

The 2021 Triangle 2-Ball Challenge - Rules

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: The 2-Ball Challenge 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 online before the start of the tournament. 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 \$60 per bowler (\$22.00 lineage, \$38.00 prize fund). Sponsor money will be added to the prize fund courtesy of NW Youth Bowlers. To minimize crowding at the tournament site, no walk-ins will be allowed. All participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid by 8 p.m. the night before the tournament. Lane assignments will be available on TournamentBowl before the tournament. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and bowlers should go directly to their starting lanes upon entering the bowling center.

COVID INFORMATION: PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL. As of this writing, we request a limit of one spectator per bowler. AS REQUIRED BY STATE MANDATE, masks must be worn at all times by everyone in the building, including when bowlers are on the approach. These rules may be modified if the state rules change by the event date.

BRACKETS: To eliminate the handling of payments, \$2 bracket entries will be sold online in groups of (5). We will do our best to fill all brackets, with no more than (1) "bye" per bracket. If a bracket is not filled with at least 7 entries, entry fees will be refunded back to the original payment method. Bowlers may elect to have bracket refunds credited to their SMART account.

HANDICAP DIVISION ENTERING AVERAGE: Handicap is 100% of 210. Use highest book average from 2020-2021 season for 15 games or more. For entering average purposes we will use Standard (house shot) average for 15 or more games in a single league. Sport or Challenge averages are used ONLY if the bowler has no Standard average for the same time period. In that case, Sport and Challenge averages will be converted per the USBC adjustment chart. If no 2020-21 league average, use 2019-20 high Standard book average for 15 or more games, or 2018-19 high Standard book average for 15 or more games. For new bowlers who do not have enough games in any one league due to abbreviated seasons caused by COVID shutdowns, a composite average for at least 15 games across multiple leagues or from the most recent bowling seasons may be considered (for example, 6 games this year and 9 games last year). 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. Tournament staff CANNOT look up this information for you on the day of the tournament. Bowlers with no eligible average or documentation may choose to enter the scratch division, or enter the handicap division with zero handicap.

FORMAT: Bowl five (5) games of qualifying, moving one pair to the right after every game. 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 9th and 10th-frame roll-off. In a 9th/10th frame roll-off, handicap division bowlers will receive their per-game handicap multiplied by 0.2, dropping any fraction. Any other ties for cashing spots will split money.

EQUIPMENT RULES: Bowlers may warm-up with any equipment, but are limited to two bowling balls for the entire tournament once practice has ended. 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. Only dry towels (no liquid cleaners) may be used during competition. No surface alterations are allowed once qualifying has begun - this applies to the entire tournament. **PAYOUT:** At least one prize will be awarded for every 5 entries. All prizes are paid to SMART scholarship 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, ball gowns 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 positive manner. 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