



SATX Youth Bowlers Tour 2025 – 2026 Season

Information Packet
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Welcome to the SATX Youth Bowlers Tour!

This information packet includes the following documents:

- SATX YBT Tournament Rules
- SATX YBT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Tournament Rules

FORMAT

Bowlers will bowl 5 games for total pinfall (scratch; no handicap). Each game is bowled on a pair of lanes moving two pair to the right after each game. All ties at the end of 5 games for winner of Junior Gold spots are broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off. High game decided lane choice. If a roll off is not possible, the Junior Gold spot will be awarded to the bowler that had the highest game. This could possibly roll over to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th highest games.

ELIGIBILITY

Bowler must have a current USBC Basic Youth Membership and a current Junior Gold Membership prior to the start of competition. (can be secured day-of during registration; see “Junior Gold” below). Bowler **MUST** be a USBC certified youth bowler and a Junior Gold member in good standing. If the bowler is not a current Junior Gold member or USBC Youth member they **MUST** obtain these memberships on-line at www.bowl.com/membership

JUNIOR GOLD ADVANCEMENT

Each event will be a Junior Gold qualifying event. The bowler(s) with the highest five game total in each age group will qualify for the annual Junior Gold National Championships (see www.bowl.com/juniorgold for details).

- We will qualify one (1) in every five (5) girl bowlers and one (1) in every five (5) boy bowlers per division.
- The Tournament Directors will combine an age division that does not have enough participation to earn a qualifying spot.
- There will be no Enhanced Advancer Ratio Policy option.

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DIVISIONS (based on USBC Birthdate Rule)

Bowlers compete by age and gender.

2025-2026 Season divisions are as follows, (based on USBC Birthdate Rule):

U12 Boys/Girls: 08/01/2013 or later

U14 Boys /Girls: 08/01/2011 - 07/31/2013

U16 Boys/Girls: 08/01/2009 - 07/31/2011

U18 Boys/Girls: 08/01/2007 - 07/31/2009

Playing Up in Age Division

Bowlers do NOT have the option of competing in an age division older than what their birthdate provides. Junior Gold qualification spots are earned in the division in which the bowler competes and are not transferable to another division.

Bowlers are allowed to be lane assigned with an older or younger age group if they are not competing in that age group. This is often done by the Tournament Director to balance out the number of bowlers on a pair of lanes.

ENTRIES

SATX YBT has an on-line registration and pre-payment system to be used for each event. The on-line portal can be accessed through www.satxyouthbowlerstour.com approximately one month prior to each event.

Check-in refers to the published schedule time. Bowling will begin approximately 1 hour after check-in opens. All bowlers MUST have checked in no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition.

If the bowler is checked-in but arrives late to their pair of lanes at the start of competition, they will be allowed to bowl but will receive a zero for any frames missed. At the conclusion of their shift

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bowlers will have 10 minutes to turn their scores into the tournament office, or they may be disqualified.

SCORESHEETS

Bowlers are responsible for filling out, adding, and turning in their own score recap. Bowlers are responsible for verifying scores posted to Bowlmetrix and must notify tournament officials of any discrepancies within 10 minutes of tournament completion.

BOWLER OF THE YEAR

We will recognize a "Bowler of the Year" in each of the 8 divisions. Bowlers will receive points for each event in which they participate. Ties within an event will receive equal points. At the end of the season the bowlers with the most total points in each division win the title "Bowler of the Year", \$250 SMART Scholarship, a free jersey of their choice from H5G and a prize package from 3G. In the unlikely event of a tie in the year-end results, the tie will be broken with a one full game tiebreaker. If a tie-breaker game is not possible, the tie will be broken in the following order: head-to-head record, high season average, high game.

