

2025 The Kings Royal Rule Book

What is the Kings Royal?

The Kings Royal is a scratch traveling tournament that was designed in 2011, and it consist of a 12 tournament schedule touring every month at a different bowling center on a different sport pattern in the Greater Louisville area. These patterns include Kegel sport, challenge, USBC, EBT, ETBF, PABCON, ABF, WTBA, PBA, Monument, Coach Slowinski, and plastic ball patterns.

This tournament was designed and created with the intention of sharpening and honing the bowler's skills along with those new to the patterns a chance to watch and bowl with the more experienced bowlers to have a better understanding of how to play the patterns and better understanding of how to adjust as the patterns change in return helping the bowler become more versatile and confident in one's game.

The tournament has always been open to youth, men, women, seniors, and the price is affordable for everyone to play. This is not a league; bowlers can come and go as they please only paying for the events they participate in.

We only hope to create a friendly and competitive atmosphere that everyone can enjoy. I work hard to keep everything up to date, informational friendly and answer all questions you have as quickly as possible.

We are on Facebook; you can find us in the groups Kings Royal scratch bowling tournaments. The group page is where you can find all the standings, points list, scheduling, qualifying results, and final results. The like page is more for promotional use. I will be emailing out the spreadsheet for viewing at the conclusion of each tournament.

Welcome to the Kings Royal

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RULES:

- **Entries** - All entry times for each event will be strictly enforced. Most starting times will consist of **10am** on Sundays (*Check Facebook event page*).
 - Each event \$50 entry with an optional scratch pot of \$5. This will include your 5 games of qualifying. All youth bowlers are NOT permitted in any side pot the Kings Royal has per USBC rules. Remember this is a tournament, not a league. Pay only for the events you bowl in.
 - **\$5** from every entry will go to the year-end prize fund for week 13 dependent on lineage (**or finals**). In the event, we get to 40 entries, I will only deduct \$3 from every entry after to allow for the prize fund for that day to continue to increase. (**Doubles event - \$5 from every team will go to prize fund**)
 - Lane Assignments will be made the night before the event to help with setting up the tourney. However a bowler will be subject to move if there are not a sufficient number of bowlers on a pair of lanes.
 - Bowlers have until the time the practice clock runs out to sign up. Once the practice clock expires, no more entries are allowed, no exceptions. Please make sure you give yourself enough time to reach the destination.
- **Dress & Behavior** - There is no dress code for any event, but we do ask that you keep good personal hygiene when competing in the Kings Royal.
 - If you come to the Kings Royal under the influence of any narcotics or any other illegal drugs, you will be banned from the Kings Royal for the rest of the year no questions asked.
 - Youth bowling in the Kings Royal. Youth are always welcome to the Kings Royal. In the Kings Royal there is no cash prize for the youth nor can they participate in any side pots the Kings Royal offers. All cash prizes will be paid to the youth bowler's SMART account.
 - Any youth bowler that attends from an outlying area is ok to bowl. Please have your youth USBC # ready when you attend.

- **Lane Assignments**

- Once you have your lane assignment, it is your responsibility to be ready to bowl when the lanes come on. Lane assignments are posted on www.tournamentbowl.com
- The bowling centers we attend vary in size and amount of lanes available, some are small and some will have plenty of room. If we are attending a smaller house, please make sure bowling bags and all personal belongings are put away for safety of all others in the center, and always be ready to bowl when it is your turn, and we have a **1 lane courtesy rule in effect.**

Qualifying

- In the King's Royal there are 4 qualifying games. After each game is completed, the bowlers on the left lane will skip 1 pair to the left and the bowlers on the right lane will skip 1 pair to the right.
- You are responsible to keep track of your score; the tournament director depends on you to do so that all scorekeeping can be completed as quickly as possible. We ask that all score sheets are kept in plain view so that recording can be completed quickly and efficiently. Scores will move with you and you will have a recording sheet to verify your scores to be turned in at the end of qualifying.
- Anyone found cheating with their scores is an automatic "0" for the game or each game found cheating. ***This will come with a penalty of a 3 event suspension as well. The individual is disqualified from the tournament as a result and any points gained are forfeited.***
- After a 4 game set is bowled and completed, based on entries is how many make the cut. We pay 1:5 for each event. A rule in the King's Royal is that all series that end in a tie will be broken by a 9th & 10th frame roll-off. The tournament director will pick the pair where the roll off will occur.

