

## ***2019 San Diego Invitational Tournament Rules***

### **A. Sanctioning**

1. The 2019 San Diego invitational Tournament (SDIT) is a USBC certified tournament.
2. SDIT is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).
3. All participants must be members of USBC or qualify under the Moral Support requirements. To be eligible for USBC honor score awards, a bowler must be a member of USBC or must have paid USBC associate membership dues before participation. All participants, regardless of membership, are subject to USBC rules and jurisdiction for the tournament.

### **B. Event Participation**

4. SDIT is a mixed handicap competition.
5. The tournament is by invitation only and entries can be denied.
6. The tournament shall consist of handicap events as follows:  
Singles, Doubles, and Team.
7. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three (3) events.
8. Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of men and women.
9. Men and women shall compete on an equal basis.
10. Doubles partners must come from the same team.
11. Each participant may only bowl once in each event.
12. Professional bowlers may bowl in the SDIT. However, only one (1) professional bowler per team will be allowed.
  - a. A professional bowler is defined as any person who has been a “card-carrying” member of a professional bowling organization within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the SDIT.

### **C. Awards and Prizes**

13. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins plus assigned handicap for each event except for optional events as defined below.
14. Awards will be given for the highest Singles, Doubles, and Team scores. The awards ratio for each event shall be at least 1:10.
15. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that placement.
16. Prizes will be distributed via check or electronic payment payable in US currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests.

## D. Entering Averages

17. Any bowler entering SDIT must have an established ten-pin average acceptable to USBC.

The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average:

- a. The bowler's highest 2018-2019 fall/winter single league average of 21 games or more shall be used unless;
- b. The bowler's IGBO TAD covering the period July 15, 2018 thru July 14, 2019 with a minimum of 21 games is one (1) or more pins higher than (a), in which case IGBO TAD shall be used.
  - i. For bowlers who register after July 14, 2019, the IGBO TAD in place at the time the bowler's registration is completed and accepted shall be used.
- c. If none of the above is available, the bowler's 2017-2018 USBC highest book average (including winter and summer leagues) with a minimum of 21 games.
- d. 2018-2019 Summer league averages shall not be used unless none of the above are available. If none of the above are available, the highest July 20, 2019 average with a minimum of 21 games will be used.
  - i. SDIT has opted out of USBC Rule 319(a)(2).
- e. Averages resulting from sport bowling leagues will be accepted using the USBC sport bowling average conversion chart to determine entering average if none of the above averages are available.
- f. If none of the above are available, an entering average of 225 will be used.

The above averages must be verified with one of the following documents:

Bowl.com average verification

League standing sheet provided by league secretary

Photocopy of book average

IGBO TAD

18. A bowler is required to adjust their entering average if, during the 12-month period immediately preceding SDIT, the cumulative average for all, but not less than, 21 tournament games in which the bowler has participated, exceeds the average used for entry by one (1) or more pins. It is the bowler's responsibility to submit this adjustment, in writing, before the end of the first frame of tournament play. Failure to accurately report these scores shall be cause for disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings if discovered; regardless of whether the discovery is before, during or after tournament play.

19. The handicap for the tournament shall be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and a scratch score of 225. Negative handicap will not be used.

## **E. Re-rate Policy**

20. The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler in accordance with USBC rule 319(e). A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment shall be entitled to a full refund for that event.
21. Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC Tournament Rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to any event.
22. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their own entering average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified in accordance with USBC Rule 319(a)(3).
23. SDIT has waived USBC Rule 319(d) and does not require bowlers to report winnings from prior tournaments.

## **F. Attendance and Substitutes**

24. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling.
25. Complete Doubles and Team entrants must be present for bowling each event. If a team member or doubles partner is not present, an authorized substitute may be used. If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler(s) unless the absence is due to illness or injury as specified in rule 28.
26. Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready, with prior frames being scored as zero. No practice balls will be allowed for late bowlers.
27. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Their entering average must comply with SDIT Rules.
28. In the event a bowler cannot participate in the tournament or complete any single event due to illness or injury, an authorized substitute may be used.
  - a. Substitutes may not begin bowling mid-game. The entry of a substitute must be at the beginning of a game.
  - b. If no substitute is available, the injured/ill bowler may take their entering average minus ten (10) pins plus handicap as their score for any incomplete games in Doubles and Team events only. In the Singles event, an injured or ill bowler without a substitute shall take a score of zero (0).
  - c. Bowlers who have withdrawn due to illness or injury will not be permitted to re-enter the tournament.
29. There shall be ten (10) minutes of practice allowed before each event.

## **G. Entry Requirements**

30. The entry fee shall be \$110.00
  - a. Entries received after midnight on June 30, shall be assessed a \$15.00 late charge
31. Entry must be completed online. The entry fee must be paid online by PayPal.

32. Registration will close at midnight on July 25, 2018.
33. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 152 bowlers. Once this maximum has been reached, no further entries shall be accepted.
  - a. Additional squads may be added at the discretion of Tournament Management provided said squad(s) are added prior to the start of the first event.
- 34. Entries are not considered accepted without all required information and payment in full for the tournament entry and, if applicable, late charge.**
35. Partial team entries will be accepted and tournament management will make every effort to fill vacancies.
36. Once an entry has been accepted, no refunds will be issued except as specified in rule 20.
37. Bowlers who have “free entry” certificates must indicate such on their online entry and present said certificate **prior to** completing online payment.
  - a. “Free entry” certificates must be redeemed by July 1, 2019. Failure to register and redeem the certificate by this date renders the certificate void.
  - b. No refunds shall be issued for bowlers who have failed to present the “free entry” certificate prior to payment.

