

# Caitlyn Dull

## Lewis Ray Youth Bowler of the Year

Caitlyn Dull was born August of 2001 in Fort Worth, Texas. Little did she know at that time what her future held and how her path would be laid out for her by the age of 17. She was not content to just be the kid at the bowling alley while her parents bowled. She wanted to be in a league of her own. At the age of 10, Caitlyn started bowling youth league at Cityview Lanes.



One month after she started her league, she wanted to bowl the GFWUSBC Youth Scholarship Tournament. October 16, 2011 was a defining moment in her life. After 3 games of qualifying and then match play rounds she came in 1st place for her division! The hook of competition was set deep inside her.

Many accomplishments have been achieved in the 6 years of bowling Caitlyn has under her belt. In 2012 she came in 4th for Texas Pepsi Youth Championships. Grand Prix State Runner up was the headline for 2014. 2015 was the year that she was All Events Champion for the NCTUSBC Youth Championship Tournament for her division. 2017 held some amazing break out moments with a 2nd place in Texas Pepsi Youth Championships, being the #1 freshman in the state for High School Bowling, and being a Quarter Finalist in the High School State Singles with a finishing average of 209. It was at the end of the high school bowling season that Caitlyn was asked if she wanted to bowl for Azle Christian School. The summer of 2017 was her first major tournament. She went to Junior Gold National Championships in Cleveland, Ohio. She had 3 months to prepare for this tournament. Having very little experience on sport conditions she still shined coming in 152nd place in the U15 division. 2018 has proved to be the year that would rock Caitlyn's world so far. She was able to help her new high school team make it to regionals in Amarillo for their first time! She participated in the Collegiate Expo and caught a glimpse of the culmination of all her hard work. Junior Gold National Championships here in the metroplex was a proving ground. College coaches were watching, and taking videos. Her mental game grew and so did her scores. For her first year in the U20 division, she placed 251st. After a weeks worth of bowling she finished strong in the Survivor Tournament placing 12th in the new U17 division, and earning her spot for Junior Gold Nationals in Detroit, MI! On her first day of her junior year, an NCAA Division 2 college contacted her. They wanted her to come take a tour so they could make her an offer. The most exciting thing though, is the 300 Caitlyn bowled on September 27th, 2018 during youth league at Cowtown Bowling Palace. Caitlyn is still unsure of what college she will attend, however she does know one thing. She will be bowling on the collegiate level soon!!

Other than practicing and competing, Caitlyn is on the Youth Committee for NCTUSBC. She also enjoys helping to coach other youth on the lanes. She has a deep passion for the sport and wants to be a part of helping it grow.

