

Salem Youth Bowling Tour Tournament Rules

Salem Youth Bowling Tour (SYB) events will consist of youth scratch singles competition. Entry fee is \$50 (\$15 lane fees, \$30 scholarship, \$5 administrative). Junior Gold qualifying entry is an additional \$40. USBC and SYB membership required to compete in an SYB event. SYB annual membership is \$25 per person, valid from 8/1/24 to 7/31/25.

Walk-ins will be allowed if space is available. Entries may be made on tournamentbowl.com, by emailing salemyouthbowling@gmail.com, or via Facebook message at the Salem Youth Bowling page.

- All USBC rules for competition and Junior Gold qualifying events will be in place (www.bowl.com/rules).
- Events consist of five games of scratch competition on a sport oil pattern, moving one pair between games. The top six qualifiers advance to a three-round eliminator. The bowlers with the lowest two scratch scores will be eliminated after each round. If there are fewer than six bowlers in a division, all qualifiers will advance to the final, with four advancing to the second round of elimination play. The top four will be awarded scholarships. Scholarships will be administered through the USBC Smart Program.
- Total pinfall at the end of the five qualifying games will determine Junior Gold advancers. Spots will be awarded at a 1:5 ratio. If there is a tie for the Junior Gold advancement spot, the lowest single-game score for each bowler will be dropped and total pinfall for the remaining four games will determine the advancer. Bowlers must possess a valid USBC Junior Gold membership prior to the start of the event to compete for a Junior Gold spot. Junior Gold memberships may be purchased online at https://www.bowl.com/Junior_Gold/Junior_Gold_Home/Membership/.
- The tournament director reserves the right to combine divisions or expand the scholarship placings.
- Bowlers will not be allowed to use electronic devices on the approaches at any time. Cell phones and other communication devices should not be used in the bowler's seating area.
- Bowlers should be present at all times and ready to bowl. Coaching is allowed between frames as long as it does not disrupt the pace of play.
- Only bowlers, scorekeepers, and lane monitors/bowling alley staff are allowed in the bowler's area during tournament play. Depending on alley layout, the tables closest to the lanes are reserved for bowlers only.
- All score corrections must be approved before they are made and must be done in the frame they occurred.
- Appropriate bowling attire is required, including collared or zip-front, mock-collar shirts/jerseys, slacks, dress pants, khakis, dress shorts, skorts or skirts. No jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, leggings, sweatshirts, or sweatpants. Bowler and spectator attire should not contain profanity, tobacco, alcohol, or drug references. If you have questions about attire, please contact the event director or bowling facility.
- Profanity or abusive language/behavior by any individual will not be tolerated.
- Bowling etiquette should be used at all times.
- Bowlers and spectators are required to adhere to local and state health and safety requirements as of the tournament date.
- Lane assignments will be determined based on number of competitors. All attempts will be made to keep bowlers paired with others in their specific age divisions.
- Salem Youth Bowling Tour reserves the right to make rule changes throughout the season as needed to adhere to USBC regulations and to ensure that competition runs smoothly, effectively and safely. Announcements made on tournament day supersede previously posted information.
- Protests (See USBC Rule 329): Protests involving eligibility or playing rules must be made to tournament management in writing within the time limits in Rule 329. The decision of tournament management will be final unless a written appeal is filed with USBC Headquarters within the time limits in Rule 329.