



Questions & Answers

Q. What is the name of competition?

The competition will be called the 'Amateur Junior Classic' Inter-school Bowling Championship

Q. What is the purpose of the competition?

To bring students from local secondary schools together to compete whilst raising the profile and popularity of the sport/activity.

Q. Who has entered the competition?

Last year we had Year 1 secondary school pupils from Limavady High School, Our Lady of Lourdes and Coleraine College with almost 200 pupils participating. Our Lady Of Lourdes won the title with Coleraine College securing the best player award.

Q. When will the event be held?

Qualifier rounds will be held between now and April 2011 with the competition itself will then take place: Quarter final 6th October; Semi final 13th October & Final 20th October 2011

Q. Why have the schools entered?

This competition provides the school with an activity that will motivate and encourage children to work as a team whilst building a sense of pride for their school, as well as provide exciting opportunity to build relationships and compete with others schools in the district.

Q. What is the format of the competition?

All teams will compete in the competitions qualifying round where up to 14 of the top teams will qualify to compete in the quarter final. From here teams will compete to qualify for the semi final round where the top 10 teams will play for a place in the final round. In the final round 6 teams will play for the title.

Q. Can additional coaching be provided?

Yes. a master class group lesson is available to all school children for only £12 per pupil. This is a three week course based on a minimum of 6 children per group.

Q. What if children want to come more frequently to practice? Can a special rate be provided?

Absolutely. For the duration of the competition from qualifying rounds through to the final, all children who are participating can avail of a special discount card which allows them to refine their skills and bowl Mon – Thur before 6pm for half price. (See page 5 for example of discount card)

Q. Will the competition also take place during school hours?

No. The quarter, semi and final rounds will all take place at 4pm after school.

Q. The cost of travel is expensive what are our options?

We would be happy to make enquiries on behalf of all competing schools to see if we can secure an additional multiple booking discount for transport, however transport costs remain the responsibility of the school. It is important to note that as the competition progresses past the qualifier round less pupils will require transport and a bus may not be necessary. Last year it was possible for teachers to transport children to the competition by car.



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Q. How will schools know how they are performing against other schools?

Newsletter bulletin will be emailed to schools informing them how each school has performed. We also intend to provide the local papers with information for publication.

Q. How do we keep the momentum and interest up, between qualifying rounds and the final?

We hope to launch the event to media with guests from schools and selection of students as well as provide regular releases to local press and radio to raise awareness and build support and interest in the event. (See pages 6,7 & 8) We will also provide promotional posters (see page 5) and leaflets to school and for pupils to take home. We may also provide additional vouchers and offers for the children to share with their family.

Q. Is there a prize for participants?

All pupils who qualify for the competition receive certificates. Each round has a different certificate which indicates the level that they competed. There will be a cup for the winning school and the top player.. The prizes will be presented by a VIP at the final on the 20th October 2011.

Q. Will the competition happen next year?

Yes. It is envisaged that the event will be annual.

Q. Can children with special needs or from primary schools compete.

Bowling is a fantastic sport for people of all ages and abilities. If there is sufficient interest and numbers, we would be delighted to set up a league for primary schools and Special Need schools so they can also compete with their own rounds and prize.

Q. What age do pupils need to be to participate?

Pupils competing at secondary school level will be in 1st year for the qualifying round (Qualifiers to be held before mid April) and in 2nd year when the competition kicks off in October 2011. Pupils in primary school will be in P6 for the qualifying round and be in P7 for the competition. As pupil numbers for special needs schools are much smaller it is envisaged that the number of participating pupils could be at the Schools discretion. Input on how this could work from special need teachers would be greatly appreciated so that the event is inclusive and worthwhile.

Q. Could we use the qualifier as a fundraising event for our school or a local charity?

Yes. Children can raise sponsorship for participating. If you are interested please contact us for a sponsorship form.

This sounds great—how do I sign up?

Simply email Bridget at bridget.mcgurk@moviehouse.co.uk with the following information:
Name of School, organisers name & contact details, number & name of pupils registering for the event and 1st,2nd & 3rd choice for dates & time for your school to participate in your qualifier round.



Rules

- All children to wear the provided bowling shoes.
- The first round 'the qualifier' -will consist of one game of bowling. The top teams (numbers tbc based on number of participants) from each school will qualify for the quarter finals.
- It is envisaged that one game will be played for the semi finals and the top 10 teams (again number of teams tbc) will reach the semi finals. Then the top 6 teams (number of teams tbc) will make the final round and battle it out for the highest score and one of them will be crowned the 2010 Amateur Junior Schools Classic winner.
- All children must use either a standard house ball provided or use their own equipment.
- No bumpers are allowed to be turned on during this event.
- No ball ramps are to be used during this event.
- Anyone found tampering with the scores or misusing the lanes may result in them being removed from the competition.
- The Jet Centre Management reserve the right to make changes during the competition but in keeping within the standard rules of bowling.
- Please ensure you turn up at least 15min before you are due to start on the finals night.
- If a team member is missing then you forfeit that person from the team.