

FRIDAY FLIGHT TOURNAMENT - RULES

Tournament Eligibility: The Friday Flight Tournament is USBC-certified as an Adult/Youth event and is open to all bowlers who are age 20 or under as of the date of the tournament (July 9, 2021). A current USBC membership (2020-21 season) is needed to bowl the event. If you do not have a current USBC membership, Washington State USBC will cover the cost of a membership (\$4 youth, \$13 age 18-20) so you may participate in the tournament (Note: membership expires July 31 and does not carry over into the fall season).

Prizes: All prize money is awarded in the form of SMART scholarships. Bowlers must furnish their USBC national ID number when entering the tournament and must be in good standing with the USBC and SMART program to receive awards. The Washington State USBC is adding \$1,000 to the scholarship prize fund. Other added money, if available, will be used to enhance the prize fund.

Entry Fee: Prepaid entries cost \$30 (\$10 lineage, \$20 prize fund, \$0 expenses). Walk-ins are accepted on the day of the event as long as there is space available. For walk-in entries, the entry fee is \$35.

Format / Qualifying: All scoring is scratch. No averages or handicaps are used in this tournament. Instead, we will use a flight system. All bowlers will bowl an initial 3 games to determine the flight positioning. After 3 games, bowlers will be grouped in “flights” of 6-10 bowlers (depending on number of entries). The top (highest) flight will be designated ‘A,’ the second flight ‘B,’ and so on.

Second Round: Once the bowlers are divided into flights, each flight can be thought of as a separate tournament. All bowlers will bowl 2 additional games to determine final positions within their flight. The 5-game scratch total will determine the final qualifying scores within each flight.

The tournament director may modify the format or flight structure, depending on the number of entries — for example, a stepladder final will be added once entries reach a minimum of 30 bowlers.

Payout: A minimum of the top 50 percent of bowlers in each flight will receive a scholarship prize. Flights with higher qualifying scores will be guaranteed higher payouts. For example, the bowler finishing in 1st place in the ‘A’ Flight will receive a higher dollar amount prize than the person finishing 1st in ‘B’ Flight.

Ties: Any ties for flight positioning are broken by the highest single game bowled by the affected bowlers. If there is a tie for a stepladder position, or during the stepladder final itself, a one-ball rolloff will be used until the tie is broken. Ties for all other cashing positions (not involving the stepladder) will split money.

Rules Not Covered Here: USBC rules will be consulted in situations not covered in these rules. The tournament director’s decisions are final unless an appeal is made (see next item regarding protests).

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. All bowlers must wear a bowling jersey, collared/polo shirt, or USBC Youth jersey or shirt. Any pants/bottoms are allowed, including slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, jeans, capris, leggings, ball gowns and bell bottoms. 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.

COVID restrictions: Face coverings and any other COVID restrictions and rules established by the state and/or bowling center must be followed, if they are in place at the time of the tournament.

Equipment Restrictions: As this is a USBC-Certified event, bowling balls must conform to USBC specifications. All holes drilled into a ball must be used by a finger or thumb from the dominant bowling hand (no weight or balance holes or unused thumb holes are allowed). Bowlers may alter the surface of their equipment only during practice, and again during the break between the 1st and 2nd rounds.

Code of Conduct: All bowlers will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is appropriate and positively represents bowling to our youth, the spectators, and the general public. Tantrums, outbursts and inappropriate language may result in a warning on the first offense, and disqualification with no refund after subsequent offenses. Please conduct yourself in an appropriate manner for an all-ages environment.

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