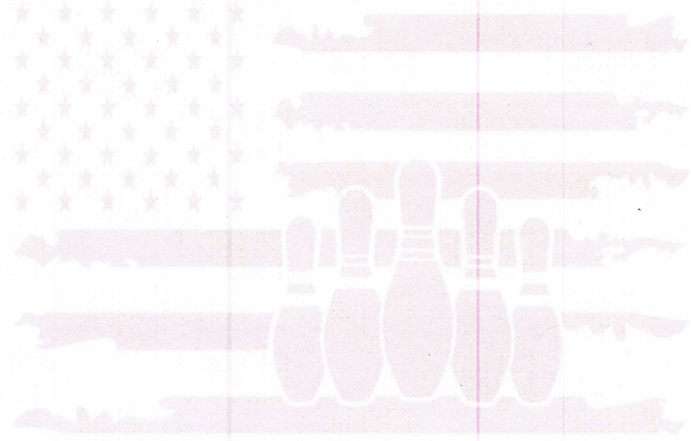


WELCOME

MIDDLE GA USBC YOUTH



Gold Cup Youth Bowling League 2023-2024 Season

Welcome to the new bowling season!! We look forward to spending time with our youth bowlers and their families. The coaches and volunteers will try to do everything they can to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone and to keep you well informed. Realizing that we cannot please everyone, we are always open to suggestions and welcome all the help we can get. Anyone who would like to help on the lanes, in the pit area, is **REQUIRED** to be badged under the RVP program from USBC. The **SafeSport Training course is required** for the following: Anyone in a role which requires one to be a Registered Volunteer and Members 18 years of age or older bowling in any league with members 17 years of age or younger. If you fall under either of these categories please go to the below link and complete this training ASAP.

(https://bowl.com/Registered_Volunteer_Program/RVP_Home/Enrollment,_SafeSport_Training/).

Our league bowling season will begin on September 9th and end on April 27th, 2024. We will **NOT** bowl on November 25th, December 23rd, and December 30th 2023, due to the holiday season. There will be other down days due to tournaments, please refer to calendar for more information.

All leagues bowl 3 games every Saturday with the cost being \$12.00 per week. These league funds cover the cost of bowling, tournaments, bowling emblems, and end of the year awards. For that reason, the **ENTIRE FEE** must be paid even in the bowler's absence. Pre-bowling will be available, please call the center to schedule.

We now have a Facebook page in order to pass on information to you and your young bowlers. The web address is: <https://www.facebook.com/goldcupyouth.bowling.1>. Leaguesecretary.com is used to see the standing sheets online. At the top left of that page, you can input either League ID **116305** for Junior/Senior or **116304** for Bantam/Prep. If there are any questions or concerns, please bring it to one of the coach's attentions.

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Welcome back to another great year of Youth Bowling!!!!

GOLD CUP YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE BYLAWS

2023-2024

The Gold Cup Youth bowling league shall bowl on Saturdays for approximately 26 weeks of sanctioned play commencing on **September 9, 2023** and shall bowl 3 games at each league session. All scheduled matches shall start promptly at 10:00am. All participants in the league shall be sanctioned with the USBC, with exception of the Peewee bowlers.

1. Membership

- 1-1. Membership in the league shall be open to boys and girls from ages 6 to 18 as of 1 August of the current bowling season.
- 1-2. Any individual under suspension by a responsible league official and/or USBC shall be ineligible to participate in the league.
- 1-3. Any form of pot games or gambling by youth members may jeopardize membership eligibility and amateur standing.

2. Supervision

- 2-1. The league shall be under the supervision of an adult league official who shall operate the league in cooperation with the bowling center management and a Board of Directors, composed of team captains & coaches, and in compliance with the USBC and league rules.
- 2-2. All persons having direct contact with the youth, in the pit area, **MUST BE ACCEPTED** by the USBC RVP and will wear their credentials while in the bowling area.

