

3-2-1 Youth Challenge - Rules

Tournament Eligibility: The 3-2-1 Challenge is open to all USBC members who are age 20 or under as of August 1, 2021. Bowlers must have a current (2021-22) USBC membership to participate. This tournament is USBC-certified as an Adult/Youth event. If a bowler's 18th birthday is ON or BEFORE July 31, 2021, he/she must have a USBC Adult membership for 2021-2022 to bowl in this event. Memberships can be purchased on-site. Bowlers must be in good standing with USBC and SMART. This tournament will have handicap and scratch divisions with separate prize funds.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$60. Entries close at 9 p.m. Saturday, March 12 (the night before the event). No refunds once practice has begun.

To Register and Pay: Visit the tournament webpage 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 current (2021-22) league average as of January 1, 2022, 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 2021-22 league average, use 2020-21 high Standard book average for 21 or more games, or 2019-20 high Standard book average for 21 or more games. For new bowlers who do not have enough games in any one league, or whose leagues were interrupted by COVID shutdowns, a composite average for at least 21 games across multiple leagues or from the most recent bowling seasons may be considered (for example, 15 games this season and 6 games the previous season). 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 on the day of the tournament. Bowlers with no eligible average or documentation may choose to enter the scratch division, or enter the handicap division with zero handicap.

Format: Bowl (5) games of qualifying, moving one pair to the right after each game. The top half (50 percent of bowlers) in each division 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, handicap division bowlers will receive their per-game handicap multiplied by 0.2, dropping any fraction. Any other ties for cashing spots will split money.

Optional Junior Gold Qualifier: If there is enough interest, Junior Gold qualifying events will be held using the first 3 games of qualifying. Per USBC rules, only scratch scores are counted, even if the bowler is participating in the handicap division. (See **Junior Gold qualifier rules on the attached page**). A bowler must have JG membership and pay the qualifier entry fee prior to the start of practice. No refunds once practice has begun. Although the qualifier is optional, participation in the main tournament is required (i.e. a bowler cannot choose to enter only the JG qualifier and not the main tournament).

Equipment Rules: Bowlers are limited to (3) bowling balls for qualifying, (2) bowling balls for match play, and (1) bowling ball for the stepladder. Bowlers may practice for qualifying with any equipment, but must decide on a maximum of (3) balls once warm-up has ended. For each new round, bowlers may practice with all equipment used in the previous round, but must limit their equipment to the maximum allowed after practice has ended. **IMPORTANT: Bowling balls may only be chosen from the equipment used for the previous round.** 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. Surface alterations are allowed 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, etc. 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: Conduct yourself in a positive manner. Outbursts, swearing, or 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!

QUESTIONS? Visit <http://youthbowlNW.wordpress.com> or e-mail Kevin Hong: kevin@vintagebowling.net

Optional Junior Gold Qualifier - Rules

A 2021-2022 (new season) Junior Gold membership is required to participate and can be purchased on-site. The membership is good for the entire upcoming bowling season. Use the chart below to determine age division, membership fee and qualifier entry fees:

<u>Birth date</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>JG membership fee (valid all season)</u>	<u>Qualifier entry fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
8/1/09 or later	U12	\$10	\$25	\$35
8/1/06 - 7/31/09	U15	\$30	\$40	\$70
8/1/03 - 7/31/06	U18	\$30	\$50	\$80
8/1/01 - 7/31/03	U20	\$30	\$50	\$80

If you already have a valid 2021-2022 JG membership, please bring your membership card to the tournament. For your protection, we will require any bowler without proof of a current JG membership to purchase one before entering the qualifier. (It gets messy if you earn a spot and it turns out you didn't actually have a membership. By USBC rules, you can't buy the membership "after the fact"; instead, the spot would go to the next eligible bowler in the standings. Don't let this happen to you!)

There is no additional bowling required; all bowlers use the first 3 games of qualifying. Only your first 3 SCRATCH scores are counted for the qualifier (no handicap is used; this is a USBC rule). If there are ties for JG spots after 3 games, your fourth game (and fifth, if necessary) will be used as a tie-breaker.

Junior Gold will be held in July 2022 at several centers in and around Grand Rapids, Michigan. This qualifier only awards an entry to the national tournament... travel and lodging expenses are up to you!

At least (4) bowlers are needed to hold a qualifier. If there are at least (4) bowlers in an age group, an age-specific qualifier can be held. If there aren't at least (4) entries, bowlers may combine with another age group to reach the minimum 4 bowlers. All affected bowlers must agree to combine, and will be consulted for consent before scoring starts. (If age divisions are combined, all bowlers in that group pay the higher entry fee. For example, a U15-only qualifier would cost \$40, but a U15/U18 combined qualifier costs \$50).

One (1) paid Junior Gold spot will be awarded for every (4) entries in the qualifier. If there are more entries than a multiple of 4, we will advance another bowler PROVIDED this "extra" bowler agrees to cover the additional funds needed to make up the national entry shortfall (under Junior Gold extra advancer provisions). This option is only available to the next bowler in line. If that bowler declines to exercise this option, no other bowlers will be offered the spot (per USBC rules). In that case, any leftover entry funds would be returned to the tournament prize fund.

Note: Bowlers may not enter the qualifier separately. Everyone in the qualifier must be entered and paid in the main tournament.

USBC and Junior Gold rules shall govern any situations not covered here.