

2023 Salute to Veterans Youth Scholarship & U23 Bowling Tournament

Register online at TournamentBowl.com

- **Eligibility:** Open to all USBC sanctioned youth bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2005 or later and sanctioned adult bowlers (U23) whose birthdate is 8/1/2000 to 7/31/2005.
- **Cost:** \$65 entry fee: \$35 lineage, awards, and expenses, \$25 to scholarship fund; \$5 donation to BVL. Entries will be limited to 128.
- **Divisions:** Boys scratch, Girls scratch, U23 Scratch, Handicap A (average 145-189), Handicap B (average < 145)
 - If there are fewer than 8 entries in either Handicap division, a single handicap division will be formed and handicapped at 80% of 200, with a maximum handicap of 90 pins. The average ranges for the Handicap Divisions may be adjusted based on number of entries.
 - If there are fewer than 8 entries **in any division**, divisions may be combined, and Tournament Director will inform entrants of the combining method.
 - U23 will separate into Boy's and Girl's divisions when there are at least 10 entries for each.
- **Handicap Averages:** Bowler's highest book average for 2022-2023 as listed on bowl.com, will be used. If a bowler does not have a book average, they will need to present a current league standing sheet for a minimum of 12 games. Bowlers who are unable to provide a current or book average will bowl scratch. Tournament officials will verify all averages. Tournament director reserves the right to use adjusted sport averages.
- **Sport oil pattern:** Pattern will be released no later than one week prior to the event.
- **Format:** All bowlers will bowl five qualifying games, moving lanes between each game. After five qualifying games, there will be a cut to the top 8 bowlers in each division (cut will be top 6 if there are 8 or fewer in the division). Seeded match play brackets, with single elimination, in each division will be played until a winner is determined in each division. Ties for seeding positions or in final bracket play will be determined by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.
- **Scholarships and Awards:** **U23 bowlers (birthdate between 8/1/2000 and 7/31/2005), will have the option to take their payouts in cash or scholarship.** It is the bowler's responsibility to know their scholarship/cash payout limits for collegiate bowling. Scholarships/payouts will be awarded to the top four finishers in each division. The amount of scholarship/payout available will be based on the number of entries. Scholarship money will be deposited into SMART account within 30 days of the conclusion of the tournament. Additional scholarship/payout money may be added on the day of the tournament and will be paid to 5th to 8th places.
- **Tournament Date:** November 12, 2023. Check-in will begin at 8:15 am. Bowling will begin when all participants are checked in or at 9:00 am, whichever is first.
- **Dress Code:** Collared shirts or bowling jerseys for boys and girls; slacks or dress shorts for boys; slacks, dress shorts, or skorts for girls. Shorts and skirts/skorts must be at least mid-thigh length in the front, back, and sides when standing, and a skort must completely cover the shorts underneath at all times, including when bowling. No jeans, shorts, sweatpants or yoga-type pants, hats, or sleeveless shirts will be allowed. Any apparel depicting cigarettes, alcohol, drugs or weapons will not be allowed. Tournament director reserves the right to disallow any apparel that does not meet these criteria and tournament director's decision is final.
- **Junior Gold Qualifying for 2024:** Participants in Junior Gold qualifying will be responsible for purchasing their 2023-2024 Junior Gold membership online, when available.
 - **U12**-birthdate 08/01/2011 or later-\$25; **U15**-birthdate 08/01/2008 to 7/31/2011-\$37.50; **U18**-birthdate 08/01/2005 - 07/31/2008-\$50.
 - *The number of advancer spots available in each age group will be determined the day of the tournament based on the number entries that day, per division. The scratch scores from the bowlers' qualifying games will determine the bowlers' Junior Gold scores. Qualifying ratio is 1:4 entries per division. The first non-qualifier above the initial ratio with excess entries in each division can advance by paying funds to complete the entry fee.*
 - *Junior Gold qualifiers will be announced before the start of the finalst.*
 - *Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken by the highest single qualifying game between the tied bowlers. If a tie still exists after comparing all qualifying scores, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine the higher qualifier.*
 - *The full rules for Junior Gold and Junior Gold qualifying events can be found at <https://bowl.com/juniorgold>.*
- **Visit Facebook/Salute to the Military Youth Bowling or Facebook/Nebraska Youth Bowling Partnership (NEYBP) for updated information including release of the oil pattern 1 week prior to the tournament.**
 - Any rules not listed here will be covered by USBC playing rules and/or Junior Gold qualifying rules. Failure to abide by any rules and regulations may lead to disqualification from the event. All matters not covered by these rules and regulations will be determined by the Tournament Director. All decisions are final.
 - By entering an NEYBP event you agree to any photos/videos of you at the event to be posted on the NEYBP website, Facebook page, or other NEYBP social media sites. Live streaming of events may also occur.