

Bowler of the Year Award Program

Purpose:

1. Each year GEUSBC will recognize the male, female, and youth bowler with the best overall performance each bowling year.
 - a. This recognition will be in the form of Bowler of the Year (BOTY) award.
2. The bowling year will run Aug 1 through July 31.
3. The award will be determined via the point system described below.
4. Bowlers wishing to participate in the bowler of the year award program will be responsible for verification of his or her points.
5. The respective bowlers who earn the most points in the bowling season will be declared winner by the GEUSBC Board of Directors.

Bowler Eligibility:

1. Candidate must be of good character.
 - a. Specific evidence of unsportsmanlike conduct must support any negative impacts to bowlers
2. Must have bowled in our association the previous year.
3. Must participate in City tournament or BVL.
4. Must have 60+ games in season to qualify.
 - a. Summer averages/scores can be used but bowler must have enough games in to qualify.
5. Honor scores achieved during season considered.
6. Bowling achievements would be from Aug. 1 of the current year thru July 31 of the following year.
7. Award available each year for Adult Male, Adult Female and Youth (male or female).
8. The following point system will be used for award qualification.

Point System:

1. 1 point for each sanctioned tournament bowled (12 points max per season)
2. Tournament wins, as outlined below:
 - a. 5 points for each sanctioned tournament singles win (20 points max per season)
 - b. 3 points for each sanctioned tournament doubles win (12 points max per season)
 - c. 2 point for each sanctioned tournament team win (8 points max per season)
3. 2 points for bowling in the USBC national tournament
4. 2 points for bowling in the state USBC tournament
5. Top 10 placement in sanctioned tournament as outlined below:

- a. 2 points for each top 10 place in a sanctioned tournament singles only (10 points max per season)
6. Honor score of 300 game:
 - a. 5 points bowler's first career sanctioned 300 game.
 - b. 2 points per additional sanctioned 300 game
7. Honor score of 800 series:
 - a. 5 points bowler's first career sanctioned 800 series.
 - b. 3 points per sanctioned additional 800 series (Men)
 - c. 4 points per sanctioned additional 800 series (Women)
8. Men's honor scores will be awarded as outlined below:
 - a. 1 point per sanctioned series over 775
 - b. 1 point for book average over 200
 - c. 2 points for book average over 215
 - d. 3 points for book average over 225
9. Women's honor scores will be awarded as outlined below:
 - a. 1 point per sanctioned series over 650
 - b. 2 point per sanctioned series over 700
 - c. 3 points per sanctioned series over 750
 - d. 1 point for book average over 175
 - e. 2 points for book average over 190
 - f. 3 points for book average over 200
10. 1 point for an average increase of 10 pins from one year to the next
11. 2 points for an average increase of 20 pins from one year to the next
12. 3 points for an average increase of 30 pins from one year to the next
13. In the event of a point tie, bowler with a higher book average of 60+ games will receive 1 point
14. Multi day and or multi format sanctioned tournaments such as city, state and/or nationals that consist of a team, doubles, and singles event. Points will be awarded as outlined below:
 - a. 1 point will only be given for the entire tournament (except as states above)
 - b. 2 points will be given for team win
 - c. 3 points will be given for doubles win
 - d. 5 points will be given for singles win
 - e. 6 points will be given for all events win
 - f. 1 point will be given for top 10 team place
 - g. 2 points will be given for doubles top 10 place
 - h. 3 points for singles top 10 place
 - i. 4 points for all events top 10 place
 - j. A bowler cannot "double dip" and receive extra points based off a tournament win and a top ten (10) place finish. Bowlers will only receive the greater of the points. i.e. 1 point for bowling the tournament and 5 points for a win equaling 6 points, or 1 point for bowling the tournament and 2 points for a top 10 finish equaling 3 points.
 - k. Only the top finish will receive points, whichever is highest.

Procedure for collecting points:

1. Criteria will be posted publicly for all bowlers on the GEUSBC website.
2. Bowlers will be responsible for submitting sanctioned tournament ~~participation outside of GEUSBC sponsored events to GEUSBC~~ information to GEUSBC. Information submitted must include (in addition to number 6 below):
 - a. Name of tournament
 - b. Location of tournament
 - c. Date(s) of tournament
 - d. Tournament sponsor/host/manager contact information
 - e. Must include information regarding sanction
3. ~~Bowlers will be responsible for submitting sanctioned GEUSBC league information to GEUSBC. Information submitted must include (in addition to number 8 below):~~
 - a. ~~Name of League in GEUSBC jurisdiction~~
 - b. ~~Location of league~~
 - c. ~~Date of honor score~~
 - d. ~~League secretary contact information~~
4. GEUSBC will monitor point submission for BOTY
 - a. Webmaster will forward submissions to BOTY committee
5. Points will be updated monthly by the BOTY Committee and posted on website
6. In order to submit points bowlers will need to submit proof of tournament participation (completed scorecard)
 - a. Picture or evidence of score card showing tournament name and date
 - b. Picture must substantially show large enough picture (not zoomed into just name or scores) for GEUSBC to determine participation in said tournament.
 - c. At the discretion of the Bowler of the Year Committee, bowlers may be asked to have tournament manager confirmation if participation cannot be determined by submitted proof.
7. Bowlers will submit proof of top 10 placement or win in the form of official standings from tournament
 - a. Picture or evidence must show tournament name and date.
 - b. Picture or evidence must clearly state Bowler's name.
 - c. At the discretion of the Bowler of the Year Committee, bowlers may be asked to have tournament manager confirmation if proof of top 10 finish or win cannot be determined by evidence submitted.
8. ~~In order to submit league points bowlers will need to submit proof as outlined below:~~
 - a. ~~Picture or evidence of scores, such as desk print out of scores or score card with other team captain verification.~~
 - b. ~~Evidence submitted must show the date and the name of the league. If evidence does not contain such information, verification from league secretary including secretary signature is required. (If bowler is league secretary, then league president verification is required. Bowlers cannot verify his/her own scores).~~

9. Bowlers will have until August 31 of each year to verify points. After that, points will be considered final.

Procedure for selection:

1. Webmaster will forward all BOTY submissions to the BOTY Committee
2. BOTY committee will review all submitted points monthly
3. BOTY committee will verify submitted evidence of points monthly
 - a. If evidence is not substantial, BOTY committee may ask bowler to submit more information
4. BOTY committee will provide webmaster with updated points race for publication on website.
5. Once points are finalized BOTY committee will prepare information and evidence for GEUSBC vote.
6. GEUSBC will be provided with blinded points data for voting the annual male, female and youth BOTY.

Bowler of the Year Committee:

Charge:

1. The bowler of the Year Committee will ensure a fair, unbiased process of recognition for outstanding bowlers wishing to participate in the award program.
2. The committee will maintain the points in a transparent fashion to afford all bowlers the opportunity to track his or her individual performance.

Committee Selection Process:

1. The Committee will be chosen by the Board of Directors, by way of vote.
2. One youth committee member must participate in the committee.
3. The committee will consist of 5 members plus a chairman.

Duties:

1. BOTY committee will meet on a monthly basis to review bowler submitted information.
2. BOTY committee will maintain transparency for all bowlers.
3. BOTY committee will maintain communication with bowlers when evidence submissions are complete, not eligible for awarding, or additional information is needed to determine eligibility.
4. Maintain all records of submission and awarding of points for each bowling year.
 - a. Record retention shall be for a period of 3 months following handing out of awards.