

**2009-10 TEXAS ALL STAR YOUTH PROGRAM  
PARTICIPATION FORM**

CENTER \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

A franchise fee of \$ 120 per team is allowed with a maximum of two (2) teams per center for each member-bowling center. Fees are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Centers are eligible to join after August 31<sup>st</sup> at \$ 140 per team. Competition is not to begin until all centers have paid the franchise fee and the district is approved by TBCA.

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SIGNED BY (CENTER REPRESENTATIVE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF DISTRICT COORDINATOR      PHONE NUMBER OF  
DISTRICT  
COORDINATOR WHO  
WE CAN REACH DURING  
THE DAY.

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:**

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## **GUIDELINES AND QUALIFYING PROCEDURES FOR THE TEXAS ALL STAR YOUTH BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

**The Texas All Star Youth Bowling Association is designed to promote competitive bowling among juniors and majors. Anyone who has dropped out of school will not be eligible. This program is being conducted under the supervision and direction of the Texas All-Star Youth Bowling Association. Medal awards are given at the state level for all honor scores ( 300 game, 299 game, 298 game, 800 series and 11 in a row) Participants must be 12 years of age as of August 1st, and have not graduated from high school.**

**The Texas Bowling Centers Association is conducting the TASYBA with the direct purpose of encouraging the promotion of competitive youth bowling statewide.**

**Every bowling center is eligible to compete and host a district meet.**

### **FEES**

**A franchise fee of \$120.00 per team is allowed with a maximum of two (2) teams per center for each member-bowling center. \$35.00 per lane is the fee for non-TBCA member centers entering a team in the TEXAS ALL-STAR YOUTH BOWLING ASSOCIATION. *Fees are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>.* Centers are eligible to join after August 31st, but the fees increase to *\$140.00.***

**The following describes the steps involved in conducting the Texas All Star Youth Bowling Association district and state tournaments.**

### **HANDICAP DIVISION**

#### **Format and Schedule:**

**1. Each region will have districts consisting of 2 to 10 teams. The playing strength of each team will be 5 persons, with any number of boys and girls being allowed to participate on a team. A region may consist of 10 teams if they split and divide equally the number of teams, for example: 10 teams can bowl if they are split 5 north and 5 south. If the district has 10 teams, then 5 will advance. With a split district the following applies: (1) Take the top points from the combined districts to advance 5 teams; (2) take the top two teams from each North and South, then... have a roll-off between the 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams, North & South.**

**Each team roster is limited to 5 players at district and state meets. Alternates must have earned the right to travel with the team, by being the next best performer vying for a position on the team, and participate in the event of illness, injury or absence of one of the top five qualifiers.**

**The district schedule may begin as early as September if the franchise fee is paid. The district schedule must be completed by March 31st.**

**A report from each district coordinator including final average sheet containing names, averages, age**

**for all bowlers advancing to the state finals must be sent to TBCA by April 13th.**

**The state finals will be held on the first weekend in May with the chairman of the TBCA Youth Committee as the State Director.**

### **DISTRICT QUALIFYING**

**Each bowling center will establish its own program for qualifying its team to represent that center in the monthly district contest. Each youth bowler must qualify in some manner excluding High School Bowling district matches and travel leagues. Each team member must be an active participant in a league in the center he/she is representing.**

**Total pins plus handicap must be used to determine members of each team in district competition. The following format is recommended for use in determining your traveling team each month.**

**Each center will take their top 5 participants based on handicap results from weekly league competition or a monthly qualifying tournament. The average to be used in this qualifying will be the bowlers highest league average. The handicap to be used is 90% of 220. The sixth highest qualifier will be the alternate. If a qualifier(s), in order, must be selected. It is a requirement that each center submit proof of qualifying with averages for each district meet to the All Star District Coordinator. Failure to provide such qualifying within one week will result in that centers team to forfeit points at that meets.**

**Highest certified verifiable current average from all centers/leagues with a minimum 9-games for the first district meet. All youth without a verifiable average will bowl scratch.**

