

Youth Spirit Award - Athletes in Grades 9-11 (\$1,500)

Coaches are asked to nominate a Youth Bowler for this award, based on the criteria of Sportsmanship, Commitment and Leadership.

1st place -- \$750 **JOSHUA BHOLAN (10th Grade), St. James –**

Coach: Brian McClean - "If someone was to look at the definition of Sportsmanship, Joshua Bholan would appear as an example of what sportsmanship is. Joshua takes the game of bowling very seriously, he understands and abides by the rules and exhibits ethical behavior at all times. There have been several instances where a 7 or 10 pin was knocked down by a ball that came out of the gutter and no one noticed, instead of looking the other way and taking the spare that would have increased his score and the team's chance of winning, Joshua notified me immediately to tell me that that spare had to be removed from the score because he didn't "make" it.

Joshua is a great teammate, always there to root on and provide encouragement to his teammates. On days when he doesn't bowl well he is always there to thank his team for picking him up and promising he will do better next time. When he has the highest score on the team, he doesn't gloat, he never makes it a point to say "I had the highest score/series", he says great day, the team won. Joshua is always there to give advice to teammates who may be struggling during a match. He will give advice on how the lanes are behaving and recommend a possible ball change. All of the advice is given with the goal to make his teammates and friends better bowlers.

Joshua is also very respectful of his opponents, prior to a match he always wishes members of the opposing team good luck, and throughout the match he always congratulates the opposing team on good shots and gives encouragement when the results are not good. Joshua is always willing to help out teams that visit Smithtown Lanes to enter team information on the scoring machine.

During matches he exhibits self-control, no matter how well or how poorly he may be bowling he behaves as a model athlete should, he is respectful, compassionate and never an embarrassment to himself.

Joshua is extremely committed to the sport of bowling. During my time as his coach he has never missed a match, no matter how bad the weather was or how many other activities might have been going on at the same time. Joshua always ensures that schoolwork is completed in a timely manner to avoid conflicts with his bowling schedule.

Joshua is constantly striving to improve his bowling skills, he currently has the high average on his team, but I will always see him at the bowling alley having a formal lesson or practicing with his friends to improve areas of his game that he may be having trouble with like 7 and 10 pin spares. During times of practice scores are not important to him, Joshua is focused on his approach to the lane, his ball release and ball reaction to changing lane conditions.

Joshua understands the importance of the team concept and the commitment he has to make to be part of a team. Joshua is currently a very good bowler, but he wants to continuously improve his bowling skills. Having him on my team is a coach's dream, I never have to ask him if he is going to be at the match because I know he will be and he is always willing to listen to advice from me or other teammates since he understands that there are always areas of his game that could be improved and he is committed to improve his game. Since early 2019 Joshua has started to bowl in Sport shot leagues, he wasn't upset about the lower scores he was bowling compared to what he gets during a house shot league. He

challenged himself to become a better sport shot bowler, he focused on learning to read the oil pattern sheet before each match and within a year he has become one of the top 3 bowlers in our sport shot league. Last summer Joshua competed in his first Junior Gold Tournament, although he did not advance he bowled extremely well for a first-time competitor in a very intense tournament. Joshua already has his sights on 2020 Junior gold competition and his goal is to make it to the 2nd round. I have no doubt in my mind that Joshua will make it.

Joshua had been a youth leader from the Long Island Chapter of The New York State USBC from 2017-2019, he was Vice president during the 2018-2019 season. He has many characteristics that make a good leader. He communicates well with his teammates and fellow youth leaders. During matches Joshua will give advice to his teammates on how the lane conditions are and where they should stand and what target they should be aiming for in a manner that is clear for them to understand. He assists me by helping to organize practices and running drills. He always focuses on the positive.

During youth leader events, not only did he delegate tasks to fellow youth leaders, he explained what is required to complete each task so that the person knows what is expected of him/her. This bowler did not show favoritism to any youth leader, he rotated the assignments so that everyone had the same opportunity. This bowler likes to lead by example, as some point during the season he had performed all of the tasks he asks fellow youth leaders to perform himself.

Joshua has become a leader on his varsity High School Bowling Team, he mentors several of the members of the Junior Varsity Team and is always there to help when a JV member is brought into a varsity Match to calm their fears and explain how the lanes have been reacting."

2nd place -- \$500 **MATTHEW GRIMALDI (9th Grade), Farmingville**
3rd place -- \$250 **RACHEL HINES (11th Grade), Coram**

Future Stars Award – Two Divisions Athletes in Grades 5-8 (\$375)

Youth Bowlers are asked to submit (electronically) a bowling related photo ("selfie") with an appropriate caption explaining "Why I like to bowl!"

1st place -- \$200. **CITA ARCANGEL (8th Grade), Lake Ronkonkoma**
"Bowling friends Become Best Friends.



People always ask me who my idol is - my answer is my best friend Amanda who I met on the lanes. I would watch Amanda from a far and idolize how good she is, and it made me want to work hard to be like her. She is my inspiration and someone I hope to be like. Her dedication to the sport, her hard work and dedication, her sense of humor, her willingness to help, she is the athlete I hope to become. She taught me to work hard every day at what you love and always give it your all- to learn from your mistakes and celebrate the victories. She gives me the drive to be on the lanes working hard every day in hopes of becoming the best that I possibly can. I never imagined when I became a bowler that I would not only fall in love with the sport but that I would meet my idol, my sister, my forever friend. I am so thankful I decided to become a bowler and appreciate all of the amazing opportunities I have had and most of all the amazing friends I have made

along the way. Bowling is in my heart and I hope to continue to grow have many more opportunities and accomplish many more amazing achievements."

2nd place -- \$100 **SADRIANNA ERB (5th Grade), Farmington**

3rd place -- \$75 **SAVANNAH SWIATOCHA (7th Grade), Scotia**

Athletes in Grades K-4 (\$375)

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1st place -- \$200 **EZRA SYBERT (4th Grade), Newfield**

When I Bowl: Saturday mornings; Who I Bowl with: My team that includes my brother; Who got me started in bowling: My Dad; What I like to do other than bowling: Baking, detailed crafting and biking

2nd place -- \$100 **NOAH COULMAN (4th Grade), Hudson Falls**

3rd place -- \$75 **GRAYSON QUICK (2nd Grade), Endicott**