



North Pointe Insurance Group

\$100,000 High School Singles Championships

5 Star Lanes – Sterling Heights, MI

July 12 - 14, 2008



RULES AND FORMAT

The North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Championships (NPIGHSB) is certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and shall be administered by the Bowling Proprietors Association of America. All applicable USBC rules will be observed.

1. There will be separate divisions for male and female. Field is open to the first 240 male and 240 female entries.
2. **Eligibility** – Participants in the North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Championships (NPIGHSB) must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
 - a. A graduating senior in the academic 2007-08 year.
 - b. Must be a certified Youth member of USBC.
 - c. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) as determined by the High School they are graduated from.
3. **Entry Fee** – The entry fee is \$50 (\$18.98 lineage, \$31.03 expenses). Entries close July 10, 2008 or **when the field is filled**. The entry form must be completed, signed and submitted along with the entry fee (non-refundable) to the BPAA national office. BPAA reserves the right to decline entries based on availability. Multiple entries and/or Walk-in entries will NOT be accepted. Submitting the NPIGHSB entry form and fee means that all athletes agree to abide by all event and competition rules and policies. Any event and/or competition rule or policy violation could result in disqualification. Credit Card Payments are subject to a \$2 service charge – NSF checks are subject to a \$25 service charge.
4. **Scholarships** - The North Pointe Insurance Group has donated \$100,000 in Scholarship Money to be awarded to athletes who compete in this tournament. 100% of the scholarship money will be awarded. At least one in five athletes will win scholarship money. A \$15,000 first place scholarship is guaranteed in each division (male & female). Scholarships will be held in SMART #10647.
5. **Format:** Athletes have the choice to qualify in the first round of competition on either Saturday, July 12th or Sunday July 13th. The top 24 athletes in each division, each day, will advance to the Second Round of competition which starts on Monday, July 14th.

Friday, July 11, 2008: Open Practice Session from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – There will be a \$4.00 charge per athlete.

Saturday, July 12, 2008: Male division (first group of 120 athletes) will bowl a 5 game block starting at 8:00 a.m. The female division (first group of 120 athletes) will bowl a 5 game block starting at 1:00 p.m. Both divisions will be cut to the top 24 male and 24 female bowlers who will advance to the second round of competition which starts on Monday. In the event there is a tie for the 24th position at the completion of qualifying, there will be a one game roll off to determine position for advancement. If a tie still exists after the additional game, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be utilized until the tie is broken. Lanes used for ties will be determined by the Tournament Manager.

Sunday, July 13, 2008: Male division (second group of 120 athletes) will bowl a 5 game block starting at 8:00 a.m. The female division (second group of 120 athletes) will bowl a 5 game block starting at 1:00 p.m. Both divisions will be cut to the top 24 male and 24 female bowlers who will advance to the second round of competition which starts on Monday. In the event there is a tie for the 24th position at the completion of qualifying, there will be a one game roll off to determine position for advancement. If a tie still exists after the additional game, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be utilized until the tie is broken. Lanes used for ties will be determined by the Tournament Manager.

Monday, July 14, 2008: The 48 male and 48 female athletes will bowl an additional 6 games starting at 8:00 a.m. Pins carry over from the first 5 games. After the completion of 11 games, the top sixteen (16) male and top sixteen (16) female athletes will advance to the Single-Elimination Bracket format. In the event there is a tie for the 16th position at the completion of qualifying, there will be a one game roll off to determine position for advancement. If a tie still exists after the additional game, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be utilized until the tie is broken. Lanes used for ties will be determined by the Tournament Manager. Individual starting lanes will be determined by a coin toss. **Starting at 3:00 p.m.**, the top sixteen (16) male and top sixteen (16) female athletes will compete in Match Play Single -Elimination Brackets. The top eight athletes in both divisions after eleven (11) games of qualifying will receive byes in the single-elimination brackets. Athletes, in each division, qualifying 5th through 8th will be seeded into Round 2 of match play. Athletes, in each division, qualifying 1st through 4th will be seeded into Round 3 of match play. For match play, participants will compete in a single-elimination bracket with the higher seeded athlete selecting the starting lane and who will start the game. Seeding: The finishing position after eleven (11) games for all sixteen (16) athletes in each division will be used to determine the seeding for the Single-Elimination Brackets. Ties in the Single-Elimination Brackets: If a tie exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be utilized until the tie is broken.
6. Only student-athletes competing in the NPIGHSB are allowed in the settee area once competition starts.
7. No iPods or other headphones/radios are allowed to be worn while on the lanes.
8. **Dress Code** – Participants in the NPIGHSB must be professional in appearance and meet the following dress code rules:
 - a. The Tournament Manager will enforce these guidelines and questionable apparel must be referred to the Tournament Manager for approval before it is worn. Bring alternative clothing that follows the dress code in case approval is denied. Failure to comply with any dress code rule may result in disqualification for the event.
 - b. Shirts – Athletes must wear shirts that have a collar similar to golf or polo shirts. T-shirt necklines are not allowed.

