

# Treasure Valley Monthly Tournament 2025-2026



This tournament, known as the Treasure Valley Monthly Tournament or TVMT will consist of eight tournaments. These tournaments **shall be sanctioned and governed by USBC rules**. Entrants must hold a current USBC youth membership card. (USBC rule 300c.2). **Scratch** tournaments will be held on Saturday followed by the **Handicap** tournament on Sunday of the same weekend (**check the schedule for the actual dates and times**). TVMT will start in October and end in May.

1. Registration & Check-in: It is preferred that you pre-register for each tournament at [www.tournamentbowl.com](http://www.tournamentbowl.com) and prepay through Venmo (@tvmtdirector). Same day registration and check-in will begin 1 hour before each flight begins and end 15 min before scheduled start time.

a. Pre-Registration:

- i. Sign up in advance on [www.tournamentbowl.com](http://www.tournamentbowl.com) (PREFERRED). Pay on Venmo (@tvmtdirector, 7315). Any prepaid registration will be eligible for a full refund if the bowler is not able to attend providing the director is contacted before the start of the tournament.
- ii. Email or call director **PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT** at either: [tvmtdirector@gmail.com](mailto:tvmtdirector@gmail.com) or 208-488-5788

b. Day of the tournament entries are allowed if space allows, up to 15 min before start time.

**WE TRY VERY HARD TO TURN NO ONE AWAY!!** -----PLEASE!!! **Do your part and pre-register!** -----

2. Averages/Handicap:

a. Handicap will be figured at 90% of 220 with a maximum per game handicap of 54 pins for D1 and 94 pins for D2.

b. Averages used for TVMT will be based on the following:

- i. Bowlers entering TVMT will use their TVMT average from last year.
- ii. Those not having a TVMT book average will use their highest house average of **12 games** or more from the end of the previous month.
- iii. Bowlers not having a TVMT book average or current house average of **12 games** or more will use their highest league average at the end of the previous season. (Division placement may adjust until a TVMT average is established.)
- iv. TVMT average after **9 games** will be used from that point on.
  1. TVMT averages are calculated using all games bowled during scratch or handicap tournaments
  2. Scratch and Handicap averages are separate.
- v. If current league average of **12 games** or more is over 20 pins higher than last year's TVMT or Book average, the bowler may be re-rated to their current league average at the discretion of the tournament director.
- vi. Any bowler not having an average meeting the above criteria will use an entering average of 220.

3. Participation:

- a. Bowler may participate in both the Scratch Tournament and the Handicap Tournament as defined by the division breakdown by average.
- b. Average will determine a bowler's division (see 2. Averages/Handicap).
- c. Optional Jr Gold Qualifier during the Scratch Tournament (any division). (See 6e for further details.)

4. Divisions: There will be five divisions:

SCRATCH DIVISION 1 (SCR-D1)	Average 160 and above	Optional Jr Gold entry
SCRATCH DIVISION 2 (SCR-D2)	Average 159 and below	Optional Jr Gold entry
HANDICAP DIVISION 1 (HC-D1)	Average 160 and above	
HANDICAP DIVISION 2 (HC-D2)	Average 115-159	
HANDICAP DIVISION 3 (HC-D3)	Average 114 and below	

- a. A bowler may choose to promote themselves to a higher division, however, once a bowler moves to a higher division they cannot move back to a lower division. (Unless a TVMT average has not yet been established.)

- i. All accumulated points move with them.
  - ii. There will be no changing of divisions for the final tournament of the year (April to May).
- b. It is the **responsibility of the bowler** to verify his/her division before the end of the first game and alert a TVMT official if an error was made.

5. Moving Lanes:

- a. Bowlers, in all Scratch divisions, will move one pair of lanes to the right after each game, with the bowlers on the last pair of lanes moving to the first pair of lanes.
- b. Bowlers in all Handicap divisions will stay on the same pair of lanes for the entire qualifying set.

6. Tournament Format:

- a. All Scratch Divisions and Handicap Divisions 1 and 2 will bowl four games. Handicap Division 3 will bowl three games.
- b. Scratch bowlers will bowl on a predetermined oil pattern (see schedule). Handicap bowlers will bowl on the "house" oil pattern.
- c. The bowlers with the top eight total pin scores in each division shall compete in a one game head-to-head competition. The bowler in the first position will bowl against the bowler in the eighth position; the bowler in the second position will bowl against the bowler in the seventh positions, etc.
  - i. In the case of a tie for eighth place, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will determine which bowler will fill the final qualifying position.
  - ii. Top 8 ties will be awarded to the individual with the highest scratch game in the qualifying round.
- d. Head-to-head games will determine the four final qualifiers, who will then compete in a traditional "step ladder" finish. In case of a tie in the head-to-head matches or "step ladder" finals, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off will be used. The bowler with the higher score advances.
  - i. Handicap tournaments only: 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the bowlers' handicap will be used for both the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame. All fractions of handicap will be rounded down. For example, if 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the bowler's handicap is 8.7 the handicap will be 8 pins per frame.
- e. **OPTIONAL** Jr Gold (We must have minimum 5 entries @ \$40 each or 4 entries @ \$50 each.):
  - i. Bowlers may opt to compete for an entry to the 2026 Jr Gold Championships. Additional \$40 entry fee to be paid at registration. Must have a current Jr Gold Membership or purchase a membership on site prior to the start of the tournament.
  - ii. In case of a tie for Jr Gold spot, high game will determine winner. Jr Gold Divisions - Bowlers will be grouped for Jr Gold, by age divisions as defined by Jr Gold rules. Bowlers may opt to "play up" to an older age division, each tournament. Divisions by age group and gender, as follows:

Boy / Girl	U12	8/01/2012 or later.
Boy / Girl	U15	8/01/2009 – 7/31/2012
Boy / Girl	U18	8/01/2006 – 7/31/2009

7. Scores:

- a. A TVMT official or a designated adult will write down all scores. It is the responsibility of the bowler to verify that his/her score is correct and alert a TVMT official if the score was entered incorrectly on tournamentbowl.com.

