



Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour Rules

2021-22 Season

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Chapter 1- Basic Information

1. The Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour is open to any bowler ages 23 and below to bowl for scholarship money into their Smart Fund.
 - a. Bowlers must be 23 years old or younger on or prior to August 1st of the current season
2. Every event begins at 9:00am. Check-in will begin at or before 8:00am.
 - a. It is recommended that bowlers who are wanting to bowl pre-register prior to the day of the event. Walk-ins are accepted if there is room in the division. Maximum amount of entries varies upon the location of the event.
3. Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour offers 3 divisions at each event. Boys Scratch, Girls Scratch, and Handicap.
4. Handicap is 80% of 200.
 - a. For a Handicap division bowler's first event, the bowler's current Standard Composite average from bowl.com will be converted to a Sport Shot average, and used to determine the bowler's handicap.
 - b. If the bowler has a Sport Shot average from the current season established, that average will be used to determine the bowler's average.
 - c. If the bowler is bowling a current league with a minimum of 12 games, the average from that league can also be used, as long as proof of average is presented on the day of the event.
 - d. After the bowler's first AYBT event, AYBT will establish a Sport Shot average for the bowler and that average will be used to determine the bowler's current handicap at every event they bowl.
 - e. Handicap bowlers from the 2020-21 season who finished with a 180 scratch average or above will be required to move into their respective scratch division for the 2021-22 season.
 - f. If a Handicap division bowler wishes to bowl in their respective scratch division for an event, they will not be allowed to go back to the Handicap division for the rest of the season.



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Chapter 2- Formats

1. Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour will be hosting events with five different formats.

a. Normal Events- 6 games of qualifying will be bowled, followed by a cut to the Top 25% of the field, to bowl 2 more games of Advancer's Round, followed by a cut to the Top 6 for match play. The first seed will receive a bye into the finals, and the second seed will receive a bye into the semi-finals. 3rd vs 6th, 4th vs 5th, winners of the matches will bowl each other, winner of the match will bowl against the second seed, winner of the match will bowl the first seed, winner of the match is the overall champion of the day.

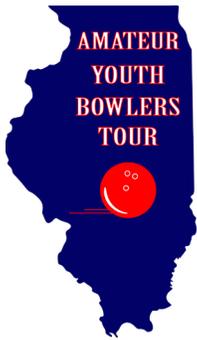
b. Major Events- Major events are three days long (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Friday night will be the practice session on all of the patterns used in the event. Patterns will not be released until after the conclusion of the event. A total of 15 qualifying games will be bowled over the course of three 5-game qualifying blocks (Saturday AM, Saturday PM, Sunday AM). After the 15 qualifying games, the Top 50% of the field will be cut to bowl 2 Advancer's Round games, followed by a cut to the Top 8 for PBA Playoffs style match play

i. Bowlers will be limited to a total of 6 bowling balls to be used during Majors. Bowlers will be required to have a completed ball card prior to the end of the first qualifying block. Practice sessions on the Friday prior to the event will be optional for the bowlers to determine their six bowling balls.

ii. PBA Playoffs Match Play- Following the cut into the Top 8, bowlers will be bowling in a PBA Playoffs style match play. PBA Playoffs style match play is 2 games, with a Race to 2 points. The winner of each game will receive a point. Pins do **not** carry over between games. If bowlers tie in points, the tie will be broken with a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. If the roll-off also ends in a tie, that tie will be broken with a one ball roll-off.

c. Adult/Youth- 3 individual games and 6 baker games of qualifying, cut after 6 games depending on entries for a double elimination bracket match play. Match play will be performed in Baker format with 2 game total pinfall to determine the winner of the match. U12, U15, and U18 divisions will be offered at Adult/Youth events based on the youth bowler's age on 8/1/2021.

d. Doubles- 6 individual games of qualifying, a cut will be made depending on the entries. Following the cut, double elimination match play will take place with the matches being performed as 2 game total pinfall matches in Baker format to determine the winners. U12, U15, U18, and U23 divisions will be offered based on the older bowler's age as of 8/1/2021.



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e. Finale- 6 games of qualifying, the Top 16 will be cut for one game single elimination match play. The Finale event will also be bowled on dual patterns, with one pattern on the left lanes, and a different pattern on the right lanes.

i. The finale will occur at the end of every AYBT season. The finale will be an invite only event based on a variety of qualification requirements.

ii. In order to qualify for the AYBT Season Finale, a bowler must have been a champion at an event **and** have bowled at least 3 Normal Events. Bowlers who have bowled at least 4 Normal Events will also be invited. Bowlers who do qualify for the Season Finale will be contacted shortly following the conclusion of the final event of the season.

