FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the SYC?

The Storm Youth Championships were created in 2017 and launched with two events. The vision for the SYC began as a way to give back to the bowling community, educate youth bowlers, and invite the whole family to participate. The first SYC took place at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. Since that event we have awarded nearly \$600,000 in scholarship funds.

What happens at an event?

Our SYC Team continues to strive to create events that include a welcoming environment where youth bowlers and their families are invited to visit great bowling communities, meet new friends, and learn by competing on challenging conditions developed by KEGEL. In addition to the tournament, each event includes optional activities that are available for bowlers who wish to participate in the popular activities. These include seminars focused on educating athletes and their families led by one of our Team Storm members and a practice session on the patterns

At each event, the top three bowlers in each gender and age-based division are awarded with bronze, silver and gold medals. In addition to the scholarship funds awarded to participants, at the conclusion of the tournament the overall champions receive a special SYC trophy, medal, and earn a SYC banner that will be hung at each SYC event until they age-out of competition.

In addition, each season includes one "major" event where we award the top two overall youth bowlers in each division with a spot on the Storm SYC All-American Team.

My child needs to attend school on Friday, will they miss anything at the tournament

School always comes first for the athletes. All of our activities on Friday are optional and open to the whole family. We always share what activities are optional and if you need to arrive & check-in on Saturday morning for the event, that is completely possible. You just need to let us know in advanced by emailing syc@stormbowling.com.

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How do you pick the host centers?

Since the first event in Reno sold out almost immediately, we have added to the schedule consistently. We have taken the SYC to various cities all over the United States. The demand from centers across the country wanting to host an SYC has increased, and we have built a list of future sites that are interested. The bowling proprietors who agree to host an SYC share our passion to grow the sport of bowling and desire to give back. Although we would love to say yes to every request we receive to host an event, balancing our schedule with other youth opportunities that we support is integral to the success of the program. We intentionally take the SYC events to new cities each year in a quest to bring national events closer to home for more families.

Why do we open sign-ups at noon?

On "SYC DAY" as we call it in the office, we do receive many phone calls & inquiries. In order to best service your needs, we must open the entries during open hours at HQ so that we can field your phone calls and requests.

The event sold out! How do I join the Waiting List?

Our Waiting List has gone DIGITAL. After the event sells out, a link will be posted on stormbowling.com for those youth athletes who wish to join the waiting list. We have had many bowlers get spots into the event through the waiting list process. We usually get most of the cancellations within 1 week of the event, so if you are local to an event please sign up for the waiting list.

Where can I find more information?

We share detailed tournament guides prior to the event on our website: stormbowling.com/syc, Storm Junior Facebook channel, on the Storm Junior Live Facebook Show and through emails like this one. As always, if you have any questions you can send us an email at syc@stormbowling.com or ask the SYC Team on site.