

## TPC COMPETITORS & FAMILIES GUIDE

We hope you find the info in this guide useful as you prepare for JBT's championship tournament! First is a chronological order of events, followed by additional helpful details.

### **THURSDAY:**

***Sweepers at Noon, 2, 4, 6, and 8 PM.*** A 'sweeper' is an optional side event. You bowl 3 games at any of those squad times. There is no cut and no semifinals; the best 3-game score (scratch and handicap divisions as usual) after all the squads are done earns the top scholarship prize. 1:8 bowlers in each division will earn prizes. It's \$20 per entry, and you can enter as many squads as you wish, and earn as many scholarship prizes as you can. Thursday sweepers are bowled on lane pattern #1 of the four that you'll see during the actual TPC, so in addition to the sweeper competition, it's also a chance to practice on that pattern. There is no scheduled re-oil (although we reserve the right to do so if lane play has been heavy), so if you want to see the fresh come early, and if you want to see the burn come later, or both. You do not need to be (but can be) in JBT dress code for this event.

### **FRIDAY:**

***Sweepers at Noon, 2, and 4 PM.*** These sweepers work just like Thursday's, but they are a separate event with a separate prize fund from Thursday, and are bowled on lane pattern #2 of the four you'll see during the actual TPC, so it's your only chance to gain experience on that pattern. After the 4 PM, 1:8 bowlers will earn prizes in the scratch and handicap divisions. You do not need to be (but can be) in JBT dress code for this event.

***Top Dawg at 6:30 PM.*** Top Dawg is a separate one squad event, and the only optional side event using lane pattern #3. It's also \$20 to enter. It works much like an 'eliminator' tournament. Everyone will bowl two games, with the top 75% of the two-game totals advancing. Then, everyone will bowl one game, with the bottom 50% of that one game score eliminated. The field will be cut in half every game in this method until only the winner stands. In past years, the event has ended around 10 (of course, only a few last until the end).

### **SATURDAY:**

***TPC Qualifying round 1:*** ALL bowlers will bowl 5 games at 9 AM. Check in begins at 7, and you must be on line to be checked in by 8:30. This block will be on lane pattern #1. Even if you are 'exempt' (you can check if you are at our website), you still bowl all games on Saturday. Depending on number of bowlers per pair, this round will last until about 1 PM, giving you an hour for lunch. There is a food court just outside the bowling center, and many food options within 1 block of Sunset Station. There will be brackets, PowerBowl, 22, and an Ebonite ball raffle.

***TPC Qualifying round 2:*** ALL bowlers will bowl 5 games at 2 PM. This will be on lane pattern #2. This block should run from roughly 2-5:30 PM. There will be a new set of brackets, and an additional Ebonite ball given out from the same raffle tickets.

After round two, each field is cut to the top 60%, plus bowlers who earned exemptions ('ex' will be by their name in the standings). EVERYONE still bowls Sunday morning, you're either still alive in the main TPC, or placed into the consolation event.

***Celebration Dinner:*** Doors open at 7, the program starts at 7:30, and dinner is served at 8. Please try and arrive no later than 7:30 so you don't miss any of the events. Terrace Banquet Hall is almost directly behind Sunset Station (to the south). It is easily walkable, but you'll have to cross busy Warm Springs Road to get there. It is an

Italian-based buffet. Please check that we have you as attending (if you are) at our website, and notify us immediately if there are changes or you wish to get on the waiting list. For people 21+, there will be a full cash bar available, please DO NOT bring any outside alcohol- we'll be kicked out. Semi-formal dress is suggested for the bowlers- about 90% do this in past years, and it makes some terrific looking pictures- photographers will be at TPC all week long as well as dinner. If you are not going to eat but would like to 'stop by' for awards, let us know so we can arrange that as well.

#### **SUNDAY:**

**Consolation event, 9 AM.** If you missed the TPC cut, you are in the consolation event at no extra charge. You'll bowl four games, with the top 5 earning scholarships. This will be on lane pattern #3.

**Quarterfinals, 9 AM.** If you made the TPC cut, you will bowl 5 games of matchplay at 9 AM, with 30 pin bonuses for each matchplay win. This will be on lane pattern #3. This will go from roughly 9-12:30. The top 12 fifteen-game totals advance to the semifinals, everyone else is done (but 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> places earn scholarship prizes). The lunch break will be VERY short, so if you are close or for sure making this cut, please have quick lunch plans prepared.

**Semifinals, 1 PM** (or as soon as re-oiling is done). The twelve semifinalists will bowl 8 more games of matchplay. Again with 30 pin bonuses for wins. This will be bowled on lane pattern #4. The top 4 bowlers in each division will then move on to the stepladder finals.

**Finals, 4 PM.** This is the usual stepladder you are familiar with, with \$2,000 on top! Finals should finish at roughly 6 PM.

#### **OTHER POINTS OF NOTE:**

**U17 and Priority Girls Scratch TPC:** Simultaneous with the main TPC, just like at regular events, will be the subdivision TPCs. The top three 10-game totals, of the 15 eligible bowlers in each, will bowl a two-round stepladder finals, with all three earning scholarship prizes.

**Elite TPC:** If you finished in the top 32 in all-conference points, you qualify to bowl the simultaneous Elite TPC, another subdivision like U17 etc. The top 10-game totals will advance to a mini-bracket on Sunday, with at least the top four earning scholarship prizes.

**Dinner seat assignments:** JBT staff will be on hand starting at least Friday for you to reserve your tables for dinner. Tables are 10 per and will need to be filled (there will not be open seats). Actual table locations are randomized by banquet staff this year, so you don't need to be early to get the 'best' table (they are all good). When you select your table, you will receive an actual ticket this year, and may need to show that when you eat.

**JBT Points:** Your finishing position at TPC is worth quadruple points, and those are the only points awarded. The points leader after TPC is the all-conference Bowler of the Year, with 2-5 comprising the all-star team.

Payment: payment on-site by cash, check, or card is fine on-site, or prepaying on our website, or mailing a check is all fine as well. Please do not mail anything after July 15 as we might miss it.

**Lane patterns:** The four patterns are determined in conjunction with Strike Zone management and the Tournament Director, and are not revealed to anyone prior to their posting on-site. Savvy bowlers can anticipate that there will be one short and one long pattern on Sunday, and one higher ratio and one lower ratio pattern on Sunday. TPC will be a true test of a bowlers' complete skill set.

We're sure more items will come up, so please keep posted on our website and facebook as the big weekend approaches. See you there!