

## **Bowling Pins Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)**

Why should I check out a bowling pin shoot?

It's fun knocking pins off a table in head-to-head competition. And you get to shoot every kind of gun you own, except full auto.

Do I need any special equipment?

No. Eye and ear protection, and a gun and ammo suited to the type of competition that night.

When do you shoot?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights of the month, March through September, at 6 pm. We will also have at least two '9mm Novice' nights that shoot on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

What does it cost?

\$3. Juniors shoot free.

How does it work?

Five pins are set up on tables, with a steel drop plate on the ground alongside the table. The course of fire is to clear the 5 pins from the table, and then hit the steel drop plate, as quickly as possible. The competition is head-to-head – whoever drops their steel plate first, wins that round. The trick is to knock each pin off the table with a single shot – otherwise you will be chasing a lower profile (and possibly spinning) target!

What do you shoot?

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, we shoot centerfire handguns – you name it: revolvers and autoloaders, modern guns and classics, irons or optics.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month is 'something else' – e.g., rimfire pistol, rimfire rifle, centerfire long gun (rifles and shotguns), centerfire revolvers, centerfire subcompact handguns, combo centerfire handgun/centerfire long gun. On rimfire nights, we shoot pin tops, setting 9 pin tops on the table and using a lighter steel drop plate. On the '9mm Novice' nights – any handgun chambered in 9mm Luger.

What's a '9mm Novice' night?

A chance for shooters – especially shooters who may only have a 9mm – to compete against each other using similar equipment. '9mm' means 9mm Luger. 'Novice' means someone who has never won an open class centerfire handgun pin shoot. The pins will be set further back on the table, to make clearing pins with a 9mm easier.

How much ammo should I bring?

On centerfire nights, we load 6 rounds for each head-to-head matchup, with 12 rounds in reserve. On rimfire nights, we load 10 rounds, with 20 rounds in reserve. The shoots are double-elimination – you keep shooting until you lose twice, or win. So it depends on how many shooters we have each night – and how well or poorly you shoot. On most centerfire handgun nights, two boxes of cartridges are plenty.

Are juniors welcome?

Absolutely. On rimfire rifle nights they get their own class, where they compete against each other.

Any restrictions on guns or ammo?

Since we shoot in a bay – basically a steel box with one open side – we ask shooters to be sensitive about noise levels. No muzzle brakes (porting and most compensators are okay), 3-inch 44 Mags, and the like – just use common sense. No armor-piercing or steel-core ammo – they're hard on the pins, harder on the steel drop plates, and can be a safety issue with the steel plates.

What's the schedule for 2024?

March 14 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

March 28 – Rimfire Handgun

April 11 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

April 18 – 9mm Novice Handgun

April 25 – Centerfire Revolver

May 9 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

May 23 – Rimfire Long Gun

June 13 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

June 20 – 9mm Novice Handgun

June 27 – Centerfire Long Gun

July 11 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

July 25 – Rimfire Long Gun

August 8 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

August 22 – Subcompact Centerfire Handgun (barrel under 4 inches,  
weight under 30 ounces)

September 12 – Open Class (CF) Handgun

September 26 – Centerfire Long Gun & Open Class (CF) Handgun