

Collegiate Bowling and Building Your Future



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When it comes to bowling, the future has seemed uncertain in recent years with league numbers continuing to decline. Youth bowling is the future of the sport, and a way that helps turn youth bowlers into lifelong bowlers is collegiate bowling. There are currently more collegiate bowling programs than ever before, which is a great sign for the future of bowling. Every time you compete at a stop on the Illinois State Scholarship Tour, you gain knowledge and experience that can help you become a better bowler and get you that much closer to earning scholarship money to pay for all or part of your college education.



The Illinois State Scholarship Tour has been providing opportunities to earn money to pay for college for 10 years now. In addition to the monetary value of earning scholarship money for your SMART account, there is also a lot of on-lane experience that you gain by competing on the difficult sport shot conditions, which is what you will be seeing at each tournament you bowl in at the collegiate level. In that time, bowling has evolved so much and college bowling has certainly grown. A problem several youth bowlers face is not knowing what to do when it comes to getting on the radar of

college coaches and finding a school that has a college bowling program as well as their desired field of study. A great place to start is collegebowling.com. On the website, there is a list of teams and collegiate bowling events from the current and past seasons. From there, you can look at the schools that have teams and start looking into what academic programs they offer. For women, there are NCAA, NAIA, and Club teams. Although there is no NCAA for men's bowling, there are plenty of ways for boys to still bowl in college. There is still the NAIA option as well as NJCAA and club teams that travel and compete for national titles.

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"The experiences I have had at the ISST's will be unforgettable. I have grown and matured as a bowler and person because of the friends I have made through the tour.

I cannot thank Patti enough, as well as everyone else who helps her. I would not be who I am today, if it was not for the Illinois State Scholarship Tour."

Aaron Adams
Roselle, IL

Survival of the Sport Needs YOUR Help!



By
Patti
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Over the last couple years, we have been hearing of more and more bowling centers closing, youth leagues declining and youth associations dissolving. This is very saddening to me because the YOUTH are the heart and future of this sport. If we can't bring the youth participation back to where it was or better, how can we expect bowling to ever become an Olympic Sport. I know, not every parent of a youth bowler is a bowler themselves and may not understand the game, but every parent wants to see their child succeed.

Bowling offers so many benefits: Scholarships for college (thru league, tournaments or written essays), building self-esteem and confidence, growing lifelong friendships, individual/team competitions, travel opportunities, developing sportsmanship, award recognitions and more!

I noticed how overwhelming the ice bucket challenge became and grew to explosive responses.

I am proposing the same concept to you to try to preserve the sport of bowling. I challenge ALL OF YOU (bowlers, proprietors, parents, etc.), to post/share this article on your Facebook wall and to introduce a new friend to bowling and show them what it's all about.

Don't be a *sand bagger*, spare some time and *follow through* to keep the *perfect game* out of the *gutter*!



Upcoming Tour Stops

- Sept. 28 - Arena Lanes
~ Oaklawn
- Oct. 12 - IL Valley Super Bowl
~ Peru
- Oct. 26 - Mardi Gras Lanes
~ Sycamore
- Nov. 2 - Pheasant Lanes
~ Bloomington
- Nov. 23 - Stardust Lanes
~ Addison



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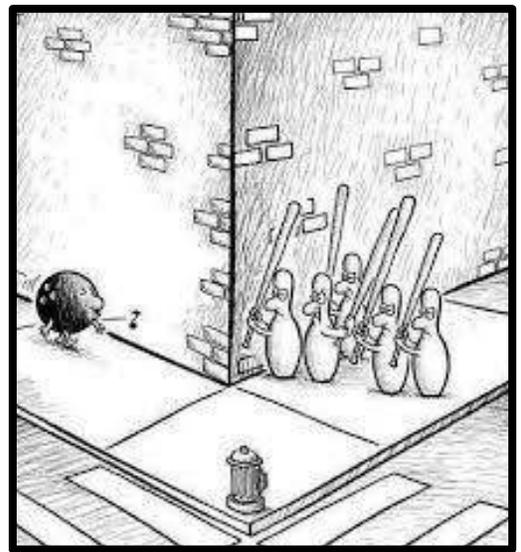
NCAA and NAIA schools can give athletic scholarships for their bowling teams. By coupling an athletic scholarship with an academic scholarship, a good portion if not all of your college education can be paid for.

