

2023 Hal Troy Memorial Challenge - Rules

Tournament Eligibility: The Hal Troy Challenge is open to all USBC members who are age 18 or under as of August 1, 2023. This tournament is USBC-certified as an Adult/Youth event. USBC Youth membership from the 2022-23 season is valid if a bowler has not reached their 18th birthday prior to August 1, 2023. If a bowler's 18th birthday is ON or BEFORE July 31, 2023, he/she must have a USBC Adult membership for 2023-2024 to bowl in this event. USBC Adult membership may be purchased by paying the national dues of \$15 at the tournament site; If the bowler needs a USBC Youth membership, one may be purchased for \$4. Bowlers must be in good standing with USBC and SMART. Competition will be handicap, one division.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$60. Walk-ins will be accepted as long as space is available. Register online at <http://youthbowlnw.wordpress.com>. \$2 scratch and handicap brackets are available online and on-site.

Handicap Division Entering Average: Handicap is 100% of 210. Use highest book average from 2022-23 season for 21 games or more. For entering average purposes we will use Standard (house shot) average for 21 or more games in a single league. Sport or Challenge averages are used ONLY if the bowler has no Standard average for the same time period. In that case, Sport and Challenge averages will be converted per the USBC adjustment chart. If no 2022-23 league average, use 21-22 high Standard book average for 21 or more games, or 2020-21 high Standard book average for 21 or more games. For new bowlers or those who do not have enough games in any one league, a composite average across multiple leagues, established tournament organizations, or the most recent bowling seasons may be considered (for example, 12 games in one league and 9 games from another). If you plan to bowl in the handicap division, please provide a league standing sheet or other documentation of your average - email a photo or link to kevin@vintagebowling.net when you pre-register. Tournament staff CANNOT look up this information for you on the day of the tournament. Bowlers with no eligible average or documentation will bowl scratch.

Format: Bowl (5) games of qualifying, moving one pair to the right after each game. The top half (50 percent of bowlers) will advance to the semifinals. The semifinals are head-to-head match play; if there is an odd number of finalists, an extra bowler will advance to make an even number. **Semis:** Those making the cut will bowl (3) more games of match play. Pins carry over and each match will be a position round. Bowlers will receive 30 bonus pins for a win, and each bowler will receive 15 bonus pins in the event of a tie. **Stepladder:** The top (3) bowlers in each division will advance to a TV-style finals. #3 bowls #2, and the winner bowls #1.

Ties: If there are ties for the final spot after qualifying, all affected bowlers will advance to the semis. If there is a tie for a stepladder position after the semis, or a tie during the stepladder finals, the tie will be broken by a 9th and 10th-frame roll-off. In a 9th/10th frame roll-off, bowlers will receive their per-game handicap multiplied by 0.2, dropping any fraction. Any other ties for cashing spots will split money.

Equipment Rules: Per USBC specifications, no balance holes or unused finger/thumb holes are allowed. If you do not have a thumb hole you must have an X, + or other appropriate marking (indicating the center of your palm) engraved into the ball. Only dry towels (no liquid cleaners) may be used during competition. Surface alterations are allowed only during practice and between rounds of the tournament.

Payout: At least one prize will be awarded for every 5 entries. NO CASH WILL BE AWARDED. All prizes are paid to SMART accounts. Bowlers must furnish USBC numbers before leaving the tournament site to avoid delay in payment.

Protests: Any protests regarding eligibility or rules must be made, in writing, to tournament management within 72 hours in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

Dress Code: This is a semi-casual tournament. Bowling jerseys, collared shirts, or USBC Youth shirts must be worn. Name on shirt is not required. Any pants/bottoms are allowed, including slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, jeans, capris, leggings, ball gowns and bell bottoms. All clothing must be family-friendly and in good taste. No inappropriate slogans or pictures, or anything that disparages bowling, our hosts, or sponsors. The tournament director has the final say on the appropriateness of attire.

AND SPEAKING OF GOOD TASTE: Please conduct yourself in a positive manner. Tantrums, outbursts, swearing, or physical abuse of equipment could result in disqualification on the first offense with no refund. The tournament director's decisions are final. Don't take any chances!

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