



# Tournament and competition rules

## YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT

organised by Stichting YET Nederland

The Board of Stichting YET Nederland has made in accordance with article 10 paragraph 1-4 of its statute a competition/tournament rules and code of conduct:

Article 10 rules:

1. the Board shall have the power to establish rules, in which those issues are settled, which, in the opinion of the Board need (further) rules.
2. The rules should not be in conflict with the law or these statute.
3. The Board is empowered to modify or terminate the rules.
4. On the establishment, amendment and termination of the tournament rules the provisions of article 11, paragraph 1 shall apply.

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## **Chapter 1: Purpose and means, general provisions, liability and obligations**

### **Article 1: Purpose and means:**

1. Stichting YET Nederland aims to practise the sport of bowling.
2. Stichting YET Nederland strives to achieve this goal by:
  - a. The Membership of the Dutch Bowling Federation, hereinafter referred to as “NBF”;
  - b. Participating in matches/tournaments organised by the Stichting and approved by the NBF;

### **Article 2: General provisions**

1. Any reference to a player in these rules also refers to players.
2. Regulations: These regulations apply to YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT, organised by Stichting YET Nederland.
3. These regulations supplement the sports regulations of the Dutch Bowling Federation or changes to the rules that concern the tournament rules of the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT, organised by Stichting YET Nederland.
4. The Board of Stichting YET Nederland reserves the right to deviate from these regulations in special cases.
5. Tournament: Tournament refers to the international bowling competition organised annually by Stichting YET Nederland in the month of February.
6. The tournament will be played according to the NBF Sports Regulations, which also include the ETBF and/or WTBA and YET rules.
7. All provisions of these regulations, the NBF sports regulations, the ETBF sports regulations, and the YET International regulations apply in full to this tournament. Deviations are only possible if and insofar this is permitted in or pursuant to the provisions of the match or tournament regulations.
8. Series The tournament consists of a number of days divided into series. A series is a predetermined number of games in a match or competition.
9. Match: A match is a competition against participants/players from the same class.
10. The organisation of the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT is the responsibility of the Board of Stichting YET Nederland.

### **Article 3: Liability:**

1. Accessing the bowling alley and using the lanes is entirely at the risk of the visitors and the participants of the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUR TOURNAMENT.
2. Stichting YET Nederland does not accept any liability for damage incurred or to be incurred by visitors and/or participants based on any cause whatsoever unless this damage is due to intent or gross negligence of Stichting YET Nederland or the intent or gross negligence of its board members and/or volunteers.
3. If players, trainers, coaches and parents/caretakers do not (timely or properly) fulfil the obligations set out in these regulations, they will be fully liable and required to reimburse Stichting YET Nederland any damage it incurs or will incur as a result.



#### **Article 4: General obligations**

1. Participants in the matches/tournaments organised by the Stichting and approved by the NBF are required to:
  - a. Comply with the articles of association, regulations and decisions of the Board;
  - b. Comply with the articles of association, regulations and decisions of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs;
  - c. Not harm the interests of the Stichting and/or bowling in general;
2. Obligations may not only be imposed by regulations or a Board decision but also based on registration for or participation in a tournament.
3. The use or provision of prohibited stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) is forbidden. A participant in the tournament organised by the Stichting and approved by the NBF is required to fully cooperate with the performance-enhancing drugs examinations organised by or at the request of the NBF and to comply with the performance-enhancing drugs regulations of the NBF.
4. A participant will refrain from any form of sexual conduct or approach towards another participant in a verbal, non-verbal or physical manner, intentional or unintentional, which the other participant considers undesirable or forced. Acting in violation of this provision will be considered a violation and may be punished by the Board.
5. Players, trainers, coaches, supporters and parents/caretakers must behave properly in and around the bowling alley (regardless of whether they are participating in activities). They must also refrain from loud, offensive, discriminatory or intimidating language against other players/participants, volunteers, trainers, coaches, other attendees and the Board of Stichting YET Nederland.
6. Players, trainers, coaches and parents/caretakers must always observe the instructions of the match organisers.
7. Players, trainers and coaches must always be able to identify themselves and are required to show their identification documents at request.
8. The YET and NBF code of conduct applies to this tournament, for more information, refer to <http://yet-international.com/index.php/rules.html> and <http://nbf.bowlen.nl/Voorleden/Statutenenreglementen.aspx>
9. The consumption of self-brought drinks and food by players, trainers, coaches and parents/caretakers is not permitted within the bowling alley.
10. Players, trainers, coaches, supporters and parents/caretakers may not leave any waste in or around the bowling alley.
11. Players, trainers, coaches, supporters and parents/caretakers must return any found objects to the match organisers.