Score sheets

- Everyone is responsible for their own score sheet. Please make sure you fill out every score and please make it legible so that I can write down the correct score. Once your 5th game has been completed, you will need to turn your score sheets into me at the sign up desk so that I can record your last game in the system. If you bring me a score sheet with no 5th game score, it will result in a "0". If you don't turn one in at all, you will receive a "0" for all 5 games. You will still get your points for attending, but no credit toward your pin count. The pin count can make or break you on ties at the end of the year. Every pin counts.

Overall pin count

- Overall pin count will be very important at the end of the year and if you are tied with another bowler for points. If this is the case that you do tie for any position after week 12, the overall total pin count will be the determining factor as to who gets the higher seed. So if you have a bad week during the qualifying season, please write it down, because if you get the higher seed by 30 pins, you will be happy that you bowled that day and took your scores even though you felt they were embarrassing.

Match play rules

The number of bowlers that make match play depends on the amount of bowlers that attend each event.

28 - 32 Bowlers

Top 6 (Bye - 1 seed & 2 seed)

33 - 37 Bowler

Top 7 (Bye - 1 seed)

38 - 42 Bowlers

Top 8

43 - 47 Bowlers

Top 9 (Bye for 1 seed)

48 - 52 Bowlers

Top 10 (Bye for 1 seed and 2 seed)

53 - 57 Bowlers

Top 11 (Bye for 1 seed, 2 seed, & 3 seed)

53 - 57 Bowlers

Top 12 (Bye for 1 seed, 2 seed, 3 seed, & 4 Seed)

58 - 62 Bowlers

Top 13 (Bye for 1 seed, 2 seed, & 3 seed)

63 - 67 Bowlers

Top 14 (Bye for 1 seed and 2 seed)

68 - 72 Bowlers

Top 15 (Bye for 1 seed)

- **This format has been the fairest to ensure if you make a cut, you get paid!** Once qualifying is completed, I will have the correct seeded bracket ready for match play. Lowest seed will bowl the

highest seed unless it is a step ladder event for which the 5th seed will compete against the 4th seed and the winner will bowl the 3rd seed and so on.

1 Game Matches for all Bracket Matches

Once all the bowlers have been assigned their match play lanes, you will get 2 minutes of practice and then you will go straight into scoring from this point on.

If there is a tie in match play, the way the Kings Royal decides the winner is going into sudden death ball for ball. Higher seed will choose who throws first and what lane on that pair to start on. So for example if the higher seed chooses that the lower seed bowls first and to start on the left lane, then the lower seed must throw the first ball on the left lane. If a lower seed bowler throws a strike, the higher seed must match it to continue, if the higher seed does strike then the lower seed throws the first ball on the right lane, if lower seed bowler knocks over 9 pins, the higher seed must tie to continue or strike to advance to the next bracket. If higher seed knocks over fewer pins than 9, then lower seed would advance to the next bracket.

Since the Kings Royal does run on points for the position system, score means everything. So if we do have 16 bowlers in match play that means 8 bowlers will go out the first round. This is where score matters, if you had the highest losing score in the first round that will give you the 9th place position and 9th place points, the lowest losing score will give you the 16th position and 16th points. Even though you are bowling one on one to advance, you are still bowling against the field for position. Once the top 8 go into match play, the losing scores of the 4 bowlers will be competing for 5th place thru 8th place. Top 4 go into match play; the two losing scores will battle for 3rd place and 4th place. Championship match decides who wins and who finishes in 2nd. The points are important in the tournament and the higher you finish the more points you earn.

If there is a tie between 2 or more bowler's that did not advance in match play, they all will receive points based on how they were seeded going into match play.

Example: Let's say the 5th seed, 10th seed, and 13th seed all shot 169 and lost to their opponent, this will affect how points are awarded; say there were 2 other losing scores higher than the bowlers that tied, so those 2 bowlers would finish 9th & 10th, and then the 3 bowlers tied would be placed according to seed. So the 5th seed would finish 11th for points, 10th seed would be 12th, and the 13th seed would finish 13th for points.

