

# 2023 Salute to the Military Youth Scholarship & U23 Bowling Tournament

Register online at [TournamentBowl.com](http://TournamentBowl.com)

1. **Eligibility:** Open to all USBC sanctioned youth bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2004 or later and sanctioned adult bowlers (U23) whose birthdate is 8/1/1999 to 7/31/2004.
2. **Cost:** \$60 entry fee: \$30 lineage, awards, and expenses, \$25 to scholarship fund; \$5 donation to BVL. Entries will be limited to 128.
3. **Divisions**
  - Boys scratch
  - Girls scratch
  - U23 Mixed Scratch
  - Handicap A (average 145-189); 80% of 200
  - Handicap B (average under 145); 80% of 170 with no maximum handicap
  - If there are fewer than 8 entries in either Handicap division, a single handicap division will be formed and handicapped at 80% of 200, with a maximum handicap of 90 pins. The average ranges for the Handicap Divisions may be adjusted based on number of entries.
  - If there are fewer than 8 entries **in any division**, divisions may be combined, and Tournament Director will inform entrants of the combining method.
4. **Handicap Averages:** Highest current average for a minimum of 12 games will be used. Please provide the most recent league standing sheet showing the bowler's current average for a minimum of 12 games. High school and/or middle school club bowling averages will be allowed at tournament director's discretion if the bowler is not currently enrolled in a league. Bowlers who are unable to provide a current average will bowl scratch. Tournament officials will verify all averages. Tournament director reserves the right to use adjusted sport averages.
5. **Sport oil pattern:** Pattern will be released no later than one week prior to the event.
6. **Format:** All bowlers will bowl five qualifying games, moving lanes between each game. After five qualifying games, there will be a cut to the top 8 bowlers in each division (cut will be top 6 if there are 8 or fewer in the division). Seeded match play brackets, with single elimination, in each division will be played until a winner is determined in each division. Ties for final seeding positions or in final bracket play will be determined by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off. Ties within initial seeding positions will be broken by the highest single game from the 5 qualifying games.
7. **Scholarships and Awards:** **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 bowler's responsibility to know their scholarship/cash payout limits for collegiate bowling. Scholarships/payouts will be awarded to the top four finishers in each division. The amount of scholarship/payout 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. Additional scholarship/payout money may be added on the day of the tournament and will be paid to 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> places. Each division champion will receive a champion banner to be hung at future events and their choice of a personalized plaque or personalized cup/water bottle. (Samples of each will be available to view at the event.) Banners will be turned over to the bowlers when they age out of tournament eligibility or notify Tournament Director that they no longer wish to participate in the event.
8. **Tournament Date:** May 21, 2023. Check-in will begin at 8:15 am. Bowling will begin when all participants are checked in or at 9:00 am, whichever is first.
9. **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 jeans, denim pants/shorts, cargo pants/shorts, athletic pants/shorts/joggers, sweatpants or yoga-type pants, hats, t-shirts, 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.
10. **Junior Gold Qualifying for 2024:** Participants in Junior Gold qualifying will be responsible for purchasing their 2023-2024 Junior Gold membership online. (Qualifying for 2023 Junior Gold ended on 5/14/2023)
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2011 or later will participate in the U12 division. Entry fee is \$25.*
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2008 to 7/31/2011 will participate in the U15 division. Entry fee is \$37.50.*
  - *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2005 - 07/31/2008 will participate in the U18 division. Entry fee is \$50.*
  - *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. The scratch scores from the bowlers' qualifying games will determine the bowlers' Junior Gold scores.*

- *EARP (Enhanced Advancer Ratio Policy): Qualifying ratio is 1:4 entries per division. The first non-qualifier above the initial ratio with excess entries in each division can advance by paying funds to complete the entry fee. The decision by the bowler to use the EARP and payment must be received before the conclusion of the tournament.*
- *Junior Gold qualifiers will be announced before the start of 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 qualifying scores, a 9th and 10th 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. If there are not enough entries for a combined age group, divisions may be combined. If it is necessary to combine age groups/divisions, the lower age group bowlers will be notified and will decide if they want to proceed. If it is necessary to combine age groups/divisions, the registered girls will be given the option to combine with the boys to make a full division. In the case of combined age divisions, the entry fee for the highest division must be paid by all bowlers. A bowler may qualify through a higher division but will still bowl in their current age division at Junior Gold.*
- *The full rules for Junior Gold and Junior Gold qualifying events can be found at <https://bowl.com/juniorgold/>.*
- *If a bowler qualifies for and decides not to attend Junior Gold in 2024, Detroit, 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 their stated deadline and/or failure to show up for registration at the 2023 Junior Gold Championships, may result in the bowler not being allowed to enter a Junior Gold Qualifier through a Nebraska Youth Bowling Partnership tournament in the future.*

11. The USBC playing rules will cover any situations not mentioned.

12. **Visit Facebook/Salute to the Military Youth Bowling or Facebook/Nebraska Youth Bowling Partnership (NEYBP) for updated information including release of the oil pattern no later than 1 week prior to the tournament.**