Chapter 3- Side Events

1. Brackets and Junior Gold qualifiers will be held at every event.

a. Brackets- Brackets are an optional side pot for bowlers to have a chance to earn extra prize money. Brackets cost \$5 per bracket. During normal events, brackets will be ran on games 2-4-6. Brackets at Major events are TBD. Brackets at Adult/Youth events will be held for both the adult and youth bowlers. Youth bowlers can join brackets for scholarship money and adult bowlers can join brackets for cash. Brackets at doubles events are TBD. Brackets at the finale event are TBD. Bowlers can join however many brackets they wish to join. If bowlers enter brackets that do not fill, immediate cash refunds will be issued.

b. Junior Gold Qualifiers- Junior Gold qualifiers will be hosted at every event. Qualifiers for U12, U15, U18, and U20 divisions will be held. Qualifier payout ratios are 1:4. If an upper division still needs more entries to be able to hold an eligible qualifier, bowlers from lower divisions will be offered the option to bowl up a division, as long as the entry fee difference is paid. Junior Gold membership is also required and can be purchased for \$30. Memberships are \$10 for U12. Two sets of Junior Gold qualifiers will be ran during Normal events (Games 1-3, 4-6).

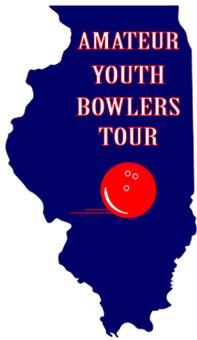
i. Entry Fees- The costs for each Junior Gold qualifiers are as listed below

U12- \$25

U15- \$40

U18- \$50

U20- \$50



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Chapter 4- Disciplinary Actions

1. Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour will be enforcing a strict code of conduct protocol during events.

a. Scores Verification- All scores must be written on a bowlers recap sheet, and must be verified by an opponent's initials. Falsified scores, and scores that were not properly verified are subject to disqualification of the bowler per Rule 327b in the USBC Rulebook.

b. Disorderly Conduct- Bowlers who are bowling with poor behavior during events and acting disorderly are subject to the AYBT Disorderly Conduct protocols listed below. Disorderly Conduct can consist, but is not limited to any of the following: poor sportsmanship, excessive yelling of profanities, abuse of equipment, etc. Discipline will be carried over events. Dependant of the severity of the situation, conduct at future events, and timing of disorderly conduct can alter the disciplinary actions. Some disciplinary actions decisions will not be made immediately as it will be subject to alterations from board discretion.

i. First Offense- Warning

ii. Second Offense- Zero score for a frame and \$10 fine

iii. Third Offense- Disqualification and \$25 fine

iv. Fourth Offense- Temporary suspension from AYBT events

v. Fifth+ Offense- Temporary suspension from AYBT and report submitted to USBC with potential USBC suspension

Chapter 5- Dress Code

1. Proper bowling attire must be worn at events.

a. All bowlers must wear a shirt with a butterfly or mock collar.

b. Boys may wear slacks or golf shorts.

c. Girls may wear slacks, golf shorts, dress capris, or a dress skirt.

i. The fingertip rule will apply to the dress skirts.

d. USBC Youth bowling jerseys will be accepted.

e. Hats, jeans, leggings, yoga pants, and t-shirts will not be allowed. Clothing depicting sex, guns, drugs, alcohol, profanities, violence, or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

2. Bowlers who are not compliant with the dress code will be asked to change into proper clothing. If the bowler is not able to change into proper clothing, the bowler will be disqualified for the event.



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Chapter 6- Fees & Prize Money