How it will look when I post the round of 16 scores. 1st- 256 16th- 153 2nd- 248 15th- 159 3rd – 236 14th- 246 4th - 227 13th – 169 5th - 169 12th – 199 6th - 235 11th – 154 7th - 208 10th – 169 8th - 183 9th - 189	Point's position after losing first round with 2 or more tied scores. 09th - #3 seed 236 10th - #8 seed 183 11th - #5 seed 169 ----- 12th - #10 seed 169 ----- 13th - #13 seed 169 ----- 14th - #15 seed 159 15th - #11 seed 154 16th - #16 seed 153
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There are bonus points for 1st thru 20th position. The top 16 make match play; the 4 bowlers outside the top 16 will also acquire a few bonus points for coming very close to the cut.

Also any bowler that cannot complete match play due to injury or an emergency will have to take the lowest position in the round being played.

If it's round of 16 and you have to pull out, you will get the 16th position, round of 8 you get the 8th position and so on.

Point System

There are a few ways you can acquire points for the King's Royal. One way is attendance. You do receive points just for attending. 1-4 entries = **5pts**, 5-8 entries = **10pts**, 9-12 entries = **15pts**
A bowler will make **120 pts** alone just by showing up every week.

Points for position finished.

Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points
1st	50	6th	26	11th	16	16th	7
2nd	40	7th	24	12th	14	17th	6
3rd	35	8th	22	13th	12	18th	5
4th	30	9th	20	14th	10	19th	4
5th	28	10th	18	15th	8	20th	3

You can also earn bonus points in qualifying.

- Each bowler that bowls the highest score in qualifying in each game will receive 2 bonus points, if there is a tie for the high score, both bowlers receive 2pts.
- Number 1 qualifier gets a 15pt bonus, number 2 qualifier gets 10 points, number 3 qualifier get 5 points
- 25 extra points each week up for grabs.
- Once all the weeks of the schedule have been bowled, we will take the top 16 in points ONLY to go to week 13 (Finals) for the big cash prize.

PAYOUTS IN SEASON

All payouts are going to be 1:5 for every event.

Week 13th, bowlers will cash

THE 13th event (Finals)

The 17th week pattern is chosen by the king of the previous year. If you want to be king, you have to beat him on his own turf. When everyone arrives for the 17th week, you will already be seeded by where you finished in points. If there is a tie for 16th place in points after the 16 weeks has been completed, then the deciding tie breaker will be total pin fall for the year. This is the reason it is important to turn in your score sheets with all the scores filled out. The pin count may be the deciding factor of you becoming king or going home.

1st place in points bowls against 16th in points, 2nd in point's bowls 15th in points just like a regular bracket. The format is 2 games total pinfall. Everyone will cash at this event. If there is a bowler that cannot attend, the bowler forfeits his spot and every bowler below the absent seed will move up one seed and the alternate (#17 seed that becomes a #16 seed) will fill in the vacant spot. If the alternate does not show up, then the #16 seed is considered a vacant and the #1 seed will get an automatic bye. Once the field has been eliminated and one man stands, he is crowned King with robe and all with photos taken for current and past kings and you're named etched in history with the Kings Royal.

Surface adjustments are allowed each round until the 1st ball is rolled for score. Once the round has started the surface adjustments may not be changed until the next round of play starts.

2011 King Cortnei Burks

2012 King Bob Hale

2013 King Matt Ogle
2014 King Glenn Woods
2015 King Doug Aston
2016 King Kelly Countryman
2017 King Brett Shepherd
2018 King Daniel Farish
2019 King Steve Novak
2020 King Ricky Carroll
2021 Did not Exist
2022 Did not Exist
2023 King Austin Koehler
2024 King Robbie Oakleaf

Your name will join the list of Kings that have proven they were the best of the best at what they do.

- **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- Sportsmanship is a must in this tournament. We do have youth bowling in this event every week, and they do not need to hear profanity being yelled across the bowling alley. No physical action toward the center's property is allowed.
- Any fighting or drug abuse during the Kings Royal will result in you being banned from the tourney for the year. However when it comes to profanity being yelled or center equipment being pushed, kicked, broken, thrown, punched, knocked over or spit on will result
 - 1st Action = Warning on the first action.
 - 2nd action = Suspended for 3 events
 - 3rd action = Banned for the rest of the year.
- I will have a 0 tolerance policy on negative reactions in front of the youth, spectators, and other bowlers who came to watch or compete. Bullying, taunting or any threats made by anyone in the establishment toward a bowler, spectator, employee or myself falls into the 0 tolerance category and may result in permanent banning without a warning. It's an embarrassment to me, and embarrassment to yourself and the sport.