**All ties pertaining to advancement to district play will be decided by most pins plus handicap over average during the duration of that level of competition.**

**NO One is allowed to appoint bowlers for their team. High averages and scratch scores are not permitted to be used in determining team members.**

**All juniors and majors (defined by USBC 12-18) in a center's All-Star Youth Program should be given the opportunity to qualify for each district tournament.**

**In determining a two-team situation (Team A and Team B) centers that have more than 30 eligible participants may qualify two (2) teams from the center. The designated bowlers cannot compete on both teams. The roster must be separate individuals on each team.**

#### **DISTRICT COMPETITION**

**a. The District Coordinator shall sanction district tournaments through USBC. The handicap to be used is 90% of 220. District competition will be conducted one, two or three times a month until all teams in the district have hosted a competition.**

**Each meet shall consist of two-3 game sets bowled on lanes based on regular league schedule determined by the number of teams participating.**

**b. Points in district meets will be awarded to all teams based on total pins plus handicap for six games. Coaches may use substitutes after any game. During a game, only emergency situations will warrant a change of line up. If no alternate is available zero points will be given for the remainder of that game.**

**For Example:**

**If there are 6 teams in the district, and then first place is worth 6 points, second place is worth 5 points and so forth.**

**If there are four teams in the district, then 4 points will be awarded to first place and 3 points will be awarded to second place, and so on. If there is a tie, total points available will be divided by the number of teams tied.**

**Team strength is 5 persons, 4 or fewer persons may bowl but no vacancy or absentee score may be used. All games must be bowled as scheduled unless they are postponed or prebowed by authorization of the District Coordinator.**

**A postponement must be requested prior to the scheduled meet time except in emergency situations. A postponement must be granted when a team is unable to provide a legal lineup (5 members) due to reasons beyond its control. Reasons beyond its**

**control are accidents, sickness, etc. Reasons not acceptable are bowlers wanting to bowl in another tournament. Make-up games must be made up prior to the next scheduled match.**

**Alternates from all teams may bowl as a "pacer team" in district meets. Alternates' scores will not count in district meets, standings or for individual averages, but will count for grand prix points.**

**No District's Local Rules may supercede the Texas all-star Youth Bowling Association rules.**

**At the conclusion of the district schedule, 50% of the teams with the most cumulative points will advance to the state tournament. If there are an odd number of teams in the district, round up to determine the number of teams qualifying for state. The ratio for advancement to the state finals is as follows: 2 teams – 1 to state, 3 teams - 2 to state, 4 teams – 2 to state, 5 teams – 3 to state, 6 teams – 3 to state, 7 teams – 4 to state, 8 teams – 4 to state, 9 teams – 5 to state, 10 teams – 5 to state.**

**If two or more teams are tied for the final spot to advance to state, a one game roll-off will be used to break ties at the conclusion of district play. Total pins plus handicap will determine advancement to state finals. If a tie still exists after the one game roll-off, additional 9th and 10th frames will be bowled until the final qualifier is determined. It is a requirement that each center's representative bring proof of qualifying and averages to each district meet.**

## **STATE TOURNAMENT**

**a. Each team advancing from district competition will consist of 5 players and one alternate. The handicap to be used is 90% of 220.**

**b. Bowlers selected for an advancing center's state tournament team will be those bowlers with the most games bowled in district competition for that center. Games bowled as an alternate will not count for qualifying for the state team but may be used as a tiebreaker if bowlers have the same number of district qualifying games. If district qualifying games and alternate games are identical, the bowler with the high handicap 3-game series during district competition will qualify.**

**c. State tournament averages used for bowlers with less than 18 district games will be the highest league average as of April 1<sup>st</sup> to include all travel league averages (minimum 21 games). Any bowler who has bowled at least 18 games in district competition will use that average for state tournament average.**

