

Youth bowling has been on the upswing over the past ten years and is still one of the strongest programs in the Metro East. Bowling is a life-long sport and offers many opportunities to our youth bowlers. Our local youth programs have been feeders for the middle schools, high schools and local collegiate programs. The high school program has provided over \$200,000 to local bowlers who have advanced to post high school education. No other sport in the Metro East has provided the benefits that bowling has offered.

Youth Bowling Programs at St. Clair Bowl and Bel-Air Bowl

1. Entry Level through high school bowlers.
2. Coaching available for all levels.
3. Team format with 4 bowlers on a team.
4. Opportunities to earn scholarship money
 - Grand Prix Scholarship through Illinois Bowling Proprietor's Assn.
 - Pepsi tournament.
 - Roto Grip/Storm Singles Tournament.
 - Junior Gold Leagues.
 - High School Top 24 Tournament.
5. Youth program members receive a practice rate of \$1.50 per game. That also includes everyone that is bowling with the youth member.

Junior High Bowling

1. 16 local junior high schools have bowling programs
2. Opportunity for children that don't participate in other sports to join a Varsity team.
3. Opportunity to enjoy team competition and prepare for high school bowling.
4. State series provided by Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association.

High School Bowling

- 31 local high schools participate in the Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference
- Bel-Air and St. Clair Bowl host 7 high school teams:
 - a. Althoff, Lebanon, Cahokia, O'Fallon, Freeburg, Belleville East, Belleville West,
- O'Fallon High School and Belleville East High School have been two of the strongest programs in the state for the past 10 years.
 - a. O'Fallon High School has been Southwest Conference Champions 6 consecutive years.
 - b. O'Fallon High School has been to the IHSA Boys State series 8 consecutive years placing in the Top 5 six consecutive years.

Collegiate Bowling

- McKendree College
 - One of the strongest collegiate programs in the country.
 - Two national championships in the past two seasons.
 - Boys in 2016 and the girls in 2017.
 - O'Fallon currently has two male bowlers on the men's team.

- Belleville East currently has a male member on the men's team.