#### **Article 5: Obligations when entering the bowling lanes**

1. Players, tournament organisers and match organisers may only access the bowling lanes/approaches when wearing bowling shoes.
2. Players, tournament organisers and match organisers may only access the bowling lanes/approaches for the intended purposes.
3. In case of deliberate destruction or damage to any (movable or immovable) property belonging to the bowling alley by the attendees will be reported to the operator of the bowling alley by Stichting YET Nederland.



## Chapter 2 Organisation, participation and registration

### Article 6: Organisation:

1. The organisation is the responsibility of Stichting YET Nederland with help of the bowling alley, employees and volunteers from all over the Netherlands, and takes place around the month of February of each calendar year.

### Article 7: Participation in the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT:

1. Participation in the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT takes place in accordance with the applicable rules of the NBF sports regulations.
2. Participation in a tournament with a competitive element for which NBF and ETBF recognition is granted takes place entirely voluntary and at your own risk and is only allowed for persons:
  - a. who are in the possession of a valid, personal bowling pass issued by the NBF if they concern NBF members and for members of foreign bowling federations affiliated with the WTBA who are in the possession of a valid membership certificate of a bowling federation affiliated with the WTBA and/or an international bowling pass and/or a valid play certificate (letter of authorisation).
3. Players who are members of the BBSF and/or the DBU and who have previously participated in Dutch tournaments are subject to the tournament averages as determined for the 2019-2020 season by the NBF. If there are no data available about them, the average on the bowling pass of the federation in question will apply, provided that it has been calculated over at least 21 games. The highest pass average will be used for players who are members of several federations.
4. Participation will also be refused to those who cannot identify themselves in any way.
5. Article 527(4) of the Sports Regulations: Conditions for participation:  
The organisation has the right to refuse the registration of a player.

### Article 8: Registration and cancellation

1. The registration for the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT takes place by completing the registration form which is available on the site of [www.yet-netherlands.com](http://www.yet-netherlands.com) under the Tournament/Registration form button.
2. Registration and cancellation exclusively take place in the manner and under the conditions determined by Stichting YET Nederland. The registration is strictly personal and non-transferable.
3. By registering for the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT, the participant declares to be aware of the provisions set out in these regulations and to accept them.
4. Regardless of the time of cancellation, a participant cannot cancel a booking on behalf of another participant, i.e. a participant must personally cancel each booking.
5. A participant cannot pass on an early registration to another participant, since the participant who does not come or deregisters is deregistered from participation. Any participant who has not yet registered for that series and who is registering must be considered as a new participant and will be positioned as the last registered participant in that booked series. The only exception to this rule is in cases where an organizer has accepted a group booking from a national team and the national team exchanges another player.



6. If a cancellation of participation is received within a period of 30 days prior to the first day of or during a tournament, it will be considered as a late cancellation.
7. There are three types of late cancellations:
  - a. Type A: means that the organizer is notified by the athlete in the period of 30 days before the first day of the tournament until 8 days before the first day of the tournament.
  - b. Type B: means that the organizer is notified by the athlete in the period of 7 days before the first day of the tournament until and including the last qualification day of the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.
  - c. Type C: is defined as a “No Show”, which means that an athlete fails to appear without having notified the organizer or if the athlete notifies the organizer after the start of the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.
8. Penalties for cancellation:
  - a. The athlete receives 10 points deduction YET ranking season .....  
The organizer may issue a penalty invoice to the athlete with an amount equal to half of the maximum fee for a primary entry.
  - b. The athlete receives 20 points deduction YET ranking season .....  
The organizer may issue a penalty invoice to the athlete with an amount equal to the maximum fee for a primary entry.
  - c. The athlete receives 30 points deduction YET ranking season .....  
The organizer may issue a penalty invoice to the athlete with an amount equal to the maximum fee for a primary entry plus the maximum fee for a re-entry.
9. Athlete’s claims of illness or injury:
  - a. An athlete can, through the YET INTERNATIONAL management and tournament organisation, for a tournament where he is given penalty points, claim illness or injury as the reason for the cancellation.
  - b. Such a claim must be received by the YET INTERNATIONAL management not later than 14 days after the tournament organisation was notified about the penalty points given.
  - c. In that situation the athlete has the obligation to show documented evidence that illness or injury was the cause
  - d. If an illness or injury is documented by a medical certificate the documentation is counted as full documentation, while a supporting letter from the YET INTERNATIONAL management is counted as partial documentation.
  - e. In case of a full documentation the YET INTERNATIONAL management will remove the penalty points for the athlete in the specific tournament, while the YET-president might decide to remove the penalty points in case of a partial documentation
10. Athlete’s claims of an entry not ordered
  - a. An athlete can, through the YET INTERNATIONAL management and tournament organisation, for a tournament where he is given penalty points, claim illness or injury as the reason for the cancellation
  - b. Such a claim must be received by the YET INTERNATIONAL management not later than 14 days after the tournament organisation was notified about the penalty points given