3. League Fees

- 3-1. Each league member shall pay \$12.00 at each league session.
Lineage: \$7.50
Prize Fund: \$1.50
Tournament Fee: \$3.00
- 3-2. An absent bowler is required to pay the full league fee for any absent sessions. **League members CANNOT be in arrears more than two (2) weeks.** When a bowler pre-bowls they **MUST** ensure these fees are paid.
- 3-4. A notice of two weeks is to be given to the League Official prior to quitting the league.

4. League Funds

- 4-1. The League Director and League Official shall ensure that a true and accurate record is kept of all funds collected in the name of the league.
- 4-2. The League Director and League Official shall be the signer and co-signer of the league account and be so designated on the league application.
- 4-3. All monies collected from the league will be deposited into the league account, Gold Cup Youth Bowling, at Robins Financial Credit Union.

5. Officers

5-1. A Director shall be appointed by the management of the bowling establishment. The duties of these positions are outlined in the USBC manuals.

6. Team Captains

6-1. Each team shall elect its own captain who will be a member of the league's Board of Directors.

6-2. The captain shall sign the opponent's score sheet verifying the accuracy of the scores.

7. League Awards

7-1. A member shall be eligible to receive only one individual award with the exception of **High Average** and **Most Improved**. To be eligible to receive the League High Average or Most Improved, a bowler must bowl at least two-thirds (52 games) of the league schedule. Most Improved award shall be given to the member whose average has increased the greatest number of pins after 21 games. To be eligible for the other individual and team awards at the end of the league season, a bowler must have bowled at least 51% (39 games) of the full league schedule. Handicap scores will take precedence over scratch scores. All awards in this league shall be in accordance with USBC eligibility rule.

8. Legal Line-up

8-1. Players from a team's roster, as well as vacancies, shall count toward a legal line-up as provided by the USBC. One bowler will be a legal line-up.

9. Absentee/Vacancy Scores and Handicap

9-1. Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal line-up but less than a full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The scores shall be the absentee bowler's average, less ten pins. The handicap shall be figured on the average of the absentees.

9-2. When a team does not have enough players on the roster for a full line-up:

- a) The vacancy score will be the **lowest** average bowler on the opposing team's roster.
- b) If two or more vacancy scores are required, the average of the next-to-the-lowest bowler on the opposing team's roster will be used for the second vacancy score.
- c) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
- d) The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average.
- e) When a team bowls against a vacancy team, points for a win shall be given to the team bowling if their team score is within 40 pins of the total team average scratch score. A win for the series total will be credited if their series total is within 120 pins of the total series average.

9-3. Handicap shall be 90% of 200 for Jr/Sr bowlers and 90% of 150 for Bantam/Prep bowlers.

10. Pre-Bowled Games

10-1. All league games must be bowled as scheduled unless they are pre-bowled by authorization of the league official. Notification must be given to the league official before start of scheduled league bowling in order to qualify for team wins and losses. Non-notification will result in zero wins for the scheduled week of bowling (individual scores will count for average and awards). **NO POST BOWLING ALLOWED.**

Pre-Bowling: All scores bowled during a scheduled Pre-bowling session will be utilized for the next scheduled league session according to rule 111e. When an individual or team receives permission from the league and completes their pre-bowl, they have exhausted their eligibility for that league session.

11. Tardy Players

11-1. Any player who arrives after completion of the fifth frame by the opposing team shall be considered absent and an absentee score shall be entered.

12. Position Standings

12-1. Position standings shall be determined on a 2-point basis.

13. Bowling Out

13-1. A league member may not finish the final game of a series before their teammates or opponents, except in case of emergency or being pre-arranged with a league official based on good cause. The League Director or League Official will make the determination. Such scores will count in deciding the game, the bowler's average, and for special league awards.

14. Behavior of Members

14-1. The League Official may suspend a league member for an infraction of a USBC rule for a period not to exceed three weeks.

15. League Rules

15-1. The following league rules will apply:

NO tobacco products will be permitted during league play
NO profanity will be tolerated
Proper attire shall be worn
NO T-shirts with alcohol, tobacco or suggestive slogans

16. General Playing Rules

16-1. USBC Rule 18, Bowling Ball – Altering Surface

Bowling balls cannot be cleaned with liquid substances or cleaning agents or have any foreign materials on the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker, or paint.