- 1. The Tennessee (TN) Road to the Gold Tournament Series will be certified through the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). The TN Road to the Gold is a scratch singles tournament.
- 2. All participants will pay a \$10 TRTTG Membership and must be Junior Gold Members to compete. You may register to become a Junior Gold Member at the event prior to competition. U20, U17 & U15 Membership is \$30 and U12 is \$10. Entry Fees will be as follows: U20 / U17 \$70 U15 \$60 U12 -\$50 Premier Events will have an additional \$10 fee for entries to help fund the travel expenses.
- 3. Tournament Formats will be Five (5) Game Block with the field in each division cut to the top Four (4) bowlers. If a division has 24+ entries, the top Eight (8) bowlers will advance to the semi-finals. The advancers will bowl match-play consisting of two games with total pins deciding the winners. In case of a tie for advancing, bowlers will roll a 9th & 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken. Bowlers will be seeded based on the qualifying scores with #1 vs #8, #2 vs #7, etc. in a bracket format. In divisions with less than 24 bowlers, the top Four (4) bowlers will advance to the same match-play format.
- 4. Junior Gold Spots will be based on a 1:5 ratio plus major fractions in each division. Each event will be one (1) squad beginning at 10:00 AM. Bowlers will decide at registration to participate in Junior Gold Qualifying or compete for scholarship funds.
- 5. Due to Junior Gold Qualifying Rules, there must be five (5) bowlers in a division to award a Junior Gold Spot. If any division does not have enough entries, they will be combined for a CO-ED division or the entrants may bowl with an Older Division. Tournament Champions will receive a TRTTG Special Edition Shirt. All Advancers will be eligible to purchase these shirts at a reduced price.
- 6. For the <u>Final 2 Regular Season Premier Events</u>, in order to win the expense funds, participants must have bowled in four (4) previous TN Road to the Gold Events during the 2019-20 season. All Junior Gold entrants are eligible for the Junior Gold Spots. Bowlers will be limited to a Single Premier Award.
- 7. Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. Mock collar must be a minimum of three-quarters of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competitions. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar; only if the sleeves are finished. Only full-length pants/slacks will be allowed for males during all levels of competition (i.e. qualifying, semifinals and match play). Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, capris, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, capris, skorts, or walking shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their side. Jeans and yoga pants are not permitted. Shirts with sleeves cut off, torn, or ripped may not be worn. All apparel worn by competitors shall be loose fitting and not made of denim, fleece or lycra/spandex-like material. Jeans of any color, shorts, bib overalls, scooters, warm-up suits or clothes with elastic at the ankles are not allowed. No writing on, or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted at any time. Champions of each tournament will receive a personal fully sublimated shirt from TRTTG. If a champion repeats, he/she will be awarded a \$50 scholarship in place of the shirt.
- 8. No head covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (Hats, Caps, or Bandannas, etc.). Headphones can only be used in the bowlers' area and cannot be used while bowling. No cell phones can be used in the bowlers' area.
- 9. Competitors are not allowed to use tobacco products during competition or related events while in their bowling shirt. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a verbal warning. A second offense will result in disqualification from the tournament and related events. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or use of illegal drugs by any participant at any time will result in disqualification from the tournament and related events. Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, or inappropriate language/gestures during tournament completion will not be allowed and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
- 10. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners, or polish is prohibited during competition. In addition, no substances may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once competition has begun. Competition is defined as; any time the bowler(s) begin to bowl for score. No modifications can be made to affect the balance of a bowling ball (i.e. additional weight holes, altering any existing holes, etc.).
- 11. Tournament of Champions will be a qualifier for the 2021 Jr Gold Tournament and a Scholarship Event from the competitors who have entered at least 5 events from the 2019-20 schedule. There will be \$4,000 Scholarship funds from the TN BPA and TN State USBC B.A. in the T of C.
- 12. Patterns for the TRTTG will be selected from the competition at the 2019 Junior Gold National Tournament patterns. We will not announce the patterns prior to competition.

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