- c. In that situation the organizer has the obligation to show proof in form of a filled in entry form, an email including the entry order or another kind of written documentation
  - d. In situations where an athlete claims that no entry was ordered and the tournament organizer is unable to document the order, the YET-president might decide to remove the penalty points given to the athlete in that specific tournament
11. Athletes pull outs:
- a. If an athlete, without permission from the tournament management, leaves a qualification squad or a final stage before he has completed all games in the squad/stage (illegal pull out), all previous scores of the athlete will be counted as zero and the athlete cannot enter the tournament again at any later squad or final stage.
  - b. In case of an illegal pull out, the athlete will receive a deduction of 10 YET INTERNATIONAL ranking points and the pull out will be reported to its own Federation and the YET INTERNATIONAL management.
  - c. In case of a legal pull out (permitted by the tournament management) the athlete is not permitted to participate in any of the other series to be played.



## Chapter 3 Match and Match Process

### Article 9: General provisions YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT

1. The matches of the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT will be played in accordance with the series, time and lane schedule drawn up by the Board of Stichting YET Nederland. This schedule will be published before the starts of the series that will be played.
2. Matches take place based on the American system.
3. Each player must be present at least 30 minutes before the start of his or her series (entry or re-entry). The match organiser will decide in case of force majeure.
4. Each player will be given time to warm-up before the start of his or her first game (entry and re-entry). No more test balls may be thrown once the match organiser gives the start signal.
5. Places in the final will not be awarded in accordance with the NBF Sports Regulations Article 528, even if it has been indicated that the final will not be played in advance during and/or after the preliminaries.

### Article 10: Present:

1. A player will be present if he or she is ready to bowl at the start of the series in accordance with the NBF Sports Regulations.
2. If a player is not present on time, the match organisers will act in accordance with the NBF Sports Regulations.

### Article 11: Player Space and Coaching

1. The player must indicate whether he or she uses a trainer/coach when registering. The trainer or coach must be certified.
2. Only players and the match organisers may be present in the player space before and during the series and finales.
3. A player space is the space from the approach up to the path behind the seating area of the player.
4. Additional space for coaches:
  - a. A space of approximately 30 to 50 cm will be reserved as a coaching space behind the path of the player space.
  - b. To access this coaching space, the certified coach must
    - (a) have one playing bowler in the series or the final
    - (b) and report to the match organiser of the tournament to receive a badge which must be worn visibly as long as the coach is in the coaching space.
5. All coaches who want to receive a badge for the coaching space must send a passport photo to the tournament organisers at least two weeks before the start of the tournament. They must report to the match organisers before the start of the series or the final and demonstrate their coaching training by means of a license or certificate for the following training courses:
  - a. National (Coaching license: coach level A or B, or NBF 1, 2 or 3)
  - b. USBC Bronze, Silver or Gold
  - c. ETBF level I, II or IIIWhen they are accepted, they will receive a personalised badge which will remain the property of the tournament organisers and will be kept.
6. The coaches must at least be dressed like a coach in a correct and demonstrable manner.

**Article 12: Unnecessary delays:**

1. Once the player has left the approach to the right or left, you must start your own throw to avoid unnecessary delays. Two lane courtesy is not allowed during the tournament.

**Article 13: Lane conditions:**

1. A match pattern will be laid down during the tournament which is manageable but does provide a challenge. It is unlikely that players will score easily. Players will be able to achieve high scores if they play with sufficient focus, concentration and a large dose of fun.
2. OIL PATTERN, published in the 1st week of January of each year on the website [www.yet-netherlands.com](http://www.yet-netherlands.com)

**Article 14: Tie / Ex Aequo**

1. In case of an ex aequo after the preliminaries, the player with the highest last game including bonus will proceed to the next step. If this match was also a tie, the penultimate game will be considered, etc.
2. In case of an ex aequo in the final steps, a ninth and tenth frame will be played between the tied players, after which the highest score over these 2 frames will grant a higher position until a decision has been made.
3. The YET champion of champions: If two or more players score the same lowest pinfall in a round, they will continue to play until one throws the lowest pinfall and thus loses, after which the knock-out race will continue.

