

BARBARA WARD

SEASON KICK-OFF

YOUTH SINGLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2026
10AM START | CHECK-IN AT 9AM



8101 Kennedy Ave | Highland, IN | 46322 | (219) 923-3800



TOP 3 MEDALISTS IN EACH DIVISION

Handicap Divisions:

Boys/Girls 10 & Under
Boys 11-14
Boys 15 & Over
Girls 11-14
Girls 15 & Over

Elite Divisions:

Boys 11-14
Boys 15 & Over
Girls 11-14
Girls 15 & Over



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED EVENT

All monies will be managed by USBC SMART

**OVER \$1,000 IN
SCHOLARSHIP
CONTRIBUTIONS!**

ENTRY FEE

\$30.00 PER PERSON BY AUG 8th, 2026

\$40.00 PER PERSON AFTER AUG 9th, 2026

*Entries will be accepted up to the day of the
tournament if space is available*

FORMAT

Bowl three games on a pair of lanes.
Top three in each division advance to bowl
single game elimination stepladder final.
More rules on backside.

YOUTH SINGLES TOURNAMENT ENTRY | PLEASE CHECK ONE DIVISION:

HANDICAP DIVISIONS

☐ BOYS/GIRLS 10 & UNDER
☐ BOYS 11-14
☐ BOYS 15 & OVER

☐ GIRLS 11-14
☐ GIRLS 15 & OVER

ELITE (SCRATCH) DIVISIONS

☐ BOYS 11-14
☐ BOYS 15 & OVER
☐ GIRLS 11-14
☐ GIRLS 15 & OVER

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ USBC Bowler ID# _____

Age as of August 1, 2026: _____ DOB: _____ Center you Bowl at: _____

Average (2025/26): _____ Current Average (12 Games): _____

BARBARA WARD YOUTH SINGLES SCHOLARSHIP BOWLING TOURNAMENT RULES

1. This Tournament is open to all USBC certified youth bowlers participating in a certified league (including certified High School Bowling programs). All youth bowlers participating in this Tournament must present their USBC certification card, or a receipt of payment of certification fees, at check-in which begins 1 hour before Tournament start time. Walk-ins will be accepted if space is available. Bowlers not ready to bowl at the start of the Tournament will not be permitted to compete. Participants bowling in an adult bowling league will not be allowed to participate in this event. All bowlers must be checked in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the Tournament.
2. Tournament Format: Youth will bowl 3 games on a pair of lanes. The top 3 positions based on total pins, including handicap in the Handicap Division, will bowl a single-game elimination stepladder final. Ties for 1st or 3rd position will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off (with handicap). If a tie still exists, another 9th and 10th frame roll-off (with handicap) will determine the standings. The top three Elite Division bowlers will also compete in a single game elimination stepladder final. One of every 6 bowlers in each division will receive scholarship funds.
3. Participants can bowl in the Handicap or Elite Division. The handicap will be 100% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 220. There will be no maximum handicap for a participant and handicap will be used for the qualifying rounds and the stepladder finals in the Handicap Division. There will be no handicap in the Elite Division.
4. Bowlers will use their highest 2025/26 USBC certified league season average with a minimum of 21 games. If the bowler does not have a 2024/2025 USBC certified average, he/she will use their current USBC certified league average with a minimum of 12 games. Bowlers using a current league average must present a current league sheet as proof of average at the tournament. If a bowler's average cannot be verified, or no average exists using the above criteria, the bowler will receive "0" handicap.
5. This Tournament is for scholarship competition points only. Entry fee will be \$30.00 if paid by August 8, 2026. After August 8, 2025 the entry fee will be \$40.00. The entry fee for bowlers walking in the day of the tournament will be \$40.00. Bowlers who have pre-paid must bring their payment receipt to check-in as well as their certification card. The entry fee will be divided as follows:

Bowling	\$12.00
Scholarship Contribution	15.00
Expenses	<u>3.00</u>
Total	\$30.00

The additional fees for entries received after August 8, will be added to the Scholarship Fund.

Entry fee can be paid by check, cash, MasterCard or Visa. Checks should be made out to **Plaza Lanes** with "**Barb Ward Tournament**" on the memo line and can be mailed to Plaza Lanes 8101 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322. Mailed entries will be accepted through August 8, 2026.

6. Bowlers will bowl in one of the following divisions: Combined Boys and Girls 10 & under, Boys age 11-14, Boys age 15 & older, Girls age 11-14, Girls age 15 and over, Boys or Girls Elite Division age 15 and older, Boys & Girls Elite Division age 11-14. The age of participants is based on their actual age as of August 1, 2026.
7. A minimum of \$1,000.00 in Scholarship contributions will be donated for this Tournament. Distribution points will be determined on the basis of participation. Points for performance will be awarded for bowling ability. In addition, the top finalist, 2nd and 3rd place in each division will receive medals. This is a points-based event. There are no specific dollars for placement. One of every 6 bowlers in each division will receive scholarship points.
8. Only bowlers, designated scorekeepers, and Tournament Officials are allowed in the bowler's area during the Tournament. If a problem arises, all bowlers on the pair of lanes in question are to stop bowling and **IMMEDIATELY** call a Tournament Official. All score corrections and problems require a Tournament Official or Designated Representative (parent/coach) to be present. Chairs and tables closest to the lanes belong to the bowling athletes.
9. A code of conduct will be posted for parents and bowlers to abide by. Failure to follow this code can be grounds for disqualification of the bowler from the Tournament.
10. Proper attire is required for participation in the Tournament. Jeans and t-shirts (no offensive language permitted) are permitted. Baggy pants, jeans with holes, hats and short skirts are not permitted. In addition, earbuds, cell phones, or will only be permitted during practice.
11. Any rules not covered above will be determined by the Tournament Committee.
Email contact: Mari.Albanese@tripleshift.com
All decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final.

This Tournament is dedicated to the Friendships & Accomplishments of Barbara Ward.

Barbara Ward has served as the Youth Director at Plaza Lanes in Highland, Indiana for 53 years and counting.

Her personal and professional friendship and love of the sport is celebrated with this event.