

# 2023-24 WISCONSIN ADULT-YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

## QUALIFYING EVENT STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

1. All youth participants in qualifying events MUST have a current USBC youth membership PRIOR to participating in the qualifying event. If an advancer does not have a current USBC membership the team cannot advance and the team will be replaced with the next eligible team.
2. Qualifying events may only be in a tournament format and conducted in USBC certified establishments. Qualifying events can be held starting November 1, 2023 or later but must be concluded no later than March 17, 2024.
3. At the conclusion of your qualifying event the following information is to be provided to BCAW no later than April 2, 2024:
  - a. Completed Average Verification Form.
  - b. Payment for each advancing team with report form filled out and signed by the proprietor.
4. In-center qualifying events must be handicapped using 100 % of 230 per person as the required basis.
5. This is a doubles team competition. Each team must be comprised of two players; consisting of one 2023-24 USBC youth member whose birthdate must be 8/1/2005 or later and one adult (age 18+ and not bowling in a youth league). There is no family relationship requirement to participate in this event.
6. An adult may bowl with more than one youth bowler on a qualifying squad, but no more than three youth bowlers. The adult and youth bowlers that the adult is teamed with must bowl concurrently on the same pair of lanes as the youth bowlers.
7. Qualifying events will utilize the following divisions:
  - a) One adult/One U10 youth
  - b) One adult/One U14 youth
  - c) One adult/One U18 youthBoys and Girls will compete in the same divisions.  
Birthdates for each division are as follows:  
U10 = 8/1/13 – present  
U14 = 8/1/09 – 7/31/13  
U18 = 8/1/05 – 7/31/09  
Adult = 7/31/05 or earlier and not bowling in a youth league
8. Qualifying events must be a minimum of three total games.
9. Qualifying events must have a minimum of four eligible teams participating to hold a qualifying event. It is permissible to have multiple in-center squads in order to obtain the minimum number of eligible teams per division. Multiple entries by the same team in the same qualifying event are NOT allowed. If a qualifying event desires to hold an event exclusive to one of the age divisions, there must be a minimum of four eligible team entries in that division.
10. Qualifying events can use an advancement ratio of no less than 1:4 entries per age division.

### AVERAGES FOR LOCAL QUALIFYING

11. All entering averages must be verifiable in league competition. Leagues do not have to be USBC certified.
12. Each local qualifying event organizer will determine what averages will be accepted for use in their local competition.
13. Adult entrants who have ever been re-rated, refused a re-rate or been disqualified in a tournament must report this at each level of the tournament for a possible re-rate.

### COST

14. The cost to secure one spot at the Wisconsin State Finals Tournament is \$65 (\$21 lineage, \$23 scholarships, \$2 awards, \$19 administrative expenses) for teams qualifying at a BCAW member center. For all others, the entry fee is \$75 (\$21 lineage, \$23 scholarships, \$2 awards, \$29 administrative expenses). Qualifying events should determine the cost of entry for any events based on this figure.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

15. At the Wisconsin State Finals Tournament, scholarships will be awarded in all divisions based on a minimum 1:10 ratio in each division, with a minimum first place scholarship of \$200 awarded to the youth bowler on the first place team in each division.
16. Youth may only earn one scholarship based on their highest finish in their age division.
17. Awards will be given to the first place team in each division.

### WISCONSIN STATE FINALS TOURNAMENT

18. In-House Qualifying – November 1, 2023 – March 17, 2024.  
Wisconsin State Finals Tournament – April 27 & 28, May 4-5, 2024 at Dream Lanes 13 Atlas Court; Madison, WI
19. All teams will bowl three games. At the state finals, an adult may **NOT** bowl concurrently with more than one youth.
20. Substitutes are not permitted at any level of the tournament. If for any reason an entrant is unable to advance to the Wisconsin State Finals competition with their team, entry will be forfeited and the team in the next place will be eligible (i.e. If the first place team cannot advance, the second place team would then be eligible).
21. All teams must submit a completed League Average Verification Form by the published deadline in order to enter the Wisconsin State Finals. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
22. **All bowlers will use their highest verifiable league average from the 2022-23 bowling season or current bowling season through March 1, 2024.** Please see the League Average Verification Form for additional information.
23. In the absence of a verifiable league average, bowlers will bowl scratch.
24. Final standings for each division will be calculated based on the three game total pins bowled by the participants, plus handicap based on 100 % of 230 per person.
25. Baker system or any other modified format does not constitute a game and may not be used for average and handicap purposes.

### TIES

26. Any tie advancing to the next level will be decided using a one game roll-off, with allotted handicap, to determine the team that will advance. In this situation, co-champions are not allowed.

### GENERAL

27. No smoking, alcohol, tobacco products or foul language will be permitted in the bowling area during any level of competition.
28. Participation in any tournament sponsored, conducted or held by or on behalf of BCAW is open, upon the same terms and conditions, to all bowlers who do, or have done, any league, tournament, advertised exhibition or any other type of bowling (a) in a BPAA member establishment, (b) in a non-BPAA member establishment. Any owner or employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible.
29. All matters not covered by these Rules and Regulations will be determined by the BCAW Staff. All decisions will be final.

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