

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

**Abbreviated Rules. For registration and complete rules, visit [TournamentBowl.com](https://TournamentBowl.com).**

- 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.
- Cost:** \$60 entry fee: \$30 lineage, awards, and expenses, \$25 to scholarship fund; \$5 donation to BVL. Entries will be limited to 128. Late entries and walk-ins are \$75.
- Divisions:** Boys scratch, Girls scratch, U23 Mixed Scratch, Handicap A (average 145-189), Handicap B (average < 145)
  - 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.
- Handicap Averages:** Highest current average for a minimum of 12 games as of 5/1/2023. 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.
- Sport oil pattern:** Pattern will be released no later than one week prior to the event.
- 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 seeding positions or in final bracket play will be determined by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.
- 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.
- 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.
- Registration:** Register online at [TournamentBowl.com](https://TournamentBowl.com). Entry deadline is 5/14/2023 for \$60 entry. Entries received after 5/14/2023 and walk-ins will be \$75. Walk-ins will be allowed based on availability.
- 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, 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.
- Junior Gold Qualifying for 2024:** (As of 5/28/2023, the final day for qualifying for Indianapolis 2023 is May 14, 2023. If the date is extended, we will offer 2023 qualifying as well as 2024 qualifying.)
  - Participants in Junior Gold qualifying will be responsible for purchasing their 2023-2024 Junior Gold membership online, when it becomes available. Birthdates below correspond to 2024 Junior Gold divisions.
  - U12**-birthdate 08/01/2011 or later-\$25; **U15**-birthdate 08/01/2008 to 7/31/2011-\$37.50; **U18**-birthdate 08/01/2005 - 07/31/2008-\$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. 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.
  - Junior Gold qualifiers will be announced before the start of the finals for each event.
  - 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will determine the higher qualifier.
  - The full rules for Junior Gold and Junior Gold qualifying events can be found at <https://bowl.com/juniorgold/>.
- The USBC playing rules will cover any situations not mentioned.
- 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.**