**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 and sanctioned adult (U20 bowlers) whose birthdate is 8/1/2000 or later.
2. **Cost:** $50 entry fee: $22.00 lineage, awards, and expenses, $23.00 to scholarship fund; $5 donation to BVL. Entries will be limited to 128.
3. See rule #14 for Junior Gold fee information.
4. **Divisions**: Boys’ scratch, Girls’ scratch, Handicap A (average 145-189), Handicap B (average under 145). If there are fewer than 6 entries **in either boys or girls divisions,** the scratch divisions will be combined into a single division.
5. **Handicap**: Scratch will be open to all, but bowlers with averages of 190+ will bowl scratch. Bowlers with averages under 189 may bowl handicap. Handicap Division A (averages between 145 and 189) will be handicapped at 80% of 200. Handicap Division B (averages under 145) will be handicapped at 80% of 170. If there are fewer than 8 entries in either Handicap division, one division will be held and handicapped at 80% of 200, with a maximum handicap of 80 pins.
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 of 5/1/2021, 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. If the bowler does not have an established average, please provide the most recent league standing sheet showing the bowler’s current average for a minimum of 12 games. 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 use adjusted sport averages.
8. Sport oil pattern (TBD). All bowlers will bowl five qualifying games, moving lanes between each game. (movement will be finalized day of tournament)
9. **Format:** 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 will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. If a tie still remains after the 9th and 10th frame roll-off, a single ball roll-off will determine the winner.
10. **Scholarships and awards:** Scholarships will be awarded to the top three finishers 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. Additional scholarship money may be added on the day of the tournament and will be paid to 4th and 5th places. 100% of scholarship money will be paid back at the rate of 50% to first place, 30% to second place, and 20% to third place. Additional scholarship money will be awarded based on tournament director’s discretion. Each division champion will receive a champion banner to be hung at future events and their choice of a personalized plaque or personalized Yeti mug.
11. Bowlers must show current 2020-21 USBC sanction card at check-in.
12. **Tournament date:** May 16, 2021. Check-in will begin at 9:15 am. Bowling will begin when all participants are checked in or at 10:00 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. If 2 squads are needed because of COVID capacity restrictions or number of entries exceeding capacity for one squad, check-in for both Handicap Divisions will be 8:15 am with bowling starting at 9:00, and check-in for both Scratch divisions will be 12:15 pm with bowling starting at 1:00.
13. **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.
14. ***Junior Gold Qualifying for 2021 Indianapolis****: Participants in Junior Gold qualifier must show current a Junior Gold membership card or proof of purchase of 2020-21 membership at check-in. If a bowler does not have a current Junior Gold membership card, they can purchase one on the day of the tournament. A Junior Gold membership consists of bowlers who MUST:*
    1. *Be a USBC youth in good standing and comply with USBC Rule 400, or a USBC adult member under the age of 20 in good standing and comply with USBC Rule 400.*
    2. *Purchase an additional Junior Gold membership separate from regular USBC youth membership.*

* *Bowlers whose birth date is 08/01/2008 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 08/01/2005 – 07/31/2008 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 08/01/2002 - 07/31/2005 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 08/01/2000 - 07/31/2002 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 first 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 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 (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.*

1. The USBC playing rules will cover any situations not mentioned.
2. **Enter online at tournamentbowl.com**. Choose Upcoming Tournaments, then choose Youth Salute to the Military/JG qualifier. **PLEASE** download all information and follow the registration instructions. You are not confirmed until you receive an email from the tournament director. Entries will open March 1, 2021 and are limited to the first 128 entries.
3. **Visit Facebook/Salute to the Military Youth Bowling or Facebook/Nebraska Youth Bowling Partnership (NEYBP) for updated information including release of the oil pattern 1 week prior to the tournament**.