



2023-2024
STORM ISBPA
"BEAT THE CHAMPIONS"
YOUTH BOWLING CONTEST

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TO: ALL ILLINOIS STATE BPA MEMBER CENTERS with YOUTH LEAGUES

We are proud to continue the Youth Division of the STORM ISBPA "Beat the Champions" Youth Bowling Contest for the 2023-24 season.

If you wish for your center / youth program to participate in this event, your reply **MUST BE RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.**

All ISBPA Member Centers that floor youth leagues are eligible to enter at NO COST to the Center. All eligible youth bowlers under the age of 18 as of July 31, 2023, may participate. High school bowlers have the option to participate on October 21 -- if they have nine games bowled or more. Youth Leagues will automatically qualify their highest boy & girl bowler from each division into the BTC Sectionals. There are two boys and two girls handicap divisions: 11 & under and 12 - 17. One additional bowler will advance to the sectionals for every 10 entries (1:10 ratio) in their specific division. For more details about rules, see attached flyer.

1. What is the event about?

The BTC tournament is a charity-based event in which youth league bowlers use their league scores during the week of December 3-9. Bowlers entering average must be based on **at least 9 games.**

2. What is the cost to the bowler?

The bowler participation fee will be **\$5.00.** He or she may enter as many times as they bowl in a league during the contest week. . . that is the only fee no matter how far they advance.

3. Who earns awards?

- Every bowler whose contest score beats the champion receives an "I Beat the Champion" commemorative award.
- The 16 places in each of the Finals will be allocated among the Sectionals, per division, in proportion to the size of the Sectional that they bowl.
- The Top 8 bowlers in both the 11 & under and 12 – 17 divisions are guaranteed \$4,000 in SMART scholarships!

4. **When are the Roll-offs?**

There will be several sectional tournaments for the boys & girls scheduled on February 17th, 18th, 24th and /or 25th. The **STORM-TASTIC FINALS EVENT** will be held on **Sunday, March 17th, 2024**, at a bowling center to be determined.

5. **How Do Proprietors Handle Entry Fees?**

Each center collects **\$5.00** from each league bowler wishing to enter the contest BEFORE that bowler begins bowling in their league session. Instructions and an addressed envelope will be sent to each proprietor in advance of the contest for handling of fees.

6. **What are the contest materials?** Each participating center will receive the following:

- Point of Sale display to exhibit in your bowling center.
- Recommended PA announcements.
- Youth Entry will be in a pre-formatted Excel spreadsheet accessible at BeatTheChamps.com.
- Youth Director instructions detailing rules of the contest and a youth division handicap table.
- Youth League spreadsheet report must be returned by December 19, 2023, or sooner.
- Early in January 2024: Squad list qualifiers of boys & girls in their respective divisions from each center, with Sectional Roll-offs sites and dates.
- Mid-January: Youth advancers will receive a mailed average verification form and letter of Sectional qualification with date & location of squad time.
- Please give careful thought to the bowler estimate figure you enter on this form. If you need additional materials, please call this office at (847) 982-1305 ext. 3.

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM BACK TO THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN

OCTOBER 16, 2023.





ISBPA YOUTH BEAT THE CHAMPS CONTEST

Headquarters: 2020 Indian Boundary Dr., Melrose Park, IL. 60160

Presented by



November 2023

Dear Coach or Youth League Coordinator:

One of the biggest and best-known adult bowling events in the country is our ISBPA "BEAT THE CHAMPIONS" CONTEST. This tournament has expanded to include a Youth Division presented by STORM. Our thanks go out to all the league bowlers that have supported and participated in this contest since it was conceived in 1961. Since that time, we have raised over \$2.9 million for various local charities throughout this area.

We will kick off our Annual Beat the Champs Contest the week of December 3rd – 9th, 2023. We anticipate 1,000 youth bowlers throughout the State of Illinois to participate in the Youth Division.

DIVISION CLASSIFICATIONS: To advance one male and one female representative from a division to the zone roll-offs: **AGES AS OF JULY 31, 2023**

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| Boys 11 & Under | Boys 12 to 17 |
| Girls 11 & Under | Girls 12 to 17 |

There is \$4,000 in scholarships to be won!

NOTE: We have included a **TOURNAMENT HANDICAP CHART**. Bowlers receive handicap based on the average used that league session. The league bowlers, (17 & under) will get a handicap of 90% of the difference of 210 for the contest & league bowlers (11 & under) will get a handicap of 90% of the difference of 160. Bowlers entering average must be based on at least 9 games. **PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR LEAGUE'S HANDICAP BASIS!** Coaches, once you enter the bowlers average in the program, the 3-game handicap will automatically fill in.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Cordially,
Tom Sims, Tournament Coordinator
BPA Beat the Champs Contest Committee

The BTC Youth Tournament is by ELECTRONIC ENTRY ONLY - No Entry Cards

- Centers must be registered with ISBPA Tournament Director.
 - Registered youth leagues coordinators will receive a link to the registration page during tournament week.
- Remittance forms were mailed to centers along with a banner, Coaches Instructions, and a Checklist
- The Youth coach/coordinator will enter the youth bowler's data.
 - *Birthdates, gender & averages are very important*
- The entry fee for each bowler is \$5. Be sure to ONLY ENTER BOWLERS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING!
- The entry fees should be mailed via check from Center.
- Please send checks made out to **Illinois State BPA**. Entry cost \$5 per bowler.

