

ALL EVENTS FOLLOW USBC YOUTH PLAYING RULES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED • SEASON: AUGUST 1, 2026 – JULY 31, 2027

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to USBC-certified youth bowlers in good standing, birth date **8/1/2008 or later**.
- U23 division:** bowlers born 8/1/2003 – 7/31/2008. U23 is not a USBC division and carries no Junior Gold spots.
- Bowlers no longer youth-certified must be certified as adults before their first event (through their league or bowl.com). Age is determined as of August 1.

AGE DIVISIONSSeparate **Boys** and **Girls** divisions for U12–U18. U23 is mixed.

DIVISION	BIRTH DATE RANGE (2026–27)
U12 Boys/Girls	8/1/2014 or later
U14 Boys/Girls	8/1/2012 – 7/31/2014
U16 Boys/Girls	8/1/2010 – 7/31/2012
U18 Boys/Girls	8/1/2008 – 7/31/2010
U23 Mixed	8/1/2003 – 7/31/2008

- Minimum **4 bowlers** to hold a division; if not met, genders may be combined at the TD's discretion.
- Bowlers may bowl up into an older division, but compete in **only one division per event**.

ENTRY FEES & MEMBERSHIP

Member pricing applies to regular tour stops. Special events are priced separately.

DIVISION	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
U12	\$65	\$80
U14	\$70	\$85
U16	\$70	\$85
U18	\$70	\$85
U23	\$70	\$85

EYT Membership — \$60/season (Aug 1, 2026 – Jul 31, 2027). Saves **\$15 on every regular tour stop**. Optional, strongly encouraged. Add-ons are separate.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The **Battle Royale MAJOR**, **Bowlapalooza** (Holiday Doubles + Trios Team Cup), and the **Youth/Adult Event** are priced separately and carry **no member discount**. Fees and formats are published on each event page.

REGISTRATION

- Register online at eliteyouthtour.com. Create your EYT profile first – member pricing applies automatically at checkout.
- Events fill quickly. Register early – walk-ins accepted based on availability only. Each event is a separate registration.
- Cancellations:** refunds are issued when the TD is notified with sufficient advance notice, less a **\$5 cancellation fee**. Entry fees are not credited to bowler accounts.
- Cancellations inside 48 hours for illness or emergency are handled case by case at the TD's discretion.

JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFYING (optional)

- Opt in at check-in** – what is declared at check-in is final.
- Junior Gold membership must be purchased before the event; payment due before the end of the 3rd frame of game one.
- Divisions: U12, U14, U16, U18 (Boys & Girls). U20 and U23 are not recognized by Junior Gold.

DIVISION	CASH	CARD
U12	\$37.50	\$39.00
U14	\$50.00	\$52.00
U16	\$62.50	\$65.00
U18	\$62.50	\$65.00

Cash = USBC price; card adds a small processing fee. Already-qualified bowlers may count toward a division with consent but cannot earn a second spot.

Any rule not listed here is governed by USBC playing rules and/or Junior Gold rules. Failure to abide may lead to disqualification. Matters not covered here are determined by the Tournament Director; all decisions are final. The official EYT Tournament Manual is the final authority on all rules, eligibility, and procedures.

COMPETITION FORMAT & PROCEDURES

- Competition begins when the **first ball is thrown for score**. Practice is provided beforehand; length announced at check-in.
- Lane assignments** are posted on BowlMetrix. Lane patterns are published in advance on the EYT website.
- Qualifying:** minimum of **5 games** at every event, moving lanes after each game. Select events feature 6 qualifying games.
- Finals formats vary by event**, set by the size of each division, and are announced at check-in.
- Ties** are broken by a 9th- and 10th-frame roll-off, bowled immediately.
- Surface changes permitted during practice only. **No headphones, earbuds, or music devices** during competition.
- Fouls score as zero. If the foul light activates, stop, keep your foot in place, and wait for an official.
- Coaching is permitted **between frames only** and must not delay play. Parents and coaches remain outside the settee area.

DRESS CODE

We want bowlers to look like the athletes and leaders they are.

- Boys:** collared shirt or bowling jersey; dress pants or khakis worn at the waistline.
- Girls:** bowling jersey, polo, or collared shirt; dress pants, skirts, or skorts. Shorts mid-thigh or longer.
- Not permitted:** jeans, leggings, yoga pants, sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, cutoffs, torn or ripped clothing, offensive graphics, hats on the approach.

Enforcement: First violation is a warning – bowler may still compete that day but must be in full compliance at the next event. Repeated violations may result in inability to compete. **Education first, fairness always.**

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- Scholarship earnings are **unlimited** and are not considered prizes under USBC Rule 400.
- All U12–U18 awards are deposited into **SMART accounts**. Youth may not accept cash. Merchandise prizes limited to \$500 or less.
- U23: if still youth-certified, awards go to SMART. If certified as an adult, awards may be paid in cash.

CONDUCT & APPEALS

- Respect is mandatory. Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in disqualification. Parents and spectators held to the same standard as bowlers.
- Rule questions go to the **Tournament Director**, then the **Executive Director**. All rulings are final.
- All EYT staff are **SafeSport-certified** and background-checked.
- Photo & video consent:** by entering, bowlers and guardians acknowledge photos/video may be used for EYT marketing, education, and livestream. Opt out by notifying EYT leadership before the event.

ELITE IMPACT — SOCIAL CHANGE ON THE LANES

- Every EYT event is paired with a nonprofit partner. We also provide **free entries** through our Bowlers of Color and Financial Hardship initiatives, plus one free monthly entry for a military-dependent youth bowler via BVL. Ask any staff member how to apply.

**See Every Event & Register**

Scan for the full schedule, lane patterns, dates & online registration.

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