**Article 15: Interrupted game or match:**

1. If a prolonged lane failure occurs at the start of or during a series/final due to force majeure, the organisation has the right to place up to 5 players on a pair of lanes.
2. If in case of an interrupted game, for example, due to a technical malfunction, the game(s) in question cannot be played or continued on the same day, the game(s) in question will be played or continued on a date and time determined by the Board (in consultation with the bowling alley).
3. If due to a lane error the time limit is exceeded and the game cannot be continued, the game must be completed at a later time. This time will be determined by the Board of Stichting YET Nederland in consultation with the bowling alley.
4. If the game is resumed at a later time and it was not yet in the fourth or later frame, it will be replayed from the start.

**Article 16: Bowling clothing:**

1. The clothes of the players and coaches must always be in accordance with the tournament/game rules.
2. Wearing bowling clothing during the tournament and the award ceremony is required in accordance with the YET INTERNATIONAL rules. If a player fails to comply with this rule, no ranking points can be awarded for qualification for the GRANDE FINALE YET INTERNATIONAL TOUR.
3. Wearing denim, tracksuits or caps in any form is not permitted. If you cannot meet this requirement due to medical or demonstrable reasons, you can discuss this with the tournament director.
4. If a player repeatedly violates Article 15(1-2), he or she will be excluded from the final.
5. A player is also required to attend the award ceremony in bowling clothes and will forfeit his or her ranking points if he or she fails to do so.
6. Organisers and volunteers will lead by example and wear suitable sports or golf clothing throughout the tournament.

**Article 17: Phones, iPod, Tables, Pictures, Film, Video:**

1. Players are not allowed to use a mobile (smart) phone, iPod or tablet (which must be turned off) in and behind the player space (between the coaching space and the approach) is not allowed during the entire tournament.
2. Making recordings is allowed during the tournament, but these recordings may not be published without permission on any social media platform or used for any other (promotional) purposes.



## **Chapter 4 Matches YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT:**

### **Article 18: Number of matches to be played:**

1. Preliminaries are played over six games with two players per lane. These six games must be played within a time frame of 150 minutes or 2.5 hours (duo event).
2. If a prolonged lane failure occurs at the start of or during a series/final due to force majeure, the organisation has the right to place up to 5 players on a pair of lanes.
3. The players must wait for a signal of the match organisers to continue to the next game after each match.
4. After every two games during the preliminaries and step 1, we will simultaneously switch lanes. The players on the even lanes move to the right, and the players on the uneven lanes move left, which means that 1 moves to 13 and 16 moves to 4.
5. The switching after two games will take place simultaneously at the signal of the tournament organisers.
6. Changing lanes: even lanes across the approach, with the exception of drinks and other liquids, which will move through the player space. Uneven lanes go through the player space.

### **Article 19: Score processing:**

1. The match organiser will inform the score processor of any wrong scores.

### **Article 20: Player oath, YET Welfare Charter and NBF Fair Play Rules:**

1. The tournament will be opened by taking a player oath, which will focus on good sportsmanship and fair play.
2. The player, parent, coach and match organiser will take this oath and will from that moment apply to all players, coaches, parents/caretakers and the match organisers.
3. This player oath will be taken again in the last weekend when our foreign participants start their series.
4. **High Five Fair Play Rules:**
  - 1) I pay attention to my language
  - 2) Fun is paramount
  - 3) I respect others
  - 4) I take care of the materials
  - 5) I set a good example.
5. **YET Welfare Charter:**
  - a) YET is an organisation that is interested in the well-being of all its participants.
  - b) YET acknowledges the rights and self-esteem of each participant.
  - c) YET Welfare Charter promotes all positive aspects of the bowling sport.
  - d) YET stands for bowling etiquette, fair play, respect, values and standards at all times.
  - e) YET strives to offer its participants a safe and fun environment.
  - f) YET Welfare Charter does not accept intimidation, unsportsmanship, violation of the rules and/or the use of prohibited substances in any form whatsoever.
  - g) If you feel like the YET Welfare Charter is being violated, you can discuss this with the president of YET INTERNATIONAL.