Points are awarded as follows: 1st = 8pts., 2nd = 7pts., 3rd = 6pts., 4th = 5pts., 5th = 4pts., 6th = 3pts., 7th = 2pts., 8th and lower = 1pt.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Tournament of Champions (TOC) The Tournament of Champions is the season ending tournament. First Place in each division, at each stop, will be awarded fully paid entry to the TOC. If the First-Place bowler at any stop has already been awarded an entry, the entry will be passed down to Second Place. All other entries can be purchased based on the eligibility of the bowler having participated in a minimum of 5 SATX events from the current season. See separate document covering the TOC rules.

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DRESS CODE

Tournament management will determine if the uniform worn by the participant is acceptable. If the uniform is deemed unacceptable, the participant will be required to change the uniform immediately. If the participant is unable to change into a compliant uniform, they will be removed from the competition for that day.

Shirts

Competitors shall provide their own bowling shirt with a collared, V-neck, rib-lined or banded necklines. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competitions. It is recommended that participants have their names on their shirts, but it is not required. It is recommended that participants have their names on their shirts, but it is not required.

Pants

Male participants are required to wear slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Slacks must have a zipper and a button to be eligible. **Jeans are not permitted.** Female participants are required to wear slacks, skirts, culottes, skorts or walking shorts. All skirts, culottes, skorts, or walking shorts must be no shorter than the fingertips when the arms are at their sides while standing. **Jeans, leggings and/or yoga pants are not permitted.**

Headgear

No covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.), unless a request is made in writing and approved prior to the event for medical or religious reasons only.

PRACTICE

All bowlers will be given 10 minutes of warm up on their starting pair of lanes prior to the start of the 5-game competition.

Per USBC Rule 18, all surface adjustments to bowling balls may be made before or during practice time only. Once the first ball is thrown in competition no further surface adjustments can be made. A dry towel / shammy can be used in competition. If you have residue from the ball return on your ball, tournament staff has cleaner and will administer the cleaner if deemed necessary.

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LANE COURTESY

To maintain a consistent pace of play, all bowlers are required to observe one-lane courtesy and deliver the ball in a reasonable amount of time. Individuals who are found in violation of this rule will:

First Offense: Receive a warning

Second Offense: Will receive a zero for all remaining frames in the game

Third Offense: Disqualified from the tournament

SETTEE AREA

Authorized Personnel Only authorized personnel will be permitted in the settee area during competition.

Coaches and Parents are never permitted in the settee area.

Players not scheduled on that squad will not be permitted in the settee area. Players on the oncoming squad are not permitted to enter the settee area until their starting pair and the adjacent pairs have completed their competition.

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LANE MAINTENANCE (PATTERNS)

Sport Compliant lane conditions for all event lanes is the primary objective of the Junior Gold Lane conditioning program. **SATX YBT WILL NOT disclose the oil pattern information prior to practice start.** It is prohibited to discuss lane maintenance procedures with lane maintenance personnel at any time prior to or during a SATX YBT event.

Any concerns about the approach must be brought to the tournament director before the conclusion of practice. Once competition begins, only emergency, spot cleaning of the approach

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will be allowed (i.e. a bowler tracks liquid or other foreign substances onto the approach).

CONDUCT

The use of profanity (Verbal or Non-Verbal), alcohol or tobacco products by any youth bowler will not be permitted from the time they check in to the time they turn in their score sheet. The first violation of this rule will be a warning; the second violation will be disqualification without a refund. Any rules not specifically listed will be governed by the USBC. We also ask that all adults refrain from the use of profanity, alcohol or tobacco products until all youth bowlers have completed their bowling. Parents, Coaches, and other spectators are not allowed in the settee area. Any bowlers or spectators not conducting themselves in an appropriate sportsman-like manner will be disqualified, in the case of the bowler, or asked to leave the tournament area, in the case of a

LOFTING

It is important for SATX YBT to maintain the integrity of their tournaments and to be attractive guests to the bowling center operators on whom SATX YBT depends. Consequently, lofting is not allowed beyond the arrows ('15'). The athlete's ball must contact the lane before the arrows. The first violation will result in a warning and loss of frame. Second violation will result in disqualification. SATX YBT also wants to remind athletes they are personally responsible for any damage caused by their behavior.

