March 1, 2020 will be used. Pee Wees bowling in a two-game league will have a minimum of 15 games as of March 1, 2020, but must have 24 games to move up to a Prep team. A league standing sheet (to include bowler's full name, games, pinfall, average, and league sanction number) must accompany the entry form supporting the reported averages.
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 30 minutes prior to squad time.
8. Total pinfall, including handicap, will determine the winners. Teams tied for 1st place only will bowl a three-game match to determine the winners. The roll-off will occur at a time mutually convenient for the tied teams and the bowling center.
9. Rules of conduct will be strictly enforced: A) no eating, drinking, or chewing gum in the bowlers' area; B) only tournament bowlers/coaches are permitted in the bowlers' area; C) no smoking or vaping by youth participants at any time while the tournament is in progress. Penalties to be announced prior to the tournament competition. Caution: All bowlers should refrain from lofting balls.
10. All NDYA rules apply; NDBC rules will apply in situations where a specific NDYA rule does not exist. The State/Regional Tournament Director will make any and all decisions not covered by these rules.

## NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. The division champions from each state/region receive a state champion shirt and emblem, and advance to the National Tournament. Transportation and rooming are not provided. NOTE: Teams advancing to the National Tournament must be accompanied by a coach at least 25 years of age who has been "green-lighted" by the USBC Youth Registered Volunteer Program.
2. The National Tournament consists of 3 games plus handicap. The 1st and 2nd place team awards are based on total pinfall plus handicap. There will also be 1st place scratch team awards and individual scratch awards for high game and high set.
3. National Tournament participants will have their scores used in a singles ranking competition for the purpose of awarding four special scholarships – Boy/Girl High Set Scratch, Boy/Girl High Set Handicap. Scholarship recipients may use their scholarships at any accredited private school (up to grade 12), college, or trade school. The NDYA 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 bowlers. Bowlers have until age 25 to use their scholarship money, after which time the scholarship will revert back to the NDYA Scholarship Fund.
4. All bowlers in the National Tournament will also compete free of charge in a Pro-Am Tournament, consisting of 3 games plus 80% handicap. Pros will change lanes after each game and will be guaranteed a score of 140.
5. All NDYA rules apply; NDBC rules apply in situations where a specific NDYA rule does not exist. The National Tournament Director will make any and all decisions not covered by these rules. Any and all decisions rendered by the NDYA Tournament Committee will be final.