When it comes to getting on the radar of college coaches, there are several ways this can be done. Contacting a coach at a school to let them know you are interested in joining their program is a great way to start. Another good way to get the attention of college coaches and get you and your talent out there is to create a college bowling recruitment video and uploading it to YouTube and any social media site you are on. You are the best person to market yourself to college coaches! Good information to include is your name, contact information, and graduation year. A bonus of coming to Tour stops when looking for the best college bowling program for you is that college coaches occasionally stop by in search of young talent they would like to recruit. As the tour that sends the most bowlers in the nation



to Junior Gold every year, we as youth bowlers are offered a great opportunity at Junior Gold. The Collegiate Experience is a room filled with coaches and players looking for people to fill their rosters for the coming years. In addition to learning about the programs and schools, most coaches there will go to Junior Gold practice sessions and qualifying days in search of the top young talent in the hopes of bringing them to their respective schools and teams. One final way to get noticed by college coaches is bowling camps. Camps geared toward high school aged students typically try to bring college coaches in to look at the players they have signed up. Specifically in our area, the Powerstrike 300 Camp is one that is put on each summer and has brought several college coaches to it each year. The camp not only helps increase the skills and knowledge of youth bowlers, but also gets them exposed to college bowling programs.

The 2014-15 college bowling season is right around the corner, and my tryouts just took place this past weekend. I hope this article has helped you learn at least a little bit about the possibilities there are for you to continue your bowling career beyond high school and how the Illinois State Scholarship Tour can help prepare you for these possibilities.



Below is a list of scholarship opportunities for youth bowlers. For more information on each specific scholarship, see the link below:

- Dexter All-American Team
- USBC Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow
- USBC Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow
- USBC Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship
- USBC Annual Zeb Scholarship
- USBC Youth Ambassador of the Year
- USBC Gift for Life Scholarships

Entries available at:
http://www.bowl.com/Youth/Youth_Home/Scholarships/

Illinois Star of Tomorrow coming soon at
<http://www.ilusbcyouth.org/scholarships> or ask your Pepsi Zone Representative for more information.

ISST Tour Shirts - ORDER NOW

**\$65.00
each or
\$120 for two***

All shirts feature: the ISST logo, the State of Illinois, and a bowler's name, along with Junior Gold and ISYL logos on sleeves.

For order information: see the sales table at our next event or download an order form on our website at www.isyl.org

*discounted orders must be from the same household



Design # 1



Design # 4



Design # 2



Design # 5

ISST TOUR STOP RESULTS

ISST #84 - Landmark, Peoria

Handicap Division

1. Jenna Mendez	\$248
2. Melissa Reiss	\$157
3. Rachel Clifton	\$140
4. Blake Reiger	\$107
5. Dalton Myers	\$91
6. Melissa Mutters	\$83

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	\$338
2. Joey Kopera	\$236
3. Cory Lenz	\$180
4. Kyle Anderson	\$135
5. Michael Dertz	\$124
6. Corben Sadowski	\$112

Girls Scratch Division

1. Giselle Poss	\$188
2. Jennifer Potts	\$119
3. Sara Michalowicz	\$107
4. Tara Quinlan	\$82
5. Brianna Zabierek	\$69
6. Nicole Powell	\$62

Mystery Blind Doubles

1. Dalton Myers and Blake Reiger	\$40 each
2. Lucas Nagle and Jenna Mendez	\$30 each
3. Jenna Mendez and Mia Orozco	\$20 each
4. Adrienne Polonio and Tony DeVita	\$10 each

Advance to Junior Gold

Michael Dertz	U20 Boys	Blake Reiger	U15
Kyle Flanagan	U20 Boys	Alex Acosta	U15
Jennifer Potts	U20 Girls	Conner Jones	U12
Dana Brandt	U20 Girls		

ISST #85 - Town and Country, Joliet

Handicap Division

1. Abby Ragsdale	\$385
2. Haylie Frick	\$270
3. Tyler Johnson	\$205
4. Kyle Krumme	\$154
5. Mackenzie Ullian	\$142
6. Mikayla Morris	\$128

Boys Scratch Division

1. Chris Wiley	\$348
2. Justin Finnen	\$243
3. Trevor Gunther	\$185
4. Kyle Koprowitz	\$139
5. Nate Stubler	\$128
6. Eric Ullian	\$116

Girls Scratch Division

1. Julia Bond	\$273
2. Courtney Johnston	\$191
3. Kelly Belzeski	\$146
4. Megan Szczepanski	\$105
5. Sara Michalowicz	\$105
6. Tara Quinlan	\$91

Mystery Blind Doubles

1. Kyle Krumme and Zach Lantz	\$40 each
2. Michael Dertz and Paige Reiter	\$30 each
3. Mackenzie Ullian and Conner Jones	\$20 each
4. Eric Ullian and Tony DeVita	\$15 each
5. Brandon Dertz and Alex Acosta	\$10 each

Advance to Junior Gold

Eric Ullian	U20 Boys	Kylie Frick	U15 Girls
Nick Binetti	U20 Boys	Mabel Cummins	U15 Girls
Eric Kramer	U20 Boys	James Menard	U15 Boys
Abby Ragsdale	U20 Girls	Matthew LaBonte	U15 Boys
Kyra Udziela	U20 Girls	Haylie Frick	U12
Juliana Kowalski	U20 Girls	Danny LaBonte	U12



Picking up your spares can be the difference of being in first place or being behind first place.

