## **Eastern PA Qualifying Tournament for Regionals**

The Eastern PA Regional Championships are an interscholastic invitational tournament being conducted by high school officials affiliated with the Reading/Pottstown Bowling Association and Lancaster Bowling Association. Any PIAA-approved high school bowling program from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 12 is eligible to be invited to these championships.

The Eastern PA Championships are run in accordance with the PIAA and the by-laws set forth; the intent of these championships is to determine regional qualifiers for the Pennsylvania State High School Championships. In addition, the Eastern PA Championships are a certified USBC youth event.

The purpose of this qualifying tournament is to allow schools that have board-recognized programs a chance to qualify since their teams are not part of a league that has automatic qualifying criteria. A complete list of PIAA recognized programs can be found on the PIAA website.

## **RULES for the Eastern PA Qualifying Tournament:**

- 1. Participation is open to any school that has a recognized bowling program but is not part of a league with automatic qualifying criteria. {The list of PIAA recognized programs can be found at <a href="http://www.piaa.org/schools/classifications/default.aspx.">http://www.piaa.org/schools/classifications/default.aspx.</a>}
- 2. Each school can enter a maximum seven (7) bowlers in the singles division.
- 3. Any bowler that is a member of a team that qualifies is eligible to bowl for that team in team event as long as they are on their school's PIAA eligibility sheet. However, only SEVEN (7) bowlers total will be able to compete in the team event. That final roster must be finalized at check-in.
- **4.** Team starting lineups will consist of five (5) bowlers.
- 5. All teams must consist of bowlers of the same sex, except for teams whose league rules allow for mixed teams. In that event, any mixed team will bowl in the boys division.
- 6. This tournament is USBC certified. However, only bowlers who are USBC sanctioned are eligible for USBC Youth Awards. Bowlers whose teams are registered with USBC High School Bowling are eligible for those specific awards. Bowlers need not be sanctioned to participate, nor do they have to pay a participation fee.
- 7. Singles event will consist of 4 games of qualifying bowled on the same pair of lanes (subject to change). Top 8 boys and top 8 girls (minimum) based on scratch pinfall will qualify for regionals. Tournament director reserves the right to increase the number of qualifiers based on the number of entries.
- 8. Team event will consist of 3 games of qualifying followed by 3 baker games. Top 2 boys teams and top 2 girls teams (minimum) based on scratch pinfall will qualify for regionals. Tournament director reserves the right to increase the number of qualifiers based on the number of entries.
- 9. Teams and singles' bowlers must check-in a half-hour before the beginning of any qualifying session.
- 10. Once singles qualifying has begun, there will be no substitutions.
- 11. In the team event, bowlers can be substituted once a game has begun. However, once a bowler is removed from a game, he/she may not return until the beginning of the next game. The game will be credited to the bowler who started the game. Also, during the standard game portion, no lineup order changes can be made, only substitutions. During the baker game portion, coaches may change their lineup at the beginning of each game.
- **12.** In the event of an absent or vacant bowler, a score of ZERO will be assigned. Late arrivals will receive 0 pins per frame. For the baker game portion, a plug frame will be scored zero-zero.
- **13.** In case of a tie in singles, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame rolloff will occur. In case of a tie in team event, a one-game baker game will break the tie.
- 14. Bowling shoes will be provided free of charge.
- 15. NO use of cellular phones, or any electronic listening devices by any bowler during tournament play.
- 16. No altering of the bowling ball surface once bowling has begun. Any bowler caught doing so will be disqualified.
- 17. No bowler may use apply any foreign substance to the bowling approach or to their bowling shoes that may hinder other bowlers. Thus, bowlers may use rosin and easy-slide on their hands.
- 18. DRESS CODE: No denim of any kind. No hats, t-shirts, sweat pants, Capri pants or shorts. Unless medically required, skirts and skorts are no longer permitted. Shirts must either be standard polo, classic retro, or mock-collar; only school logos on the back (no large personal identification.) This dress will be strictly enforced.
- 19. Lewd or abusive language or behavior will not be tolerated, especially boisterous cheering or demonstrative "showboating" while on the approach. Any bowler caught doing so will be warned; a second warning could result in immediate disqualification.
- 20. Coaches are responsible for submitting any USBC award scored earned during tournament play.
- 21. No awards will be presented; only spots at regionals will be awarded.

## 2018 Eastern PA Independent\* Qualifying Tournament for Regionals <a href="http://www.berksbowling.com">http://www.berksbowling.com</a>

School:			Coach:			
Phone No. (	_)		Email:			
EASTERN PA	Participating 2018 House:  Berks Lanes			EASTERN PA		
CHAMPIONSHIPS	3190 Shillington Road Sinking Spring, PA 19608 (610) 678-8044			GHAMPIONSHIPS		
Boys Division and Girls Division Qualifying Schedule						
Singles Qualifying Round		Saturday, Jan	uary 20 <sup>th</sup>	Berks Lanes	9am	
Team Qualifying Round		Saturday, Jan	uary 20 <sup>th</sup>	Berks Lanes	<mark>2pm</mark>	
Entry Fee: \$80 per team {\$63.00 for lineage, \$17.00 for expenses} \$20 per single {\$14.00 for lineage, \$6.00 for expenses} Please make checks payable to "Eastern PA Championships."  Note: Teams and singles that qualify for regionals will still have to pay the appropriate entry fee(s) for that tournament.						
Mail Entries to:	Dana W. Brown Governor Mifflin Senior High c/o Eastern PA Qualifying Tournament 10 South Waverly Street, Shillington, PA 19607					
Fax Number:	610-796-7471 (Attention Dana W. Brown)					
Entry Deadline:	Tuesday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 [postmarked] Thursday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 [faxed]					
BOYS DIVISION (please check one) GIRLS DIVISION SINGLES EVENT: TEAM EVENT:						
Name (Maximum 7 bowlers allowed)				Name (tentative lineup with alternates)		
1.			1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
2. 3.				3 <sup>rd</sup>		
4.				4 <sup>th</sup>		
5.			5 <sup>th</sup>	-		
6.			Alt 1	Alt 1		
7.			Alt 2	Alt 2		

<sup>\*\*</sup>Do not use one registration form for both boys and girls. Use separate forms please.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Bowlers need not be USBC sanctioned to participate. Only USBC sanctioned bowlers are eligible for USBC Awards.