

*Greater Charleston USBC Association*  
**Youth Shirt Award Program**  
2019-2020

To: League Secretaries & Bowlers  
From: GC USBC Association Awards Committee  
Date: August 1, 2019

The Greater Charleston USBC Association **YOUTH** Shirt Program will continue and use the same guidelines as last year. Scores eligible for this program are those bowled in sanctioned Youth Leagues for the **2019-2020 season**, in sanctioned Summer Youth Leagues for the **2019 summer season**, in any Greater Charleston USBC Association Youth Tournament. The State Youth Tournament and the Pepsi Youth Tournament. Shirts are awarded in **two** categories (**game & series**), but are limited to one shirt per year. Youths may purchase additional shirts as they have additional scores that would be honored. A Shirt Purchase Form and a Youth Form are provided with this letter.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. The youth bowler must be sanctioned through a league with the Greater Charleston USBC Association **and** be on file as a member of the league in which the series or game is bowled, if different from the one in which originally sanctioned.
2. The youth bowler's series or game score will be **SCRATCH**.
3. The youth bowler must not have already received a shirt in the category being submitted, **unless a higher score than previously awarded, retroactive to the 2018-2019 season**.
4. The youth bowler must have an established average with the Greater Charleston USBC Association as outlined below:

**ESTABLISHED AVERAGE:**

Bowlers must meet one of the following average requirements in the order in which they are listed. All averages used as established averages must be based on at least **21 games** in a USBC sanctioned winter league or **12 games\*** in a summer league.

1. The **highest** 2018-2019 Yearbook average will be used **until a 21-games average is established (12 games in a summer league for a new bowler only)**.
2. If the bowler has no average from the 2018-2019, then an average on file with GC USBC Association from a **2019 Summer league** may be used as the established average until a 21-game average is **established**.
3. If the youth bowler has no average from #1 and #2 above, then the bowler's average as of the time the score is bowled will be considered as the established average. These averages must be based on **21 games** (12 games in a summer league for a new bowler with no other average to use). **Scores not average-based are exempt from this rule. HIGH SCORES THROWN (REQUIRING AN AVERAGE) BEFORE SUCH TIME WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

**SHIRTS AWARDED:**

1. One (1) **SERIES OR** one (1) **GAME** award shirt is allowed **per youth bowler per season**, provided that the youth bowler has not had a higher score if already received in the category being submitted and meeting **Eligibility Criteria #3**.
2. Also, one (1) 800 SERIES (750 girls) **AND** one (!) 300 GAME award shirt is allowed per **Youth** bowler per season regardless of any other shirt award earned during the current season, provided that the bowler has not already won a 300 or 800 shirt using **Eligibility Criteria #3**. Receiving a 300 or 800 (750) award precludes another game or series shirt award for a lower score. See the items in #3 below for the additional shirts that can be won.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Youth bowlers have distinct criteria for earning a game or series shirt award. Some scores are based on the established average and others are automatic, without regard to average. The qualifications are outlined below for the average-based scores and for the automatically awarded scores. Please read them closely and only submit shirt forms for bowlers that meet the gender or age requirement.

1. **AVERAGE-BASED SCORES:**

**YOUTH:**

+100 Game (150 or higher)  
+150 Series (150 or higher)  
+75 Game (100 to 149)  
+125 Series (100 to 149)  
+60 Game (99 or below)  
+100 Series (99 or below)

2. **AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED SCORES:**

**YOUTH:**

279 or higher Game (Boys)  
250 or higher Game (Girls)  
700 or higher Series (Boys)  
600 or higher Series (Girls)  
300 Game (Boys & Girls)  
800 Series (Boys)

**PROCEDURES:**

1. The Bowler and League Secretary will complete the 2019-2020 GCUSBC Association YOUTH SHIRT AWARD APPLICATION. Only the new form for 2019-2020 will be honored. All League Secretaries will receive copies of this letter and the forms by mail or personal delivery to the bowling establishments. The form can also be found on the association's web site:

[www.bowlcharleston.org](http://www.bowlcharleston.org)

***ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES REQUESTED MUST BE FURNISHED FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.*** Since a bowler is generally eligible for only one shirt, secretaries are asked to submit only one (1) score on a form, unless the bowler qualified for a game and a series shirt at the same time and wants both scores on the shirt. **SIZE** and **COLOR** selections are essential to minimize award processing time. Youth bowlers must select from the YOUTH section. There are many colors to choose from.

2. The bowler's first **name**, as given on the application, and **score(s)** will be put on the right sleeve of the shirt. ***ANY OTHER REQUEST MUST BE EXPLAINED ON THE APPLICATION WITH GOOD TASTE PREVAILING ON QUESTIONABLE NICKNAMES.*** A game **AND** series score can both be placed side-by-side on the shirt, but a second shirt will not be issued during the current season.

3. **Bowlers who wish to purchase an additional shirt or replace a previously awarded shirt may use the special form for such a purchase and submit payment to the GC USBC Association Manager. She, in turn, will forward the form to the award's chairman, verifying payment for the shirt.**

4. Again this year, there is a check mark required identifying the category for the bowler's eligibility for the shirt. This should serve as a guideline to help reduce the number of shirt denials.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The two numbers required on the form are (1) the bowler's USBC I.D. number and (2) the league's six-digit sanction number from the sanction application! **We can not use the bowling establishment ID numbers! You can also email your request to [rosiegcusbca@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiegcusbca@hotmail.com).** Please give all information from the order form in your email. You do not have to copy the form in your email, but it is helpful. Incomplete forms slow down the award process and could cause the submission deadline to be missed and the shirt not to be awarded!

**Don't forget the SIZE & COLOR for the shirt!!!**