

**TOUGH SHOTS TOURNAMENT RULES – USBC Certification #04285
(ALL MONEY WON WILL BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE YOUTHS SMART ACCOUNT #9981)**

1. USBC rules and regulations shall govern this tournament.

2. **DRESS CODE:** It is expected that bowling attire be worn!! TEE-shirts that do not have bowling type logo will not be allowed. Blue jeans may not be worn, No hats, caps or head covering, cut of shirts, football jerseys, cut off pants, shorts, ragged, dirty clothing or clothing that may be considered offensive shall be worn in competition or on the bowling centers property at anytime. Girls MAY wear shorts, skorts, or skirts that comply with Junior Gold National guidelines. All skirts must be at least as long as the finger tips reach when arm is resting at your side.

3. **Memberships:** MUST be a member of a USBC. Bowlers will be required to show proof their membership.

Any bowler interested in a TST Membership which allows them to compete for an entry to the Junior Gold Championships must pay an additional \$40. This amount makes the bowler eligible to compete in all the TST Junior Gold qualifiers for the entire season. This amount does not include the USBC Junior Gold membership. There is an additional \$30 membership fee (\$10 for U12) for any bowler that does not already have proof of their existing USBC Junior Gold membership.

JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERS OR FUTURE JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERS:

This event will be a Junior Gold qualifying event. There must be at least 4 Junior Gold members bowling in this event for one to advance to the Junior Gold National Tournament.

Qualifying Divisions and winners will be determined based upon the number of bowlers entered in the JG qualifying competition. The qualifying bowler(s) will receive a paid entry into the Junior Gold Championships.

In the event that the top seed in the tournament has already won a spot, then the second place seed will advance. If the second place seed also has a spot, third place will advance. This will continue down the tournament standings until a bowler that has not already received a spot is eligible to advance.

If there is a tie for a qualifying spot after 5 complete games have been bowled, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off for the advancement spot. This will continue until a winner is determined.

4. **TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN:** check in time is 8:00am the tournament will begin at 9:00am.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES is 8:50 AM the day of the tournament.

5. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all current TST/ USBC youth eligible bowlers. Limit one entry per bowler.

6. While competing in this tournament, bowlers may not play coin-operated amusement devices, use any tobacco products or alcoholic beverages, and use foul language or gestures. All bowlers are expected to wear neat and appropriate attire. The use of radio or headset will be prohibited during play. The use of CELL phones will be prohibited during play. Bowlers are expected to conduct themselves appropriately; sportsmanship is demanded, proper conduct includes refraining from endearing displays between couples anywhere on the bowling centers property. Any infractions will result in a warning and if not corrected will result in further action which may include being disqualified from the tournament or future tournaments. There will be no smoking in the center.

7. **EVENTS:** U20 Boys, U20 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U12 Combined. Events may be combined if there are not at least 5 participants in each age group (U20, U15). Placement in age divisions is done based upon birthdates as defined by the USBC Junior Gold age divisions. Additional side events may be offered. Events that are offered as side events will have a separate entry fee and prize fund. Side events are optional and have no guaranteed prize payout amount or ratio. All payouts for side events will be determined the day of the event by tournament directors.

8. There will be 5 games of qualifying across 10 lanes. At completion of the 5 games we will cut the field based upon total entries in each division. These bowlers will take part in additional rounds of competition to be determined by the Tournament Manager on the day of competition. Time and lane availability will affect the format for the additional rounds.

(RULE 400 applies to this event and all TST side events and main events)

9. **COMPETITION IS SCRATCH ONLY. NO HANDICAP WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANY BOWLER IN ANY DIVISION.**

10. **ENTRY FEE** shall be \$60.00 per person.

Lineage fee of \$21.00, scholarship prize fund of \$16.00, expense fee of \$5.00, awards \$18.00.

The scholarship amount of at least \$16.00 per bowler will be awarded at each event. Some events may have additional funds raised from various sources that may be added to the scholarship payout. These funds are not guaranteed, and are awarded at the discretion of the tournament directors.

In some cases, additional funds raised by the tournament either through donations, reduction of other budgeted expenses or through the use of the entry fee designated for awards may be used to fund the purchase of entries to the Junior Gold national tournament.

10. CHANGES TO BOWLING BALL SURFACE: Changes may be made to the surface of the bowling ball at any time prior to the start of any round of competition. Once a bowler has thrown their first ball of competition in any round, they may not adjust the surface of ANY ball, whether inside or outside the building until the last ball is thrown in that round of competition. Any bowler found to be changing the surface of their ball during competition will get one warning with the changed ball being removed from competition. If a second offense occurs, the bowler will be disqualified.

11. TWO HANDED BOWLING: Bowlers may bowl with 2 hands but are subject to all rules enforced by USBC including the legal drilling of a ball being thrown with 2 hands.

12. COACHING: Coaching is encouraged but not to the detriment of other bowlers. Coaches are not allowed in the bowler wells and should not interfere with any competitor.

13. SPEED OF PLAY: Bowlers must remain on the scheduled lanes once tournament play has begun. Any bowler not present for his/her frame shall receive zero for the frame or frames missed, unless excused by a tournament official for a restroom break or other reasons. If you are in need of refreshments, please try to find someone who is not bowling to get them for you.

14. Automatic scorers shall be used, along with scores recorded on official score sheets, which shall be verified by a tournament official. The score sheet must be initialed by someone who is assigned to your lanes and both of you must verify and put the score down on the score sheet. IF they are illegible the tournament official will determine what the score is.

15. The Tournament Director and or Tournament Official in charge shall determine any questions not covered herein. Tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify or disallow any bowler to participate due to conduct determined to be inappropriate or for infractions of the rules. Any bowler disqualified will not receive any refund after competition begins. All tournament officials will be notified of any infraction or improper conduct before the bowler is prevented from or banned from bowling.

16. AWARDS: Scholarship awards will be made to 1 in 5 participants, with the amounts determined by the number of entries. Trophies or medals will be awarded in each division. The Points Champion will be awarded additional scholarship money or free entries at the end of the season, to be determined by TST Directors. All scholarships will be deposited into the bowler's SMART account within 30 days of the completion of the event.

All USBC awards will apply.

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