8. Fees:

- a. All fees are to be paid on or before the day of the Tournament, prior to bowling. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- b. Payments can be made using Venmo (@tvmtdirector) or by cash at check in.
- c. Entry fees for 2025-2026:

Fee Breakdown	SCR-D1& SCR-D2	HC-D1 & HC-D2	HC-D3
Linage & Expenses:	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$17.00
Award Fund:	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

9. Tournament Rules:

- a. 100% of the award fund will be returned to the bowlers in the form of medals and scholarships. To be eligible for a scholarship award, **a bowler must participate in at least 5 of the 8 tournaments** during the year.
- b. DRESS CODE: Youth participants will follow USBC rules and not wear apparel or use bowling equipment that is not in compliance. Collared or approved bowling shirts are encouraged. No hats or beanies. Any deviation from the dress code must be approved by a tournament director prior to the start of the tournament.
- c. NO PROFANITY OR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR BY PARTICIPANTS OR PARENTS WILL BE TOLERATED.
- d. Disciplinary Action:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: A warning will be issued.
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Will result in a loss of score for the next two frames.
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Will result in ejection from the Tournament. Participation in future Tournaments will be at the discretion of the TVMT officials.
  - iv. If a parent or spectator is involved in a disciplinary action, they will be asked to leave the facility upon their second offense.
  - v. The attending TVMT officials will have final say in the determination of proper bowling attire, profanity, and disruptive behavior.
- e. Ball cleaning/Surface change: We follow Rule 18 from the 2025-26 USBC Playing Rules. We consider each day a separate tournament, however, each section (Qualifying, Elimination, and Stepladder) is considered part of the same tournament.

ANY COMPLAINT AGAINST A BOWLER OR PARENT MUST BE TAKEN TO THE OFFICIALS, NOT TO THE BOWLER OR PARENTS. WE WILL TRY TO ATTEND TO IT IMMEDIATELY!

10. Disputes: In case of a dispute, the decision of the TVMT Director shall be final.

11. Points: Scholarship points will be awarded as follows:

- a. Twenty (20) points per division bowled for each Tournament. If a bowler does not complete the qualifying round, 5 points per game completed are awarded.
- b. Seventy (70) points will be awarded for finishing in FIRST place, Each place decreases by five points down to tenth place.
- c. Medals will be awarded in a Medal Ceremony for FIRST through FOURTH place.
- d. Two double points Tournaments will be held during the season.
  - i. The first double points Tournament will be determined by the TVMT directors, and will be announced the day of the Tournament, prior to the start of play.
  - ii. The second double point Tournament will be the last TVMT Tournament of the year, during the Grand Finals.
- e. Total points accumulated throughout the season will determine the scholarship winners.
- f. To qualify for a scholarship **a bowler must participate in at least five of the eight Tournaments**. A minimum of three scholarships will be awarded in each division. Scholarship amounts will be determined at the end of the season based on the number of bowlers in each division for the season.
- g. All scholarships earned will be sent in the recipients' name to the USBC SMART program.

12. Receipt of Rules: A registration card is required for each bowler and is used for assignment of scholarships to the correct SMART account. This card will have the bowler's name, birthdate, address, USBC membership number, high school graduation year, home bowling center, guardians phone number, email address, and signature on it. An emailed registration card will be accepted as signed.

THANKS FOR MAKING IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THESE RULES AND HELPING US TO MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR OF BOWLING AND FAMILY FUN.

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# TREASURE VALLEY MONTHLY TOURNAMENT 2025-2026 SCHEDULE



October 4-5 12 - 2025 JRG Qualifying #12 (U15B U18B)	Nampa Bowl Nampa	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
November 8-9 14 - 2025 JRG Qualifying #14 (U15B U18B)	Caldwell Bowl Caldwell	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
December 13-14 11 - 2025 JRG Qualifying #11 (U15B U18B)	Meridian Lanes	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
January 10-11 13 - 2025 JRG Qualifying #13 (U15B U18B)	Caldwell Bowl Caldwell	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
February 7-8 5 - 2025 JRG Advancers Round (ALL DIVISIONS)	Westy's Garden Lanes Boise	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
March 14-15 6 - 2025 JRG Final Advancers (ALL DIVISIONS)	Meridian Lanes	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
April 18-19 7 - 2025 JRG Match Play (ALL DIVISIONS)	Nampa Bowl Nampa	Scratch – 2 PM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday
May 16-17 (Grand Finals) 8 - 2025 JRG Television (ALL DIVISIONS)	Westy's Garden Lanes Boise	Scratch – 10 AM Saturday Handicap – 10 AM Sunday

- ▶Check-in begins 60 minutes prior to start time.
- ▶Registration will close 15 min prior to tournament start time.

Entry fee:

- \$30.00 for Scratch (OPTIONAL \$40.00 Jr Gold entry fee)
- \$30.00 for Divisions 1 & 2 Handicap
- \$25.00 for Division 3 Handicap

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To pre-register: (24 hrs. prior to start of tournament weekend)

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Include Name, bowling center, League name, current average of 9 games or more as of the first of the month, and tournament(s) you are entering.
- Payment can be made using Venmo (@tvmtdirector, last 4 phone=7315) or Cash the day of the tournament.
- Entrants are limited to USBC Youth Members

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