RULES IN CLARITY

- Once the first ball has been thrown for score, you are not allowed to alter the surface or clean the ball while the tournament is in motion and for the duration of the tournament. The only exception to this matter is that a foreign substance has attached to the ball not allowing the ball to roll in its normal state.
- Belt marks I will allow "cleaning" if it's in the track only.
- Once a bowler has lined up on the correct lane, and the bowler's ball has been released passing the foul line by an individual's hand, that ball is counted for score. If a ball's thumb slug or finger insert has come out during release, or if an individual's thumb sticks in the ball not allowing a proper release, then the ball is counted as is. If the ball happens to bounce to another lane other than the one you are scheduled to bowl on, it is an automatic "0" and the bowler must put the rack on the 2nd ball and complete the spare. If the ball falls out of the hand and has not crossed the foul line, the bowler may line back up and try again. If a bowler has released a ball on the wrong lane, that bowler must line up on the correct lane and try again. If said bowler completes a frame on the wrong lane, the score must be manually put in on the correct bowlers score sheet/screen.

Side pots/betting/gambling

No youth under any circumstance will be allowed to take part in any gambling in the King's Royal tournament.

1. \$5 300 pot each tourney. IF pot is hit, it will go out when hit.
2. \$5 High Game pot
3. **21 Shot Challenge** This will run at each event and it will work just like a bowl-a-strike/strike pot. Tickets will be sold \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 3 tickets, and \$3 for 5 tickets. You may buy as many as you

want. Each event we will draw 1 ticket (unless the pot grows over \$500, then a 2nd ticket will be drawn for the remainder). Every pot will pay out 90% of the total **collected that day**, so if the first one is \$100, it will pay \$90 and 10% of **what collected each week** will go to the year-end prize fund.

The Kings Royal/Kentucky Open Ironman rules.

- Pre-paying and/or paying the day of The Kings Royal/Kentucky Open Ironman is limited to the first 72 bowlers paid. Payouts will be based on 60 bowlers. If there are any spots open on the day of, then they will be filled first come first serve and there are no holds, no exceptions. Prepaid entries will be accepted starting week 1 of the Kings Royal. If you do not pre pay then you have till the clock expires in practice to sign up that day. If someone pre-pays for you and you do not show up on time or at all, the entry fee will be forfeited and will be added to the prize fund. NO REFUNDS once practice has expired.
- The Ironman is a 9 game event that bowls on 3 different Kentucky Open patterns. This is a prepay but does welcome walk-ins if there is room. At 8 am practice will begin and bowlers will have to the end of practice to sign up. Once practice is completed, entries are closed.
- After practice, bowlers will draw for lanes; bowlers need to be at their assigned lanes as quickly as possible. Each bowler will be starting on the higher end of the house (lanes 27 – 50) to bowl 3 games on pattern “A”, Once you have completed those 3 games, the bowlers will shift to the lower end (1 - 26) to bowl 3 more games on pattern “B”. While bowlers are bowling on pattern “B”, the house will re-oil what was pattern “A” into pattern “C”. When all 3 games are finished on pattern “B”, bowlers will shift back to the lower end to finish bowling on pattern “C”. The bracket portion will

Ironman practice rules

- Every bowler will get 10 minutes of practice on pattern “A”, this will be the only practice you get. When you shift to the other 2 patterns, you will go straight into scoring, no practice. You will not have to wait on lanes, Just move and bowl, lanes will be on and ready. The bowler that finds the line first will get the advantage.

Ironman matchplay

- Scenarios
 - Based on 60+ bowlers; The Ironman takes the top 12 bowlers after 9 games with the top 4 bowlers getting a single bye (Based on 60+ entries).
 - Based on 59 or less bowlers the The Ironman takes the top 8 bowlers after 9 games with no byes.
- The bracket poster board will be posted with the bracket sheets. This is a single game elimination 1 game roll off to advance. The top 2 finishers will receive a free entry to the Kentucky Open at the end of July.If funds allow it, I could give out more than 2 Kentucky Open Spots. These are non cashable.

HISTORY

2011 – 151 total entries – paid out over \$4,000
2012 - 272 total entries – paid out \$7,200
2013 – 648 total entries – paid out over \$20,000
2014 – 817 total entries – paid out over \$28,000
2015 - 682 total entries – paid out over \$22,000
2016 - 732 total entries – paid out over \$24,000
2023 - 391 total entries - paid out over \$16,000
2024 - 544 total entries = paid out over \$21,000
2025 -

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