

2022-2023 Nebraska Youth Open and U23 Bowling Tour
Abbreviated Tour Stop Rules and Information (as of 2/22/2023)

Full rules available at tournamentbowl.com. Select "Upcoming Tournaments" and select the event from the list. On the home page, all rules and additional information can be downloaded or linked.

- 1 **Eligibility:** Open to all USBC sanctioned youth bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2004 or later and all adult bowlers whose birth date is between 8/1/1999 and 7/31/2004. All bowlers who turn 18 on or before 7/31/2022 must be sanctioned as adults before bowling the first event of the season.
- 2 **Cost:** \$60 tournament entry (**\$75 late registration**); \$5 optional brackets, no limit; optional Junior Gold entry fee. Per tournament: \$22 lineage, \$25 awards and scholarships, \$5 to season finals, \$8 expenses. A \$50 yearly membership fee is required upon bowler's second event of the season and goes toward the season finals lineage, awards, and general season operating expenses. No-shows and same day cancellations will be assessed a \$25 fee to register at a future event, subject to tournament director's discretion.
- 3 **Junior Gold Qualifying (optional):** All events will be Junior Gold Qualifiers, provided the minimum number of entries is met. U20 Junior Gold qualifiers cannot be combined with U18 and below. There must be at least four U20 entries to hold a U20 qualifier.
- 4 **Entries** Pre-registered/pre-paid entries will be accepted first. Walk-ins will be accepted based on availability. *See rule #7 for registration information.*
- 5 **Divisions:**
 - U12 Boys/Girls Scratch; birthdate 8/1/2010 or later
 - U15 Boys/Girls Scratch: birthdate 8/1/2007 to 7/31/2010
 - U18 Boys/Girls Scratch: birthdate 8/1/2004 to 7/31/2007
 - U23 Mixed Scratch: birthdate 8/1/1999 to 7/31/2004
 - Mixed Handicap: birthdate 8/1/2004 or later, average under 176; 80% of 200. The maximum handicap will be 90 pins per game.

Note: Divisions may be combined if there are fewer than 10 entries per division. Divisions will be combined first within age groups and then across age groups as needed to make a full division. A bowler who wishes to bowl in a higher age division than where their birthdate places them may do so, but once a bowler has voluntarily moved up in age division or moved from handicap to scratch, the bowler must remain in that division for the remainder of the season. The exception to this rule is if the tournament director combines age groups for a single event.

Averages: Starting averages for the Handicap division will be the highest book average on bowl.com for the 2021-2022 season. Bowlers whose first event is after January 1, 2023, will use the highest average as of 12/31/2022 for a minimum of 12 games. If the bowler does not have an established average on bowl.com, please provide a current league standing sheet. Bowlers unable to provide a valid average will bowl scratch. Handicap averages will be rerated every 10 games.

- 6 **Sport or challenge oil pattern:** All events will be held on a sport or challenge oil pattern. Pattern will be released the day of the event.
- 7 **Registration:** Pre-registration and pre-payment is encouraged. Most events will fill quickly and will have a waiting list. Walk-ins will be accepted based on availability per event. Walk-in and online entries received 5 or fewer days before each event will be \$75. Absolutely no email, text message, phone, or social media messaging entries will be accepted this year. Inquiries are welcome, but you must register online or walk-in.
 - Most events will consist of only one qualifying squad, but it may be necessary to have two squads at small bowling centers. Times and divisions for squads will be emailed and posted on Facebook.
 - Register online at TournamentBowl.com. No text, social media messenger, phone, or email entries will be accepted.
 - **Pre-pay using PayPal to: neyouthbowl@gmail.com or Venmo to @Torri-Merten. Please add a note indicating bowlers' name(s) and the event name. PayPal payments: add \$2 per item transaction fee.**
- 8 **Remaining Season Formats:**
 - **Stop 6-3/5/2023 Mockingbird Format:** 5 game qualifier with cut to top 6 in each division (top 4 in divisions with 7 or fewer). Seeded bracket finals with double-elimination match play.
 - **Stop 7-4/2/2023 Pastime Lanes:** 5 game qualifier with cut to top 5 in each division for stepladder finals.
 - **Stop 8-5/7/2023 Sun Valley Lanes:** 5 game qualifier with cut to top 8 in each division for seeded bracket, single elimination match play. Total pinfall for 2 games will determine the winner of each match.
 - **Stop 9-6/4/2023 Hollywood Bowl:** 5 game qualifier with cut to top 5 in each division for stepladder finals.
- 9 **Scholarships and Payouts:** Scholarships/payouts will be awarded at a minimum of a 1:5 in each division and will pay to finalists only. The amount of scholarship/payout available will be finalized the day of the event. Scholarship money will be deposited into bowlers' SMART accounts within 30 days of the conclusion of the tournament. Additional scholarship/payout money may be added on the day of the tournament. **U23 bowlers, birthdate between 8/1/1999 and 7/31/2004, will have the option to take their payouts in cash or scholarship.** It is the college bowlers' responsibility to know their limits for cash/scholarship awards to maintain collegiate eligibility.
- 10 **Remaining Tour Stop Tournament Dates:** 3/5/2023, 4/2/2023, 5/7/2023, 6/4/2023, and season finals on 6/24/2023 and 6/25/2023. Check-in times will vary and will be announced on our Facebook page at least 7 days prior to each event.
- 11 **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 cargo pants, cargo shorts, jeans, athletic 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.
- 12 **Season Finals:** Season finals will be held on 6/24/2023 and 6/25/2023. Bowlers must attend a minimum of three (3) regular season Tour Stops to be eligible for the season finals. There is no minimum point requirement for the Season Finals.

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Remaining Dates & Locations

3/5/2023 Mockingbird Lanes (Omaha, NE)
4/2/2023 Pastime Lanes (Hastings, NE)
5/7/2023 Sun Valley Lanes (Lincoln, NE)
6/4/2023 Hollywood Bowl (Lincoln, NE)
Storm Elite Invitational Finals
6/24-6/25/2023 Maplewood Lanes (Omaha, NE)

Divisions Offered

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Check-in and start time will be announced no later than 7 days prior to the event. Most events will start check-in at 8:15 am with announcements and practice starting at 8:50 am. Some venues will require more than one squad.**

Some stop locations will include an optional Saturday afternoon event. Information for these events will be posted no later than two weeks prior to the event on our Facebook page and via email.

**Check-in and start times will be adjusted at proprietors' discretion. All check-in and start times will be posted on the Facebook Page, website, and will be emailed to each registered participant.

Fees: \$60* per bowler, per tournament; \$50 per bowler yearly membership fee (due at each bowler's second event of the season).
Optional Junior Gold Qualifying and Side Brackets available at each Tour Stop.
Walk-ins will be accepted on a space available basis.

**Registrations received fewer than 5 days prior to each event will be \$75. No-shows and same day cancellations will be assessed a \$25 fee to register at a future event, subject to tournament director's discretion.*

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Full Rules and additional information available on TournamentBowl.com, by request, or on the Facebook Page. Full Rules will be posted at each event. See back for abbreviated rules.



All events will have optional Junior Gold Qualifiers, INCLUDING U20, provided there are enough entries.



Enter online at TournamentBowl.com. Search "Tournaments Upcoming" and then filter by state to find all of our events.

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