ISST Leader Boards

Points Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Blake Reiger	37
2. Kyle Krumme	32
3. Rachel Clifton	29
4. Jenna Mendez	28
5. Melissa Reiss	26

Boys Scratch Division

1. Aaron Adams	63
2. Joey Kopera	56
3. Justin Finnen	51
4. Trevor Gunther	47
5. Michael Dertz	45

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	69
2. Tara Quinlan	65
3. Giselle Poss	63
4. Jennifer Potts	51
5. Brianna Zabierek	45

Scholarship Award Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Abby Ragsdale	\$385
2. Jenna Mendez	\$333
3. Haylie Frick	\$270
4. Blake Reiger	\$234.50
5. Kyle Krumme	\$229

Boys Scratch Division

1. Chris Wiley	\$437
2. Aaron Adams	\$388
3. Justin Finnen	\$347
4. Trevor Gunther	\$300
5. Joey Kopera	\$241

Girls Scratch Division

1. Sara Michalowicz	\$287
2. Julia Bond	\$273
2. Tara Quinlan	\$273
4. Courtney Johnston	\$256
5. Giselle Poss	\$198

ISST Average Leaders

Handicap Division

1. Blake Reiger	183.08
2. Brad Behrends	173.00
3. Alex Acosta	170.17
4. Abby Ragsdale	170.00

Boys Scratch Division

1. Joey Kopera	204.50
2. Cory Lenz	200.08
3. Kyle Anderson	197.83
4. Andrew Gonner	195.00

Girls Scratch Division

1. Giselle Poss	209.92
2. Jennifer Potts	200.92
3. Brianna Zebierek	192.92
4. Sara Michalowicz	182.25

New Dress Code

THIS RULE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!

Rule #16. Bowlers must be dressed in proper attire when checking in; a shirt with a butterfly or mock collar and dress pants for both boys and girls. USBC youth jerseys will also be acceptable. No hats, jeans of any type, skirts, skorts, shorts, spandex, yoga pants or t-shirts are allowed.

In the past, due to the heat in August, the first two events allowed bowlers to wear shorts, skirts and skorts. This is no longer acceptable due to concerns regarding styles and appropriate lengths.

If you have any doubts about your clothing being acceptable, it is best not to wear it. You may bring the item to a tour stop and ask Patti if it is acceptable, then change later.

Featured Bowlers



Natalie Koprowitz
Girard, IL



Connor Pula
Evergreen Park, IL

Age: 15

School: North Mac High School

Home Center: Showtime Lanes in Virden, IL

Division: Girls Scratch, ISST Average of 158.00

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 268/687

Started bowling at age: 3

When did you start bowling the ISST? 13

What is your favorite thing about the tour?
I definitely enjoy the competitive atmosphere, bowling on sport shot conditions, and meeting new people from all around the state. Also, getting the opportunity to see old friends that I don't see often.

What kept you going through the hard times?
Listening to music calms me down. Especially listening to the song "One Step at a Time" by Jordan Sparks. My brother Kyle always tells me "one shot at a time." and the song reminds me of that.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? *Even if you don't succeed at first keep trying and learn from your mistakes.*

Who's your biggest inspiration? *My brother Kyle. He always tries his best at tournaments, but also helps me whenever he can.*

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold?
Once. I bowled this past summer in Buffalo, New York. I was in the U15 Division.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? *That I got to bowl with people from all over the United States and other countries as well as learning to bowl on other sport patterns.*

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? *Even though I succeeded in making it to the top twelve and through the third round of match play, the entire tournament takes a large toll on youth bowlers mentally and physically.*

Overall, what has bowling done for you? *Its taught me that winning isn't everything. It's a sport you can enjoy with your friends and family and that you should always try your best.*

Age: 10

School: Willow Springs Elementary School, 5th Grade

Home Center: Arena Lanes in Oak Lawn, IL

Division: Handicap, ISST Average of 145.33

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 221/541

Started bowling at age: 4

When did you start bowling the ISST? 8

What is your favorite thing about the tour?
I like the different WTBA patterns and seeing the other bowlers.

What kept you going through the hard times?
I keep trying to bowl good. I don't like bad scores.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? *It is hard, try your best and make your spares.*

Who's your biggest inspiration? *My dad, Ron Pula, because he helps me.*

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold?
Once. I went this past summer to Buffalo, New York. I want to bowl again next summer.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? *I went to Buffalo, saw some Pro's and made some new friends.*

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? *It was very hard. I didn't do well.*

Overall, what has bowling done for you?
Bowling is my favorite sport. I practice a lot so I can get better. I have met a lot of great people.

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