

**This tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress and the following rules will be observed.**

1. Open to all USBC sanctioned youth bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2002 or later. This is considered a 2020-2021 season event.
2. **Cost:** \$45 entry fee: \$15.00 lineage, \$15.00 to scholarship fund, \$5 expenses, \$10 late fee. Entry fee will be \$35 if paid by July 31, 2021. Entries will be limited to 48 (16 per division).
3. See rule #13 for Junior Gold fee information.
4. **Divisions:** Open Boys Scratch, Open Girls Scratch, and Mixed Handicap (average below 175),
5. **Handicap:** Handicap Division will be at 75% of 200.
6. **Highest book average for 2020-21, as listed on bowl.com, will be used.** If the bowler does not have a 2020-21 average because their league is still going, please provide the most recent league standing sheet as 7/31/2021, for a minimum of 12 games. If the bowler is not in a current league or does not have a 2020-21 book average, 2019-20 average will be used. Bowlers who are unable to provide a current or book average will bowl scratch.
7. **Handicap averages:** All averages will be verified by tournament officials. Tournament director reserves the right to rerate averages. If a house average is not available, i.e. the bowler only has a sport average, the bowler's sport average will be converted to a house average.
8. **Challenge Oil Pattern (TBD).** All bowlers will bowl four qualifying games, moving lanes between each game (Movement will be finalized day of tournament.)
9. **Format:** After four qualifying games, there will be a cut to the top 6 bowlers in each division. Seeded match play brackets, with single elimination, one game total pinfall, in each division will be played until a winner is determined in each division. Ties will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. If a tie still remains after the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off, a single ball roll-off will determine the winner.
10. **Scholarships and Awards:** Scholarships will be awarded at a minimum of 1:5 in each division. The amount of scholarship 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. \$600 additional scholarship money will be added from NE USBC and additional scholarship money may be added on the day of the event.
11. **Tournament date:** August 7, 2021. Check-in will begin at 10:15 am. Bowling will begin when all participants are checked in or at 11:00 am, whichever is first. Bowlers who arrive after competition has started will be awarded zero for each missed frame. No make ups will be allowed.
12. **Dress code:** Collared shirts or bowling jerseys for boys and girls; dress slacks or dress shorts for boys; dress slacks, dress shorts, or skorts for girls. 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. Shorts and skirts/skorts must be at least fingertip length when standing with arms down to the side. Tournament director reserves the right to disallow any apparel that does not meet these criteria and tournament director's decision is final.
13. **Junior Gold Qualifying for 2022 Michigan:** *Participants in the Junior Gold qualifier must purchase an additional Junior Gold membership separate from regular USBC youth membership.*
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2009 or later will participate in the **U12** division. U12 JG membership fee is \$10.00 and entry fee for each U12 bowler at this tournament is \$25.00.*
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2006 – 07/31/2009 will participate in the **U15** division. U15 JG membership fee is \$30.00 and entry fee for each U15 bowler at this tournament is \$37.50.*
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2003 - 07/31/2006 will participate in the **U18** division. U18 JG membership fee is \$30.00 and entry fee for each U18 bowler at this tournament is \$50.00.*
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2001 - 07/31/2003 will participate in the **U20** division. U18 JG membership fee is \$30.00 and entry fee for each U20 bowler at this tournament is \$50.00.*
  - *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. Junior Gold is a scratch tournament, and each bowler must bowl four games. The scratch scores from the four tournament qualifying games will determine the bowlers' Junior Gold scores. Qualifying ratio is 1:4 entries per division. The first non-qualifier above 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 cut to the finals.*

- 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 4 qualifying scores, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will determine the higher qualifier.
  - If there are not enough entries to have separate boy and girl divisions within an age group, a combined age group will be used (applies to U12, U15, and U18 only). If there are not enough entries for a combined age group, divisions may be combined (applies to U12, U15, and U18 only). U20 cannot be combined with other age groups.
  - **If a bowler qualifies for and decides not to attend Junior Gold in 2022 (Grand Rapids, MI), they must notify Junior Gold directly **and** notify the tournament director of the event where they qualified so that a replacement can be entered. Failure to cancel with Junior Gold by June 1, 2022 and/or failure to register in Grand Rapids, will result in the bowler not being allowed to enter a Junior Gold Qualifier through a Nebraska Youth Bowling Partnership tournament in the future.**
14. The USBC playing rules will cover any situations not mentioned.
  15. **Enter online at TournamentBowl.com.** Choose Upcoming Tournaments, then choose NE Youth Hall of Fame. **You may pay online through the TournamentBowl.com website or mail payment.**
  16. **Mail entries with payment to: Torri Merten (attn: Youth Hall of Fame), 12943 Ellison Ave, Omaha, NE 68164. (Checks Payable to NE USBC Hall of Fame)**

**Payment must be received for your entry to be official. Entries will be confirmed on a first received/first paid basis. Confirmation will be emailed. You are not confirmed until you receive an email.**

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