



PBA JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

**ALL WINNERS IN 2024 PBA JR. REGIONAL QUALIFIERS ARE
INVITED TO THE PBA JR. FINALS IN EARLY 2025**

PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

EARN SMART SCHOLARSHIPS & BECOME A PBA JR. CHAMPION!

- \$2,000 ADDED **SMART FUNDS** FOR EACH REGIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT
- OPEN TO ALL YOUTH BOWLERS **UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

(As of December 31, 2023)

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Event	Tournament Start Date	Center Name	City	State
PBA Jr. West Regional Qualifier	Friday, March 8, 2024	Bowlero North Sacramento	North Sacramento	CA
PBA Jr. South Regional Qualifier	Friday, April 12, 2024	Bowlero Altamonte	Altamonte Springs	FL
PBA Jr. South Regional Qualifier	Friday, May 3, 2024	Bowl America Southwest	Midlothian	VA
PBA Jr. East Regional Qualifier	Friday, May 24, 2024	Bowlero North Brunswick	North Brunswick	NJ
PBA Jr. MW/Central Regional Qualifier	Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Sun Valley Lanes & Games	Lincoln	NE
PBA Jr. Southwest Regional Qualifier	Friday, June 28, 2024	Bowlero Thousand Oaks	San Antonio	TX
PBA Jr. South Regional Qualifier	Friday, September 6, 2024	Myrtle Beach Bowl	Myrtle Beach	SC
PBA Jr. MW/Central Regional Qualifier	Friday, September 20, 2024	Bowlero Vernon Hills	Vernon Hills	IL
PBA Jr. Southwest Regional Qualifier	Friday, October 4, 2024	Northrock Lanes	Wichita	KS
PBA Jr. West Regional Qualifier	Friday, October 18, 2024	Bowlero Gilbert	Gilbert	AZ
PBA Jr. West Regional Qualifier	Friday, November 15, 2024	TBD	Oahu	HI
PBA Jr. East Regional Qualifier	Friday, December 6, 2024	East Providence Lanes	East Providence	RI

ENTRY FEE Regular \$179 • PBA Jr. Member \$129 *Become a PBA Jr. member and save \$50 on the entry fee!*

FRIDAY

OFFICIAL PRACTICE SESSION (TBD PER LOCATION)
O'Neill / McEwan / Tackett patterns; included in entry fee

SATURDAY

Roll Call - 8:30AM

QUALIFYING - Block #1

(ALL BOWLERS / 5 GAMES / PBA O'Neill oil pattern) - 9:00AM - 12:00PM

QUALIFYING - Block #2

(ALL BOWLERS / 5 GAMES / PBA McEwan oil pattern) - 2:00PM - 5:00PM

SUNDAY

QUALIFYING - Block #3

(ALL BOWLERS / 5 GAMES / PBA Tackett oil pattern) - 9:00AM - 12:00AM

Cut to top 16 bowlers in each division

ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Top 12 in each Division; single elimination; seeds #1 through #4 get first round bye) - 1:30PM - 3:30PM

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The first place winner / Champion in each division (U18 Boys, U18 Girls, U15 Mixed) at every PBA Jr. Regional Qualifier tournament will be invited to compete in the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals in early 2025 at a date and location to be determined.

