



MATT LANG YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

Lanes, Legends & Legacy - September 26, 2026



Eligibility and Registration

- **Eligibility:** The Matt Lang Youth Scholarship Tournament is open to all youth bowlers who are a resident of Minnesota or have bowled a minimum of 15 games in a certified youth bowling league in a Minnesota bowling center, and must be prepared to present USBC Membership cards at check-in.
 - In addition, this is a Junior Gold Event. You do not have to be a Junior Gold Member to participate in this tournament, but you must be a Junior Gold member in order to claim the Junior Gold Berth being awarded. To claim the berth, you must present your Junior Gold Membership Card upon check-in or purchase a Junior Gold Membership online (<https://apps1.bowl.com/Checkout/JuniorGold/Cart>). Bowlers must have a 2027 membership.
- **Entry Fee:** Entry fee is \$52.50. Entry fee breakdown: Lineage -\$16.00; Scholarship - \$31.00; Expenses - \$5.50.
- **Proof of Average:** ALL BOWLERS MUST HAVE PROOF OF AVERAGE. Entrants must use the USBC Certified Average as follows:
 - Highest Final 2025-26 or 2026-2027 current average based on a minimum of 15 games.
 - If rule A does NOT apply, use the highest 2026 spring/summer league average, based on a minimum of 12 games.
 - If neither rule A or B apply, the bowler must bowl scratch.
- **Registration:** REGISTRATION ONLINE – PAYMENT MUST BE CONFIRMED TO GUARANTEE RESERVATION
 - Entry closing date is 30 minutes prior to squad time. To ensure participation, entrant should mail the entry form prior to **September 12, 2026**. Entries received after that date, will be accepted on lane availability.

Matt Lang Scholarship Tournament Format

- **Format:** Three Divisions
 - Division 1: 190 & above
 - Division 2: 150 - 189
 - Division 3: 149 & below. Each Division will have a guaranteed prize fund for 1st (\$1000), 2nd (\$500) and 3rd (\$250) provided by the MN State USBC
- **Handicap:** Handicap is 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210.
- **Prize Fund:** Each Division will have a guaranteed prize fund for 1st (\$1000), 2nd (\$500) and 3rd (\$250) provided by the MN State USBC
 - Scholarships will be paid with a ratio of at least 1 for every 4 entries. The scholarship funds will be administered by the USBC SMART PROGRAM. (SMART Acct #8699)

Junior Gold Qualifier Format

- Junior Gold Entries must be entered in the Matt Lang Tournament
- Junior Gold Qualifier is a Scratch Event
- There will be a boys division (minimum of 5 boys) and girls division (minimum of 4 girls) for U12, U14, U16 and U18.
- If any division does not have enough athletes, the divisions will be combined (with a minimum of 5 bowlers for a mixed division).
- Boys Junior Gold Qualifier will be 1:5 and Girls will be 1:4. If divisions are required to combine division will be qualified at 1:5
- **Prize Fund:** Individuals participating in the Junior Gold Qualifier will be competing for a Paid Junior Gold Entry. Scholarship money will be issued in the Matt Lang Handicap Tournament.
- Winner of the free Junior Gold Entry must be a MN State USBC Bowler per the Eligibility Rules for the Matt Lang Tournament.

Tournament Format

- **Bowling Format:** Bowler will bowl four (4) games moving after each game on Sport Condition lanes. The number of lanes moved to be determined by tournament management and announced at the event.
- **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie there will be a 2 frame roll off (9th and 10th) – in accordance with the USBC Rule 326a, Item 2b
- **Rules:** Standard USBC (United States Bowling Congress) scoring rules will apply.
- **Handicaps (If Applicable):** Handicaps will be calculated based on participants' official average from a certified league. If a participant does not have a certified average, a provisional average will be assigned by the Tournament Director. The handicap system used will be [Specify Handicap System - e.g., 90% of the difference between your average and 200].
- **Score Verification:** All scores must be verified by an official scorekeeper or tournament official. Disputes regarding scores must be raised immediately after the match.

Tournament Experience

- **Sportsmanship:** All participants are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to arguing with officials, taunting opponents, or abusive language, will not be tolerated.
- **Attire:** Proper attire must be worn. No tank tops, halter tops, abbreviated shirts, revealing attire, and hats or caps. The tournament director will make final decisions on all attire.
- **Equipment:** Only legal bowling equipment, as defined by USBC rules, is permitted. Any modifications to equipment must be approved by the Tournament Director.
- Only bowlers and tournament officials shall be permitted in the settee area.