

2018 Hal Troy Memorial Challenge - Rules

Tournament Eligibility: The Hal Troy Challenge is open to all USBC members who are age 21 or under as of August 1, 2018. This tournament is USBC-certified. USBC Youth membership from the 2017-18 season is valid if a bowler did not turn 20 during the 2017-18 season. If a bowler is 20 or 21 years old on August 1, he/she must purchase a USBC (adult) membership for the current season (2018-19). Prizes will be in the form of SMART scholarships, so bowlers must be in good standing with the USBC and SMART program to receive awards. This will be a handicap tournament. If there are at least 10 interested bowlers, a separate scratch division may be run (the decision will be made prior to the start of the tournament).

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$40 if paid on or before August 1. On August 2, the price will increase to \$45. Walk-ins will be accepted. If there is a scratch division, the entry fee will increase by \$10 for those bowlers.

To Register and Pay: Cash and check payments may be delivered to Eastmont Lanes. Online and mail-in payment instructions can be found on this website: <http://youthbowlNW.wordpress.com> - Make all checks payable to: EASTMONT LANES

Handicap Division Entering Average: Handicap will be calculated at 90% of 210. Use highest book average from 2017-18 season 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 converted per the USBC adjustment chart. If no 2017-18 league average, use 2016-17 high Standard book average for 21 or more games. If you bowled in a center other than Eastmont Lanes, please bring a league standing sheet or other documentation of your average. Bowlers with no eligible average or no documentation will enter at 210. Even if you plan to bowl the scratch division, bring average verification since a scratch division tournament is not guaranteed.

Format: Bowl six (6) 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. For an odd number of entries, we round up to the next whole number. (Example: if there are 25 entries, 13 bowlers would advance).

Lane Courtesy: Please observe one-lane courtesy at all times.

Semis: Those making the cut will bowl (3) more games. Pins carry over and the 3 semi-final games will be added to the bowlers' cumulative total. If there is a scratch division, the format for semifinals may be adjusted at the tournament director's discretion.

Stepladder: The top (3) bowlers 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 one-game roll-off. Any other ties for cashing spots will be broken using the bowler's high game in qualifying.

Optional Junior Gold Qualifier: If there is enough interest, Junior Gold qualifying events will be held concurrently using the first 3 games of qualifying. Per USBC rules, only scratch scores are counted in the qualifier, even if conducted during a handicap tournament.

- A Junior Gold membership (\$30 for U20/U17/U15, \$10 for U12) is required to participate and can be purchased on-site. The entry fee for the qualifier is \$50. If we have enough bowlers to hold separate age division qualifiers, the price may come down somewhat. (At least 4 bowlers are needed in each age group to hold a separate qualifier)
- One (1) Junior Gold spot will be awarded for every (4) entries in the qualifier. If there are more entries than a multiple of 4, the next finisher in line has the opportunity to earn a JG spot by funding the shortfall between the entry monies collected and the \$200 JG entry fee. (For example: If the qualifier has 6 entries, 1 paid spot will be awarded, and the second place finisher could claim a JG spot by paying an additional \$100). This option is available only to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, the option is not available to other finishers further down in the standings.
- A bowler must have Junior Gold membership and pay the qualifier entry fee prior to the start of practice.
- If there are ties for JG spots after 3 games, the 4th game of qualifying (and 5th game, if necessary) will be used as a tie-breaker. If still tied after 5 games, one-ball rollofts will be used.
- 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).

Payout: At least one scholarship prize will be awarded for every 5 entries. NO CASH WILL BE AWARDED. All prizes are paid to bowlers' SMART accounts. Bowlers must furnish USBC numbers before leaving the tournament site to avoid delay in payment.

Dress Code: Entrants must wear bowling shirts including USBC league shirts or polos/bowling jerseys. Names are not required on shirts. Jeans, slacks, shorts, skorts, skirts and other bottoms in good taste will be allowed. All clothing must be family-friendly and in good taste, with no holes or rips. 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: Please conduct yourself in a way that is appropriate and positively represents youth bowling to the general public. Tantrums, outbursts, swearing, or physical abuse of equipment could result in disqualification with no refund. Again, the tournament director's decisions are final.

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