

The 2020 Spokane Youth Shootout - Rules

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: The 2020 Spokane Shootout is open to all USBC members who are age 20 or under as of August 1, 2020. This tournament is USBC-certified as an Adult/Youth event. You must have a valid current (2020-21) USBC membership or purchase one at the tournament site. Bowlers must be in good standing with USBC and SMART. This tournament will have handicap and scratch divisions with separate prize funds.

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$50 per bowler (\$22.50 lineage, \$27.50 prize fund). Sponsor money will be added to the prize fund courtesy of NW Youth Bowlers. To minimize crowding at the tournament site and reduce physical handling of money and documents, no walk-ins will be allowed. All participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid by 11:59 p.m. the night before the tournament. Lane assignments will be available on TournamentBowl at least three (3) hours before the start of the tournament. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and bowlers should go directly to their starting lane upon entering the bowling center. As of this writing, the tournament is capped at 2 bowlers per lane (44 bowlers max) and one (1) spectator allowed per bowler. SORRY — bowlers who do not make the cut will not be permitted to stay and watch the remainder of the tournament. Facial coverings or masks must be worn at all times by everyone in the building, including when on the approach, unless actively eating or drinking. NOTE: No refunds can be given once practice has begun.

BRACKETS: To simplify the check-in process and eliminate the handling of payments, brackets will NOT be offered at this tournament.

HANDICAP DIVISION ENTERING AVERAGE: Handicap is 100% of 210. Use highest book average from 2019-2020 season for 21 games or more. For entering average purposes we will use Standard (house shot) average for 21 or more games in a single league. Sport or Challenge averages are converted per the USBC adjustment chart. If no 2019-2020 league average, use 2018-2019 high Standard book average for 21 or more games, or 2017-2018 high Standard book average for 21 or more games. Summer league averages will NOT be counted unless the bowler did not bowl in any other leagues during the regular (fall/winter) season. If you plan to bowl in the handicap division please provide a league standing sheet or other documentation of your average - email a photo or link to kevin@vintagebowling.net when you pre-register. Bowlers with no eligible average or documentation may choose to enter the scratch division, or enter the handicap division with zero handicap.

FORMAT: Bowl six (6) games of qualifying, moving one pair to the right after every two (2) game set. The top half (50 percent of bowlers) in each division will advance to the semifinals. Finals will be head-to-head match play; if there is an odd number of advancers, an extra bowler will advance to make an even number of semifinalists. **Semis:** Those making the cut will bowl (3) more games with pins carrying over. Each game will be a position round match, with 30 bonus pins being awarded for a win. If there is a tie, each bowler will receive 15 bonus pins. **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 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 money.

EQUIPMENT RULES: No balance holes or unused finger/thumb holes are allowed. If you do not have a thumb hole you must have an X, + or other appropriate marking (indicating the center of your palm) engraved into the ball.

PAYOUT: At least one prize will be awarded for every 5 entries. All prizes are paid to SMART accounts.

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

DRESS CODE: This is a semi-casual tournament. Bowling jerseys, collared shirts, or USBC Youth shirts must be worn. Name on shirt is not required. Any pants/bottoms are allowed, including slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, jeans, capris, leggings and bell bottoms. All clothing (including your mask!) 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. The tournament director's decisions are final. Don't take any chances!

QUESTIONS? Visit <http://youthbowlNW.wordpress.com> or e-mail Kevin Hong: kevin@vintagebowling.net