2024-25 PBA JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

2. The PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifier (Regional Qualifier) tournaments are open to all male and female youth bowlers who have not yet reached the age of 18 as of December 31, 2023. All participants must be USBC Youth Members. If a youth bowler is not currently a USBC Youth member, they should contact USBC at 817-385-8426 prior to the start of competition to purchase a membership.
3. The PBA Junior National Championship Regional Qualifiers and PBA Jr. National Championship Finals (PBA Jr. Finals) are certified by the USBC.
4. All scores in this tournament are SCRATCH, no handicap. SMART Scholarships will be awarded (SMART account #10917) on a point basis. See SMART Policy Manual for point conversion.
5. Entry fees shall be as follows:
 - a. **PBA JR. CLUB MEMBERS:** \$129 per bowler
 - b. **REGULAR:** \$179 per bowler
6. **PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL QUALIFIERS:**
 - a. **DIVISIONS:** This tournament will have 3 divisions: U18 Boys, U18 Girls and U15 Mixed.
 - i. The division will be determined by the age of the junior bowler as of December 31, 2023.
 - I. U18 bowlers must be age 17 or younger on December 31, 2023
 - II. U15 Mixed bowlers must be age 14 or younger on December 31, 2023
 - a. Juniors who are age eligible to compete in the U15 Mixed division may choose to move up to the U18 division for the Regional Qualifiers if they desire. **IMPORTANT:** U15 Mixed bowlers will “declare” their division choice for all of the 2024 calendar year based on the first Regional Qualifier in which they participate. For example, If a U15 Mixed age eligible bowler chooses to compete in a U18 division in their first event, they will only be allowed to compete in that same U18 division the entire year. If a U15 Mixed age eligible bowler competes in the U15 Mixed division in their first event, they may only compete in the U15 Mixed division the entire year.
 - b. **ADVANCEMENT:** The first place finisher in each division of each Regional Qualifier will advance to the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals to be held in early 2025.
 - i. The Championship Match for the U18 Boys and U18 Girls divisions will be televised on FOX Sports (FS1).
 - c. **NUMBER OF REGIONAL QUALIFIERS:** There will be twelve (12) PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifier Tournaments conducted during the 2024 calendar year. A minimum of two (2) Regional Qualifiers will be held in each of the five PBA Jr. Regions, with one additional Regional Qualifier being held in two of the five PBA Jr. Regions.
 - d. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION: Junior bowlers may participate in more than one Regional Qualifier,** however they may only earn one (1) spot in the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals.
 - i. If a junior has already earned a spot in the PBA Jr. Finals and participates in a subsequent Regional Qualifier, the junior is eligible to earn the SMART scholarships allocated for the position they place in the final standings.
 - ii. If a junior has already earned a spot in the PBA Jr. Finals, participates in a subsequent Regional Qualifier and finishes in first place, the bowler finishing in second place for that Regional Qualifier will be awarded the spot in the PBA Jr. Finals. If the second place bowler has also already earned a spot in the PBA Jr. Finals, the spot will be awarded to the bowler finishing in third place (and so on).
 - e. **PBA JR. JIM WELCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP POINTS:** PBA Jr. Members who participate in any PBA Jr. Regional Qualifier will earn Tier 1 points for the PBA Jr. Jim Welch Memorial Scholarship.
 - f. **DATES & LOCATIONS:** The PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifiers will be held on the dates and locations listed on PBA.com. NOTE: Dates and locations are subject to change.
 - g. **FORMAT (each division):**
 - i. All bowlers will bowl a total of fifteen (15) games in three separate Qualifying blocks: five (5) games in Block #1 on Saturday morning, five (5) games in Block #2 on Saturday afternoon, and five (5) games in Block #3 on Sunday morning. Each 5-game block will be bowled on a different PBA Jr. oil pattern (PBA Jr. O'Neill – 36; PBA Jr. McEwan – 41; PBA Jr. Tackett – 44).
 - ii. At the conclusion of the three Qualifying Rounds the field will be cut to the top twelve (12) bowlers in each division. These bowlers will then bowl in a single-game Elimination Bracket Round on Sunday afternoon. In the event of a tie(s) for the final position for the cut to the Elimination Bracket, a one-game roll-off will take place immediately to break the tie.

- iii. The Elimination Bracket Round will consist of single game matches against each bowler's opponent.
 1. Bowlers will be seeded into the Elimination Bracket based on total pinfall of the fifteen (15) games bowled in the Qualifying Round.
 2. The top four (4) seeded bowlers will receive a bye in the first round of the Elimination Bracket round.
 - a. If any division has fewer than 12 bowlers competing in the Qualifying Round, the cut for the Elimination Bracket will be the top 8 bowlers. In this case there will be no byes in the Elimination Bracket Round.
 3. Winners of each single-game match will advance to the next match until only two bowlers remain.
 - a. In the event of a tie in any match, a ninth and tenth frame roll-off will be held immediately to determine the winner. The highest seeded competitor shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off.
 - b. If a tie still exists after the ninth and tenth frame roll-off, competitors will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off. The highest seeded competitor shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off. The competitors will alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.
 4. The winner of the Championship Match in each division will advance to the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals. Travel expenses to the National Championship Finals are the responsibility of each family.
 - a. If the winner is unable to attend the PBA Jr. National Championship Finals the bowler in the next position will be invited.
 5. The winner of the Championship Match will also be declared the PBA Jr. National Championship Regional Qualifier Champion.

7. PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL QUALIFIER SMART SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- a. SMART funds totaling 400 points (\$2,000) will be added to each Regional Qualifier. The amount of SMART scholarships added to each division will be determined based on the percentage of entries in each division compared to the overall total number of entries.
- b. SMART Scholarships will be awarded to all bowlers who advance to the Elimination Bracket Round in each division, or at a 1:6 ratio, whichever is more favorable based on the total number of entries.

8. PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS:

- a. **LOCATION:** The PBA Junior National Championship Finals will be held at a later date in conjunction with a PBA National Tour stop. All Finalists will be notified of the location, date and times for the Finals when that information is available.
- b. **FORMAT (each division):**
 - i. Bowlers will compete in twelve (12) games of Match Play.
 1. Bowlers who win their match will receive 30 bonus pins. In the event of a tie, each bowler shall receive 15 bonus pins.
 2. Standings will be based on bowler's aggregate scores plus any bonus pins earned.
 - ii. At the conclusion of Match Play, the field will be cut to the top five (5) bowlers in each division who will advance to the Stepladder Finals to determine the Champion.
 - iii. If there is a tie for the Match Play alternate position, all tied competitors for the alternate position will compete in a one (1) game roll-off immediately following the completion of the round. NOTE: If a one (1) game roll-off ends in a tie, all tied competitors for the alternate position will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off.
 - iv. In the event of a tie during any Stepladder match, all tied competitors will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off. The highest seeded competitor shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off. The competitors will alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.
- c. PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS SMART SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS
 - i. First place in the U18 Boys and U18 Girls divisions will award a SMART Scholarship valued at 2,000 points. First place in the U15 Mixed division will award a SMART Scholarship valued at 1,000 points.
 - ii. SMART Scholarships will be awarded to all bowlers who advance to the National Championship.

9. DRESS & CONDUCT CODE (Applies to Official Practice Session and all Competition):

- a. All bowlers must wear shirts or jerseys with collars and sleeves and their names on the back. No t-shirts are allowed.
- b. Boys must wear slacks (no shorts). Girls must wear slacks, skirts, skorts or dress shorts. No jeans are allowed.
- c. Bowlers are not permitted to wear hats or other headgear, ripped or torn clothing, or basketball shorts. No clothing with offensive language or graphics, or any apparel which the tournament director feels is inappropriate.

- d. Smoking is not permitted by bowlers before, during or after the tournament.
 - e. Proper behavior is expected at all times.
10. OIL PATTERNS: The oil patterns used for the Regional Qualifiers will be the three PBA Jr. oil patterns: Bill O'Neill (36 feet), Danielle McEwan (41 feet) and EJ Tackett (44 feet). One of these same three patterns will be used for the PBA Jr. Finals and will be announced at least 30 days prior to the start of the event.
11. BOWLING BALLS:
- a. All bowling balls used during this tournament must be USBC approved and officially cleared by the PBA.
 - b. Bowlers may use an unlimited number of bowling balls during the tournament, but all balls used during the competition must be logged on their official scorecards.
12. PRACTICE:
- a. Official Practice Sessions will be scheduled for both the PBA Jr. Regional Qualifiers and PBA Jr. Finals. Bowlers are encouraged but not required to attend the Official Practice Session.
 - b. Prior to the start of competition during all qualifying rounds of the PBA Jr. Regional Qualifiers, bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice on their starting pair of lanes.
 - c. Prior to the start of competition for the first matches of the Elimination Bracket at the PBA Jr. Regional Qualifiers bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes prior to the start of their first game.
 - d. Prior to the start of competition for the remaining rounds of the Elimination Bracket for the PBA Jr. Regional Qualifiers, bowlers will receive 5 minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes prior to the start of their first game.
 - e. Prior to the start of competition during Match Play for the PBA Jr. Finals, bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes for their first match. No additional practice frames will be allowed prior to any other matches.
 - f. During the Stepladder matches at the PBA Jr. Finals bowlers will receive practice as follows:
 - i. All bowlers will have 8 minutes of warm-up on the Championship pair prior to the start of the first Stepladder match.
 - ii. For matches after the first match, the winner of the preceding match may practice on the alternate pair/lane only. The incoming finalist shall receive a maximum of six (6) shots on the Championship pair.
 - iii. For the final Championship Match, the number one seeded bowler shall receive eight (8) shots on the Championship pair.
13. Only tournament officials and bowlers who are engaged in competition will be permitted in the settee area. Parents and / or coaches must remain on the concourse area.
14. A completed entry submission must be paid for prior to the entry deadline for the PBA Jr. Regional Qualifier tournaments. Payment of entry fees confirms acceptance of the rules and format of the PBA Jr. National Championship.
15. All rules specifically not covered will be governed by the PBA Jr. National Championship Tournament Committee and will use the USBC and PBA rule books as guidance. The PBA Jr. National Championship Tournament Committee reserves all rights regarding all rules and the operation of the tournament.