## **Chapter 5 Prizes and Trophies:**



### **Article 21: Individual Prizes**

1. In the individual rankings, the top four players of all classes of the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT are eligible for a podium place.
2. The other finalists will receive, if the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT allows, a re-entry for the next YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUR TOURNAMENT.
3. Prize winners must be present at the award ceremony and, thus, at the award of the re-entry certificates.
4. Won prizes will not be awarded prematurely except if it can be demonstrated that, for example, a player must be on time for a flight or must leave the tournament due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **Article 22: Trophies:**

1. **YET: Champion of Champions:**  
A knock-out race will be played with all class winners at the YET Championship. The knock-out race will take place with one ball roll at the time, with the lowest roll dropping out until the ultimate winner is left. The overall champion will be captured on the YET Challenge Cup and will receive a small replica as a trophy.
2. **Trophy: Municipality of Nieuwegein:**  
the shield will be awarded to the player in class 8 with the greatest positive difference between his or her throw average and his or her average in the 1st preliminary.
3. **Trophy: Chandra:**  
the shield will be awarded to the player with the smallest positive difference between his or her throw average and his or her average in the 1st preliminary.

## **Chapter 6: Finances:**

### **Article 23: Registration fees**

1. The registration fees for entry and re-entry will be determined annually by the Board of Stichting YET Nederland.
2. The registration fees must always be paid, even if the player does not attend the tournament.



## Chapter 7: INTERNATIONAL RANKING:

### Article 24: Payment of player fee YET International:

1. Due to the increasing costs for the organisation of the YET tour final in one of the organisation countries, we must pay € 2.00 per participant to the YET as of the 2018-2019 season, which amount has been included in the registration fees.

### Article 25: YET ranking points:

1. **YET International ranking points:** the highest score of the 6 games (in all classes) of the entry or re-entry count towards the YET ranking.
2. **YET International ranking points:** will only be awarded to bowlers under 25 years of age on 1 September of each calendar year.
3. **The award of YET International ranking points expires:** if a player violates the YET International rules, the clothing requirements, or steps 1 to 4 and the award ceremony.



## Chapter 8: PENALTIES

### Article 26: Penalties:

1. The Board has the right to punish a participant if he or she has acted in violation of the articles of association, a rule, or the essential interests (NBF, ETBF, YET International and Stichting Yet Nederland) or a decision of the Board.
2. The Board may impose the following penalties:
  - a. Warning;
  - b. Exclusion from participation in tournament/competition, either the preliminaries and/or finals;
  - c. Denial of the right to exercise the positions listed in the penalty for a duration of up to one year, as determined in the punishment;
  - d. loss of possibly earned ranking points for the YET International Bowling Tour.
3. Insofar a violation was committed with, the participant/member will also be subject to the disciplinary proceedings of the NBF and the disciplinary regulations of the NBF will apply to the participant/members.

### Article 27: Doping:

1. Stichting YET Nederland has regulations on performance-enhancing drugs, which applies to all participants in accordance with rules of the NBF, ETBF, WTBA and FIQ.

### Article 28: Alcohol and tobacco:

1. Tournament organisers, volunteers, players, coaches and trainers located in the player and/or coaching space may not use alcohol and tobacco during the series and/or finals.

## Chapter 9 Final provisions:

### Article 29: Deviations from these regulations

1. In case of force majeure, exceptions may be made to the provisions of these tournament/match regulations and/or violations of the provisions of these tournament/match regulations may not have any consequences, such at the discretion of the Board together with the tournament organiser or involved player.

### Article 30: Applicability of the regulations:

1. The Board of Stichting YET Nederland will ensure that the all participants are sufficiently aware of these regulations through publication or otherwise. In case of disputes about the interpretation of the regulations, the Dutch text will be binding.

### Article 31: Responsibility:

1. Except for its responsibilities under the law, Stichting YET Nederland is in no way responsible or (financially) liable for accidents and/or illnesses of participants, for the loss of possessions, or any other damage allegedly suffered by the participant.
2. Players, coaches, parents and/or caretakers are responsible for ensuring that the bowling materials do not endanger other players or attendees of the bowling alley. The organisation is not liable for the loss of or damage to bowling materials or related matters.



**Article 32: Personal Data, Privacy and GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation:**

1. By registering for the tournament, the participant automatically accepts any use of his personal data and/or his image in print, picture, film and the like by Stichting YET Nederland for promotional or informational purposes of the YET OPEN INTERNATIONAL SCRATCH YOUTH TOURNAMENT without being eligible for any form of compensation. The *GDPR Privacy Regulations* apply to the use referred to in the previous sentence.

**Article 33: Unforeseen circumstances:**

1. In all cases not provided for in these regulations, the Board of Stichting YET Nederland will make a decision with due observance of the applicable regulations.