

2019 Riverside Shootout - Rules

Tournament Eligibility: The Riverside Shootout is open to all USBC members who are age 21 or under as of August 1, 2019. A valid, current USBC Youth or Adult membership is required to participate in this tournament. This event is a USBC-certified scholarship tournament, so bowlers must be in good standing with the USBC and SMART program. This will be a handicap tournament, with the option to add a scratch division if there are enough interested bowlers.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$40 (handicap) and \$50 (scratch) if paid online by November 2, 2019. On the day of the event, all prices will increase by \$5. All added monies will go to the prize fund. The prize fund is returned to the bowlers 100%.

To Register and Pay: Online payment is available by visiting the tournament homepage at: <http://youthbowlNW.wordpress.com> On the day of the event, only cash will be accepted for payment. NO CHECKS will be accepted.

Handicap Division Entering Average: Handicap will be calculated at 100% of 210. Use highest Standard (house shot) book average from 2018-2019 season for 21 games or more in a single league. Sport or Challenge averages are converted using the USBC adjustment chart. If no 2018-19 league average, use 2017-18 high Standard book average for 21 or more games. If none, use 2016-17 average for 21 or more games. Bowlers with no eligible average as described above may bowl in the handicap division with zero handicap, or in the scratch division. If you plan to bowl in the handicap division, please bring a league standing sheet or other documentation of your average.

Format: Bowl five (5) games of qualifying, moving one pair to the right after each game. The top half (50 percent of bowlers) in each division will advance to the semifinals. For an odd number of entries, we round up to the next whole number. (Example: if there are 25 entries, 13 bowlers would advance).

Semis: Those making the cut will bowl (3) more games, with pins carrying over from qualifying. No bonus pins are awarded during the semifinals.

Stepladder: The top (3) bowlers in each division will advance to a TV-style finals. #3 bowls #2, and the winner bowls #1.

Ties: If there are ties for the final cut spot after qualifying, all affected bowlers will advance to the semis. If there is a tie for a stepladder position after the semis, or a tie during the stepladder finals, the tie will be broken by a one-game roll-off. Any other ties for cashing spots will split prizes.

Optional Junior Gold Qualifier: A Junior Gold (JG) qualifying event will be held using the first 3 games of qualifying. Per USBC rules, only scratch scores are counted in the qualifier, regardless of a bowler's division in the main tournament. A JG membership is required to participate in the qualifier and can be purchased on-site. Four (4) bowlers are needed in each age division to hold a JG qualifier. Entry fee: **\$25 for U12, \$40 for U15, and \$50 for U17 and U20.** If there are fewer than (4) entries in an age group, bowlers may "bowl up" to a higher division as long as there are at least 4 bowlers combined. (If age divisions are combined, all bowlers in that group pay the higher entry fee. For example, a U12-only qualifier would cost \$25, but a U12/15 combined qualifier costs \$40).

- One (1) JG spot will be awarded for every (4) entries per age division. If there are more entries than a multiple of 4, the next finisher in line has the opportunity to earn a JG spot by funding the shortfall between the entry monies collected and the national JG entry fee. This option is available only to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, the option is not available to other finishers.
- A bowler must have JG membership and pay the qualifier entry fee prior to the start of practice. Once practice begins, no JG entries will be accepted, and no refunds will be given.
- If there are ties for JG spots after 3 games, the 4th game, and 5th (if necessary) will be used as a tie-breaker.
- Bowlers may not enter the qualifier separately. Everyone in the qualifier must be entered and paid in the main tournament.

Protests: Any protests regarding eligibility or rules must be made, in writing, to tournament management within 72 hours in accordance with USBC Rule 329.

Payout: At least one prize will be awarded for every 5 entries. All prizes are paid as scholarships to SMART.

Dress Code: This is a semi-casual tournament. Bowling jerseys, collared shirts, or USBC Youth shirts must be worn. There is no restriction on pants/bottoms; slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, jeans, leggings, etc. are all allowed, although all clothing must be family-friendly and in good taste. No inappropriate slogans or pictures, or anything that disparages bowling, our hosts, or sponsors. The tournament director has the final say on the appropriateness of attire.

And Speaking of Good Taste: Please conduct yourself in a way that is appropriate and positively represents youth bowling to the general public. Tantrums, outbursts, swearing, or physical abuse of equipment could result in disqualification on the first offense with no refund — don't chance it!

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