

2026-2027 Rules for the Pennsylvania Junior Bowlers Tournament Series (PJBT)

1. **Eligibility:** PJBT 21 & Under events are open to all bowlers born on or after 8/2/2004, regardless of sanctioning.
2. **Divisions:** Bowlers may compete in scratch or handicap divisions. Handicap is 90% of 200. Scratch is scratch based on 200.
3. **Check-in/Dress Code:** Bowlers must physically check themselves in before participating. Check-in opens 60 minutes prior to listed start time. Bowlers do not have to be sanctioned with USBC to compete. Bowlers participating in their first event must have verification of average (league standing sheet or bowl.com printout). Suitable wardrobe is required by all 21 & under bowlers. Khaki or dress pants or shorts are allowed. Sweatpants are NOT permitted. Shirts must have sleeves and collars or mock collars. No t-shirts, tank tops, blue jeans are permitted. No hats or i-pods are permitted while bowling. Bowlers will be given one warning verbally, and only at their first event of the season. Tournament Management has final say on Dress Code Issues. Bowlers can be denied entry into tournaments for not meeting dress code requirements. Final calls are made by tournament management and are final.
4. **Entry Fees & Membership:** Entry is \$50.00 per event (\$20.00 bowling, \$18.00 prize fund, \$3.00 plaques, \$8.50 expenses & credit card fees, \$0.50 invitational scholarship fund). Bowlers purchasing a PJBT membership pay only \$35.00 per event (\$3.50 expenses instead of \$8.50). Membership cost is a one-time \$35.00 fee. Discounts apply at all singles events, unless otherwise noted on separate flyers.
5. **Payment for Entry:** The PJBT offers a credit card service to our parents and bowlers. We will accept CASH OR CREDIT FOR PAYMENT. **NO checks accepted for any event. PayPal & Venmo options available.** We ask you please bring your debit / credit card for payment if you don't have cash. **PLEASE NOTE: If you choose to use your debit/credit card, there will be a convenience fee charged also.**
6. **Format:** Unless stated on separate flyers or at opening announcements, the following is the format for all singles events... All bowlers bowl 5 games across 10 lanes. The top 40% in each division advance to the eliminator round. After the eliminator rounds, the top bowlers advance to a stepladder final unless otherwise announced. All major events will have different finals formats, stated during announcements. Any ties for final spots are broken with a 9th/10th frame rolloff. If rolloff ends in a tie, we go to one-ball rolloff.
7. **Averages:** All bowlers must use their highest USBC-certified average from 2025-2026: certified leagues (21 games), certified summer leagues (21 games), high school leagues (21 games), PJBT recreational pattern events (16 games), or PJBT challenge shot events (16 games). Bowlers with no average must bowl scratch. Verification of average is the bowler's responsibility. **IF ANY AVERAGE FOR 2026-2027 IS HIGHER....THAT AVERAGE MUST BE USED.** Failure to use highest average will disqualify all scores. Bowlers must notify tournament officials of any average changes prior to the end of the first game. Also, it is BOWLERS RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT BOWLING IN A SPORT LEAGUE....so average can be rerated using USBC Conversion Chart....if that is their only average. Bowlers always use highest average no matter what pattern we are competing on. **Not all bowlers have sport averages. Younger bowlers MUST enter with a minimum average of 75 or above. Bowlers entering with average under 75 must use 75 in the event.**
8. **Division Rules:** Bowlers who have competed in the scratch division and maintained an average of at least 200 for 15 games must compete in scratch for all future singles events, as long as the average stays above 200.00. Bowlers who start the season in handicap and improve to a 200 average may stay in handicap, as long as their average does not exceed 205.00. Once the average is above 205.00, the bowler must bowl scratch and cannot return to handicap until the average is below 200.00. If average is above 205, bowlers are not eligible to compete in handicap xmas tournament. Most events this year will have 3 divisions of Scratch / Handicap & Women's Only Scratch for singles events. 2 Divisions for Specialty Events.
9. **Bowling Lane Patterns:** The PJBT will be using Kegel Patterns for all events. PJBT uses recreational Kegel Patterns for Rec Pattern events and Random Challenge Patterns for Majors. PATTERNS WILL BE POSTED AT CHECK-IN.

- 10. Bowling Ball Surface:** Bowlers may alter the surface of any of their bowling balls during practice sessions of any block. Once practice concludes, bowlers may not alter the surface of any bowling ball for any reason. Bowlers using rosin on their bowling ball must wipe the surface clean before rolling their next shot. Bowlers who do not abide by this rule will be given a warning first, and will be disqualified for any subsequent violations. The tournament directors' decision on this rule is final.
- 11. Final Decisions:** Tournament directors have final say on any rule decisions. Tournament directors have the right to turn any bowler away. Once a bowler has entered an event & paid their entry fee, no refunds are granted.
- 12. Scholarships & Awards:** Unless announced at the beginning of each event, at least the top 4 bowlers in each division earn awards and scholarship money. Bowlers may earn scholarships at every event. No cash is handed out at any PJBT singles events and/or to any youth bowlers. All scholarship money is returned 100%. All invitational funds are returned 100% at the invitational. **Scholarship payout ratio is 1:6.** Scholarship Funds will be held and managed by MAPS (Management Account of PJBT Scholarship).
- 13. Disqualification:** If a bowler is disqualified during or after competition has concluded, the bowler will be placed last. Bowlers found cheating on scores are disqualified immediately upon audit. Bowlers not returning their scorecard to the tournament director will not receive credit for participating, and their scores will not count. This includes bowlers who do not fill in last game scores. Bowlers found to be deliberately not giving their best effort during any game may have that score disqualified for average purposes. Bowlers caught unlawfully taking others' property are subject to loss of all PJBT privileges. **USAGE OF ANY KIND OF TABACCO PRODUCT BY YOUTH BOWLERS DURING COMPETITION IS PROHIBITED. BOWLERS CAUGHT USING TABACCO PRODUCTS AT ANY TIME DURING COMPETITION IN WHICH HE/SHE IS PARTICIPATING WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- 14. Other Registration Events:** Events requiring advance registration will have separate flyers available at tournaments and at pjbtbowlingseries.com. These events require a deposit to guarantee entry. No discounts are granted to phone or e-mail reservations for these events; payment must accompany reservations.
- 15. Invitational:** At season's end, the PJBT Invitational Championship is contested. Bowlers qualify for this event through points earned at each event during the season. Separate standings are kept for scratch division and handicap division bowlers. Bowlers earn points at each event (100 points for participating and up to 200 additional points based on finishing position), and double points at major events. Full point system details are available at pjbtbowlingseries.com. To qualify for the invitational, bowlers must meet the following criteria:
- a) The top 70 Bowlers in each division, ALL BASED ON POINTS will advance to the championship. Additional bowlers by standings will be invited to fill the division field of 70.
 - b) The top boy and girl in both the scratch division and handicap division point systems earn a bonus scholarship at season's end. Bowlers who participate in 80% of events will earn an award, and plaques will be given out for high avg, high series, and best match play record.
- 16. Weather:** If an event must be delayed, relocated or postponed for any reason, notices will be posted on pjbtbowlingseries.com and on Facebook (PJBT & JuniorBowling.com).
- 17. Contact Information:**
- ** All tournament pdf Flyers & Information Online at www.pjbtbowlingseries.com ****
- ** PJBT Information Page on Facebook – most up to date information each week about the tour ****

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