1. Entry fees per event will be dependant on the type of event being held.
 - a. **Normal Events-** \$55 Members/\$65 Non-Members
 - i. \$18 Lineage, \$25 Prize Fund, \$5 Expenses, \$2 Year-End, \$5 Champion Balls
 - b. **Major Events-** \$120 Entry Fee, Optional \$200 Entry Fee with a Brunswiwick ball
 - i. \$45 Lineage, \$60 Scholarship, \$5 Expenses, \$5 Year-End, \$5 Champion Balls
 - c. **Adult/Youth-** \$60 per bowler/\$120 per team
 - i. \$36 Lineage, \$55 Scholarship, \$10 Expenses, \$10 Year-End, \$9 Champion Balls
 - d. **Doubles-** \$60 per bowler/\$120 per team
 - i. \$36 Lineage, \$55 Scholarship, \$10 Expenses, \$10 Year-End, \$9 Champion Balls
 - e. **Finale-** \$65 Entry Fee
 - i. \$18 Lineage, \$37 Scholarship, \$5 Expenses, \$5 Champion Balls
2. The bowler in both Boys Scratch and Girls Scratch divisions with the highest game, and did not make the first cut will receive \$25 in scholarship. The highest scratch game of the day during qualifying from the Handicap division will also receive \$25 in scholarship.
3. Bowlers who bowl a 300 game or 800 series will receive \$50 in scholarship. 800 series will qualify if bowled in typical 3-game sets (i.e. Games 1-3, 4-6, first 3 games in match play, etc.).
4. Payouts for each event will be posted prior to the conclusion of the event. All champions at every Normal Event, Major, Adult/Youth, and Doubles event will receive scholarship, a free AYBT Champion jersey from Bowlifi, KT Tape, and a free Brunswick brands ball of choice.
 - a. AYBT will have pre-designed Champion jersey designs available that can have colors changed. The option of a completely custom jersey will also be available
 - b. Bowlers will receive a free ball of choice from the brands of Brunswick. Only restrictions that will apply is if the ball the winner chooses is currently on back order.
 - c. Bowlers will also recieve scholarship money. Bowlers who are USBC sanctioned as an Adult may have the option to accept their winnings as scholarship money or cash.
5. All scholarship money is deposited to the bowlers from the AYBT Smart Fund account #13863



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Chapter 7- Competition Rules

- 1. Lane Assignments/Movement-** During Normal Events, divisions will be separated into blocks based on their divisions. During Majors, Adult/Youth, and Doubles, divisions will be separated. All lane assignments will be provided on the bowler's recap sheet at all events.
 - a. Bowlers will be moving one pair over depending on their starting lane.
 - b. Bowlers with an even numbered starting lane will move to the right. Bowlers with an odd numbered starting lane will move to the left.
 - c. Bowlers will be moving within their assigned blocks.
- 2. Tiebreakers-** In the case of any ties, whether it is for the last position in the cut, or if it is for seeding purposes, all ties will be broken with a 9th & 10th frame roll-off. If there is a tie in the 9th and 10th frame roll-off, the tie will be broken with a one ball roll-off.
- 3. Equipment-** All bowling balls used in competition must meet USBC Equipment Specifications.
 - a. All holes that are drilled into the bowling ball must be used by fingers or thumb.
 - b. Cleaning of the bowling ball or altering the surface of a bowling is not permitted once practice has concluded. During breaks after qualifying blocks, and in between matches, cleaning and altering the surface of the bowling ball is permitted.
- 4. Lane Courtesy-** 1-lane courtesy will be used at all AYBT events.
- 5. Match Play-** Match play during all AYBT events will be performed as follows.
 - a. Higher seed of the match gets choice of who starts and starting lanes.
 - b. The bowler who begins the match will bowl their first frame, and the competitor will bowl the next two frames, and two frames will be bowled repeatedly until the match has come to a conclusion.



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Chapter 8- Point System & Other Information

1. Points will be kept during most AYBT events. The only events points will not be kept are the Adult/Youth event, Doubles event, and the Finale. Two separate point systems will be used depending on the event.

a. Normal Point System:

Attendance: 1
High Qualifier: 5
200-250 Scratch Game: 2
251-299 Scratch Game: 3
300 Game: 10
1st Place: 20
2nd Place: 15
3rd Place: 12
4th Place: 10
5th Place: 8
6th Place: 8
7th-12th Place: 6

b. Majors Point System:

Attendance: 3
High Qualifier: 15
200-250 Scratch Game: 6
251-299 Scratch Game: 9
300 Game: 30
1st Place: 60
2nd Place: 45
3rd Place: 36
4th Place: 30
5th-8th Place: 24
9th-12th Place: 18



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2. Information on events can be found at any of the locations below.
 - a. On our website amateuryouthbowlerstour.org
 - b. Contact any of the directors.
 - i. Edgar Burgos - Tour Director - eburgosabc@gmail.com
 - ii. Justin Mooney - Assistant Tour Director - jmooney091702@gmail.com
3. Registration for events can be performed as followed.
 - a. Completing the online registration form and paying for the entry at amateuryouthbowlerstour.org
 - b. Contact the Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour Facebook page to reserve a spot.
 - c. Entry forms can be mailed to Edgar Burgos 2410 Northwinds Dr, St. Charles, IL 60174 or emailed to amateuryouthbowlerstour@gmail.com
 - d. Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour accepts cash, check, PayPal (amateuryouthbowlerstour@gmail.com), or Zelle (eburgosabc@gmail.com) as payment.
 - e. All checks can be made payable to **Amateur Youth Bowlers Tour**
3. Any rules not covered in this rule book will be determined by USBC rule.