**d. All teams bowling in the state finals will open with two 3-game blocks on Saturday. The alternates in the 6 player's team would be included in legal line up per the center's tournament report. Coaches may use substitutes after any game. During a game, only emergency situations will warrant a change of line up. If no alternate is available zero points will be given for the remainder of that game.**

**A ten-minute break will be given between blocks. The teams will then rotate lanes based on regular league schedule determined by the number of teams. They will bowl the third 3-game block on Sunday. A cut to the top 8 teams is determined by the total pins plus handicap for the 9 games.**

**PACERS:**

**If there is an uneven number of teams at the State Tournament, the alternates will be given the opportunity to bowl on a “ pacer “ team. Coaches are advised to sign up their alternate for the pacer team upon check-in. Should there be more than 5 alternates desiring to bowl, they will be rotated at the end of each 3-game set. The purpose of the pacer team is to simply “ pace” alongside a team that would otherwise be unopposed, and the pacer team is not in contention for the “ top 8”.**

**It also gives the alternates a chance to stay warmed up should they be needed to bowl with their center’s team. Scores bowled as a “pacer” are not considered in determining the “All State Team.”**

**All ties to determine the top 8 places will be decided by a one game baker format roll-off. If a tie results in any game an additional 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> will be rolled until a winner of that game is determined.**

**The final 8 teams will then bowl a single elimination seeded bracket. The winners of each match will be determined by the best 2 out of 3 single baker game format. One-fifth of each team’s total handicap will be used for baker competition. If a tie results at any**

level of the finals, additional 9th and 10th frames will be bowled until a winner of that level is determined.

Each team will receive two practice balls per lane on the final pair of lanes.

### AWARDS PROGRAM

Awards are given to the top 8 teams from the finals.

Awards are given for 6 individuals who are considered the “All State Team.”

### ALL STATE TEAM

At the conclusion of 9 games of qualifying, the 6 bowlers with the most pins over average will be selected as the All State Team. *To be considered for this honor a bowler must have bowled a minimum of 6 games in the State Competition. Formula used: Bowler’s total pinfall (min.6 gms) minus bowler’s average x # of games bowled by said bowler.* Each “All State Bowler” will receive a medal noting this achievement.

### STATE CHAMPION

The State Champion will be determined by the winner of the 8 team bracket. That team will receive the All Star State Champion traveling trophy, to be engraved with the name of the team members. This trophy will be kept until the following years state tournament.

## DRESS CODES FOR ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION

### **1. Attire for District Competition:**

a) Participants may wear skirts, long pants or walking shorts. We define walking shorts as close to knee-length. If the bowlers place their hands straight down at their sides and are able to touch skin then the shorts or *skirts* are **NOT LONG ENOUGH** and the bowler will be required to change clothing before competing in the tournament. In addition, all attire must be hemmed, not rolled.

b) All shirts and blouses worn **WILL HAVE SLEEVES** and be long enough to be tucked in. However, we do not require the bowlers to tuck in their shirts.

c) The following attire is **NOT ALLOWED**: Athletic shorts, bicycle pants, soccer shorts, tank tops, halter tops, abbreviated tops, sleeveless shirts or blouses, undershirts, hats, caps, bandanas, or *revealing* attire.

d) Final decision concerning the dress code rests with the tournament director.

### **2. ATTIRE FOR STATE FINALS :**

**Slacks or “nice looking “ jeans only (No baggy pants or shorts) *Shirts for the State Finals will be as follows: All team members must be wearing same color collared shirts with their center logo.***

## **GRAND PRIX POINTS**

**The Texas All-Star Youth Bowling Association receives 25% of all Grand Prix state funds.**

### ***District Level***

**2 points per game at district meets**

### ***State Level***

**10 points per game (including Baker)**

**Alternate receives the same points as team members provided the alternate goes to the meet and is ready to bowl. Youth bowlers do not have to be registered in the Grand Prix program to participate in All-Star Youth Bowling Association.**

***THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR USE OF ALCOHOL WHILE AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE OR DURING TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES.***

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