#### **H. Entry Fee and Prize Distribution**

38. Entry fee distribution shall be:
  - Lineage - \$27.00
  - Banquet-\$20.00
  - Prize fund - \$51.00
  - Expenses - \$12.00
  - (Includes trophies, IGBO sanctioning)
39. Prize fund distribution shall be as follows:
  - Team 50%
  - Doubles 30%
  - Singles 20%

#### **I. Protests**

40. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted, in writing, to a tournament manager within seventy-two (72) hours of the error/dispute. The protesting bowler(s) and the Tournament Director shall settle the dispute per SDIT and USBC Tournament Rules.

#### **J. General**

41. Any person attending SDIT that requires special assistance must notify the Tournament Director in writing prior to the tournament weekend.
42. All bowlers will adhere to a one lane courtesy.

## K. Optional Events

43. SDIT shall offer optional events as follows:

- a. Best 3 of 9  
Entry: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:20  
Each entering player's highest three games plus handicap compared to all other entering player's three highest games plus handicap.
- b. Optional All Events  
Entry: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:20  
Each entering player's 9 game total handicap score compared to all other entering player's 9-game handicap score.
- c. Scratch Sidepots  
Entry: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:25  
The highest scratch game(s) of each event's games will be paid out.
- d. Handicap Sidepots  
Entry: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:25  
The highest handicap games of each event's games will be paid out.
- e. Women's Optional  
Entry: \$20.00 entry  
Open only to women  
Will pay one place for each of the following: High Scratch Series, High Handicap Series, High Scratch Game, High Handicap Game.
- f. Optional Scratch  
Entry: \$10.00 entry  
Payout: 1:20 payout  
Will be based upon the highest 9-game scratch score of each entering player in each division. Will be a divisional event utilizing the same divisions as Optional Scratch Masters.

44. The committee of SDIT reserves the right to remove optional events or offer additional optional events at their discretion.

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Scratch Masters format to be determined by number of entries received per division.

**Optional Scratch Masters Division Fee Schedule**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
A	TBD	\$50.00
B	TBD	\$50.00
C	TBD	\$40.00
D	TBD	\$40.00
E	TBD	\$40.00

1. Scratch Masters divisions shall be determined and announced to bowlers prior to on-site check-in.
2. Scratch Masters divisions shall be determined as follows:  
Top 15% of entries – A Division  
Next 20% of entries – B Division  
Next 20% of entries – C Division  
Next 20% of entries – D Division  
Lowest 25% of averages – E Division
3. Optional Scratch Masters events will be offered to all participants.
4. Optional Scratch Masters will determine qualifiers by using the scratch scores of all nine (9) games bowled in the handicap events.
5. The Optional Scratch Masters payouts will be 100% of the entry fees, minus lineage, paid by participants per division.
6. The Tournament Director may place a bowler into a higher division at their discretion before the Scratch Masters event.
7. The Scratch Masters competition for all divisions will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at Kearny Mesa Bowl.
8. Check in begins at 8:30am. All bowlers must be checked in by 8:45am. Any bowler not checked in by 8:45am will be replaced with the next available alternate and will forfeit participation rights.
9. Participants will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice prior to the first match on any of the lanes assigned for the bowler's division. No open play is permitted prior to the Scratch Masters event.
10. Any claims of error in the roll-off competition must be submitted prior to the start of the next match, or, in case of the final match, any claims must be reported prior to the start of the stepladder match.
11. If there are fewer than eight (8) entries in any division, that division shall be cancelled and the entrants will receive a refund of their entry fee for the Scratch Masters portion of the event or, at the entrant's discretion, may choose to participate in the next higher division.

**If there are 14 or more entries received in a division, format will be as follows:**

1. The nine (9) game scratch total from the tournament is used to determine the eight (8) qualifiers and one (1) alternate for the competition. Scores do not carry over from the nine (9) qualifying games. In case of a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> position, the bowler with the highest three-game scratch series in any event shall advance.
2. The eight (8) qualifiers in ALL divisions will bowl one (1) match against each of the other seven (7) qualifiers and a final position match. The winner of each match will receive a 30-pin bonus added to their score. The loser will receive no bonus. In case of a tie, a 15-pin bonus is awarded to both bowlers.
3. The top four (4) qualifiers after the eight (8) games will bowl step-ladder match play finals. If there is a tie for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place, there will be a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off.
4. A lane assignment schedule will be given to each bowler at the time of check-in, showing which lane each bowler is to bowl on for each of the seven (7) matches. Lane assignments for the final match will be determined by position.
5. The leader at the end of the seventh match draws for the first lane to be assigned for the position match. All subsequent positions line up against the leader's lane.
6. In the event of a tie during the stepladder match play finals, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will determine the winner.
7. The last qualifier in each division with 14 or more entries is guaranteed their Scratch Masters entry fee.

**If there are less than 14 entries received in a division, format will be as follows:**

1. The nine (9) game scratch total from the tournament is used to determine the six (6) qualifiers and one (1) alternate for the competition. Scores do not carry over from the nine (9) qualifying games. In case of a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup> position, the bowler with the highest three-game scratch series in any event shall advance.
2. The six (6) qualifiers in ALL divisions will bowl one (1) match against each of the other five (5) qualifiers and a final position match. The winner of each match will receive a 30-pin bonus added to their score. The loser will receive no bonus. In case of a tie, a 15-pin bonus is awarded to both bowlers.
3. The top three (3) qualifiers after the six (6) games will bowl step-ladder match play finals. If there is a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, there will be a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off.
4. A lane assignment schedule will be given to each bowler at the time of check-in, showing which lane each bowler is to bowl on for each of the five (5) matches. Lane assignments for the final match will be determined by position.
5. The leader at the end of the fifth match draws for the first lane to be assigned for the position match. All subsequent positions line up against the leader's lane.
6. In the event of a tie during the stepladder match play finals, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off will determine the winner.