TOURNAMANET COMMITTEE

The tournament committee will handle all disputes and rule violations; the Tournament Committee's decision is final unless an appeal is made in accordance with Rule 329. As a Junior Gold Qualifier Tournament Series, we aim to follow the rules set by USBC as found in the annual Competitors Guide for Junior Gold. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the format, combine divisions until bowlers rule is met, etc., or cancel a tournament without prior notice, or delay the start of an event up to ten minutes.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the SATX Youth Bowlers Tour (SATX YBT)?

The SATX YBT exists to provide Youth Bowlers the opportunity to qualify for the annual Junior Gold national youth tournament in which about 4,000 youth from across the US and several countries participate.

What is the Mission of the SATX YBT?

Opportunity for young bowlers to compete on “sport condition” oil patterns against the best bowlers in San Antonio, Texas and surrounding areas.

Provide all information to parents to assist them in navigating all Junior Gold protocols so they are all prepared when they make that commitment.

Improve their competitive skills and confidence such that they would be prepared to compete on collegiate teams.

To award scholarship funds to youth bowlers that is available to be used in post-secondary education. Provide a venue to become eligible to compete in the annual Junior Gold National Youth Tournament held in July in various cities around the country. Thousands of dollars in scholarship funds are awarded at this weeklong event.

Provide an opportunity to those youth bowlers outside of San Antonio, Texas who may not have those same opportunities where they reside.

As a bowler, what am I competing for at a SATX YBT tournament?

Each monthly tournament has 4 things happening all at once. First, bowlers are competing within their divisions to decide who will be the winner of the day, with SMART Scholarship being awarded. Second, first place winners will automatically get an invite to the Tournament of Champions taking place on May 17, 2026. If the first-place winner already has an invite, the second place winner will get the invitation. Third, they'll also be competing for berths to the annual Junior Gold national championships. Fourth they're earning points that contribute to their Bowler of the Year standing.

within SATX YBT. The 5 games they bowl that day will decide all four.

Do I need to pre-register for an event?

YES by use of www.satxyouthbowlerstour.com

Do I need to bowl in every event?

No. That said, every event bowled contributes to a bowler's Bowler of the Year standing. See more information below.

What is the Bowler of the Year Award?

Each age / gender group awards a Bowler of the Year with a \$250 SMART Scholarship, a free jersey of their choice from our sponsor H5G Bowling and a prize package from our sponsor 3G.

How do bowlers earn Bowler of the Year points?

Bowlers will receive points for each event in which they participate and their finishing position. Example of points: 1st place = 8pts, 2nd place = 7pts, 6th place = 5pts, etc. Every bowler is awarded at least one (1) point. The more events a bowler participates in, the more opportunities they have to earn points.

What lane conditions are used?

We use Sport Compliant oil patterns (aka. "sport shots"). This is different than the standard or "house patterns" you'll normally encounter at your bowling center when bowling recreationally or during most Saturday morning youth leagues. The sport patterns do provide a significantly greater challenge to the bowler. One way of describing it is a house pattern is designed to make striking easier for the bowler, whereas sport patterns are designed to make it harder.

How much does it cost to bowl a SATX YBT event?

The U12 divisions are \$65.00 per bowler. U14 is \$75.00 per bowler, U16 is \$85.00 per bowler and U18 is \$85.00 per bowler.

Each Junior Gold spot awarded costs: U12 = \$150, U14 = \$200, U16 = \$250 U18 = \$250 and the entry fees go to cover these fees, administration fees, lineage expense and scholarship awards.

For 2025 – 2026 Season the registration fee per bowler breaks down as follows:

SATX Youth Bowlers Tour 25-26	U12B	U12G	U14B	U14 G	U16B	U16G	U18B	U18G
Registration Fee	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
Admin Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Sub Total	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Linage per Game	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
Linage per Bowler	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.50
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Junior Gold Advancer Spot Fee	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Bowler Per Spot	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Remainder	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50

Does SATX YBT award SMART scholarships?

Yes! SMART will be awarded 1st Place per division.