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- c. Female Apparel – Female athletes are required to wear trousers, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts must be no shorter than one-half the distance from the inseam to the top of the knee in length and/or no shorter than the finger tips when arms are at their sides while standing.
 - d. Male Apparel – Male athletes are required to wear trousers or walking shorts. Trousers must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms (ankles) and shorts must be of the appropriate length.
 - e. Advertisements on apparel or bowling equipment depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling or inappropriate language / gestures during tournament competition will not be allowed and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
 - f. Clothing must be loose fitting and not made of denim, fleece, nylon or spandex-like material. No jeans, warm-up suits or hats of any kind are permitted. All athletes require a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming.
9. All participants in the NPIGHSB must adhere to USBC rule #17 a-d. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
 10. Equipment – Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners, or polish is prohibited during competition. In addition, bowlers may not pat finger or thumb hole of the ball with rosin during competition. Competition is defined as anytime participants are bowling for score.
 - a. Penalty for first offense: Individual is warned and the ball is removed from that competition (qualifying block or match).
 - b. Penalty for second offence: Forfeiture of game in which the violation occurred.
 11. Starting lane assignments will be determined by draw.
 12. There will be a 15-minute practice session prior to start of competition. Bowlers not present forfeit their time.
 13. Lane pattern being used for tournament play will be the PBA Chameleon pattern.
 14. Participants are allowed a total of one re-rack per game. Violations will result in a forfeit of all pinfall for that frame. The Tournament Manager may grant additional re-racks.
 15. Participants are responsible for verification of their score. Any scoring corrections must be made prior to signing the recap forms.
 16. Any player arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is her/his turn shall receive a zero for all frame(s) missed. Participants in the NPIGHSB are prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking or using tobacco products at the host center, whether they are competing or not. In the event a student-athlete is witnessed possessing alcohol or behaving in a manner unbecoming of an NPIGHSB participant, he/she will immediately be disqualified for the remainder of the event.
 17. NPIGHSB athletes will be required to submit graduating diploma and grade transcript to BPAA prior to July 10, 2008.
 18. Expenses to National Finals – It is the responsibility of each individual participant in the NPIGHSB to make all necessary travel and lodging arrangements. BPAA and North Pointe Insurance Group will not pay for any travel expenses to participate in the NPIGHSB. A list of hotels and rates will be provided to each participant with confirmation of receipt of entry.
 19. BPAA tournament management shall determine all matters not covered by these rules and regulations.
 20. To maintain the pace of bowling, it is proper etiquette in this event to observe two-lane courtesy and deliver the bowling ball within a reasonable amount of time. Additional courtesy or delivery time is inappropriate, delays the pace and hinders the completion of competition on time. First offense in tournament: Individual receives a warning. Second offense in tournament, individual's score for the game in which the second warning was issued is forfeited.

TERMINATION /RELEASE CLAUSE

To the BPAA Tournament Official: I hereby make application to participate in the 2008 North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Championships event listed and tender the entry fees required therefore. I warrant that I am a USBC Certified member. I agree to abide by all tournament playing rules and regulations prescribed by BPAA, including all provisions set forth on this form. I specifically agree for myself and any replacement chosen by me or for me that if I am not eligible for participation and/or cannot bowl in the North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Championships, then my prize, bowling, and expense fees shall be forfeited and all sums tendered by me as prize, bowling and expense fee may be retained by BPAA as liquidated damages. The entrant whose name appears hereon or my authorized replacement hereby agrees that the BPAA, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees, less expenses, if and when that entrant shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto resulting therefrom, fires, labor difficulties, terrorism or threats of terrorism, or other causes beyond the control of BPAA. I further agree that BPAA may use my name and likenesses (including video) for promotional purposes at no cost to me and with no fees being paid by me. The entrant whose name appears on this application and/or authorized replacement hereby agrees that the BPAA, and its officers and agents, shall not be liable for any injury resulting from participation in bowling in the North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Championships, absent willful or gross negligence on the part of BPAA.

Tournament Dates: July 12 – 24, 2008
Tournament Location: 5 Star Lanes
Sterling Heights, MI



QUESTIONS?

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