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(**TNBA**), founded in 1939, is open to both adults and youth. TNBA promotes friendship, sportsmanship and fellowship among its members. All persons, bowlers as well as non-bowlers, are invited to join.

Over 2,500 youth, ages 4-20, participate in the many fun and competitive activities of the National Bowling Association. Our bowlers compete in both TNBA and USBC youth programs.

Each year, the four TNBA regions host major handicap youth tournaments known as our “junior regionals”. The Division I Handicap Team Champion from each regional will travel to the Association's annual convention for a championship roll-off. The winning team becomes TNBA's **National Youth Team Champion**.

TNBA offers all bowlers the opportunity to participate in a scratch youth tournament. Held in a central location, the bowlers compete for scholarship money and the chance to become the **Scratch Tournament Champion**.

Youth TNBA membership offers the following additional benefits and opportunities:

Honor Score Recognition

800 Series, 300, 299 and 298 Game Awards

League Achievement Award Chevrons

High Series, High Game and Pins Over Average

National Recognition: High Average, Series, Game and Most Improved Bowler

League “Community Service” Recognition

Each year one league will receive national recognition for community service performed by the youth bowlers.

Joint TNBA/USBC International Training Initiative

The 2014-2015 season was the sixth year for this joint venture. Annually, TNBA youth and certified coaches will have the opportunity to train as “Olympians” at the **USBC International Training and Research Center**. This multi-day event began as a project meant to open pathways for increasing minority participation in elite levels of competition. Opportunities like this increase the visibility of our TNBA youth.

Junior Council Leadership Program

TNBA offers mentoring and leadership training opportunities through our **Junior Council Program**. Through this program, youth bowlers are active on both the local and national levels learning what it takes to manage a successful organization. National Junior Council members can attend the Association's annual convention where they immerse themselves in meetings, workshops and tournaments. Cultivating the talents of our youth is an organizational priority.

Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarship opportunities are offered through our **Junior Program/Scholarship Program**. The National Bowling Association, Inc. offers \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating High School seniors. Each year, a top prize of \$1,500 each is awarded to one boy and one girl. The scholarship program provides additional support to students as they continue their studies.

TNBA membership is open to any youth bowler who has not reached their 20th birthday as of August 1st of the upcoming season. Our tournaments are certified by the United States Bowling Congress.