ALL FIELDS MUST BE ENTERED

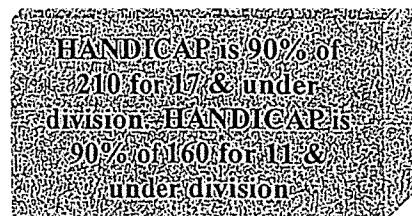
- If any field is skipped, you will not be able to advance to the next record.
- When entering the first entry: Youth coach/coordinator will have to manually enter their email & click the CENTER in the dropdown box. For every entry after, they will automatically generate.
- All bowlers will automatically be separated into their respective age/gender divisions and calculated from top score to lowest.
- Tournament Handicaps will also be automatically generated.
- Averages must be entered correctly.
- After bowlers SCRATCH SERIES, (based on 3 games) is entered, the tournament handicap will automatically be added to series.
- If a mistake is made, finish entering ALL your bowlers. When finished, email Tom@bowlillinois.com with your corrections.
- At end of tournament week, ALL youth coaches/coordinators/proprietor's will receive, via email, a squad list with their bowlers.
- Bowlers will receive a mailed letter of qualification providing advancement date, center & time of squad for the zone roll-off.
- Zone location will be announced after total advanced youth entry is determined.
- For IHSA High School Bowlers who post scores October 21, please hold scores & enter with whole league in December.

**CONTEST WEEK IS
DECEMBER
3 – 9, 2023**

Presented by



COACHES CHECK LIST



1. Enclosed are all your materials for the **BEAT THE CHAMPIONS YOUTH** Contest.
 - a. Advertising: Wall Banners, announcements, and special flyers have been sent to the center.
 - b. Entry Fee is \$5.00. Please remit check to ISBPA, once all data entry is complete.
 - c. **Keep Careful Count of Entries and Entry Fees. You Will Now Have to Turn Over \$5.00 FOR EACH ENTRY. REMEMBER, this is CHARITY MONEY and SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH EXTREME ACCURACY!**
 - d. **NO Individual or Team PREBOWL or POSTBOWL SCORES are accepted!**
 - e. **Ineligible to advance to roll-offs: Members of Proprietors families. High school bowlers currently bowling on an IHSA high school team may bowl on October 21.**
 - f. In case of an "Act of God" (inclement weather, etc.), you may permit the league that was forced to be absent to enter the week of December 10-16.
 - g. Youth League Director/ Coach be sure to include your phone number & email address.
2. **YOUTH LEAGUE(S) ELECTRONIC DATA ENTRY:** All youth leagues that have registered for Beat The Champs will be entered via the BeatTheChamp.com website. There is no physical paperwork or entry cards that will be sent to the youth league director /coach. The week of the tournament, All Youth Leagues that have been registered will be sent a **LINK**, to enter their youth bowlers. **Follow the prompts & BE SURE to ENTER ALL the INFORMATION REQUESTED; bowler's name, gender, birthdate, address, parents phone number & email, average (day of qualifying), 3-game scratch series (day of qualifying), bowling center & league name.** The youth bowlers will be separated according to age & gender divisions. Their scores with handicap will automatically be calculated in numeric order; top bowler to lowest bowler. Please be sure to **enter correct birthdate & average**, this will **automatically** determine age division & handicap for your league(s), accurate score tabulating depends on this. **ALL BOWLERS' INFORMATION MUST BE ENTERED ACCURATELY!** Once this is completed, the league standing reports will be sent to ISBPA Headquarters electronically.
3. **LEAGUE STANDING REPORTS:** These are special electronic forms specific to your center, that are filled in electronically as the youth director/ coach enters their youth league bowlers to the website, with the **LINK** provided. Once all the center's youth bowlers are entered completely, the standings report will be electronically transferred to ISBPA Headquarters. A copy of the centers division standings will be saved for youth league director to refer back to.
 - a. Be sure to enter your league in a timely manner. The deadline to enter your bowlers is **Tuesday December 19, 2023 11:59pm**. ~~If you don't enter your bowlers by this date, the league/center will not be included. After this date, there will be~~ **NO MORE** entries accepted. **PLEASE** be sure to **finish your leagues data entry & send before the lock out date of Tuesday December 19, 2023. LEAGUE STANDING REPORT SHEET** will be sent to Office headquarters once you finish entering data & send.

NOTE: BE SURE TO ENTER YOUTH BOWLERS BEFORE DECEMBER 19, OR YOUR YOUTH LEAGUE WILL BE LOCKED OUT.

4. **PROCEDURES/ RULES:** The important rules are all summarized on the pink sheet in this packet. Regular USBC playing rules will apply. **IMPORTANT: TIES** for 1st Place in each Division or for qualifying to advance to zone roll-offs.

- a. Settle ties by highest last game with handicap.
- b. **NOTE:** No bowler may participate more than once in the sectionals. If an individual bowler qualifies from more than one center, bowler must represent center with the **higher contest score**.

The tournament committee reserves the right to assign a higher average for any individual for the zone roll-offs and/or finals. If not accepted, the individual will be disqualified and replaced by the next eligible bowler from the same center.

5. **FURTHER NOTICES:** As the contest progresses centers will be notified by mail or email of the following items:
 - a. The names of your bowlers who qualify for zone roll-offs; also, site, date, and time of such roll-offs.
 - b. Bowlers who qualify for zone finals will be notified via mail.
 - c. Check BeatTheChamps.com for all other information regarding Beat the Champs presented by STORM.

