

2022 San Diego Invitational Tournament Rules

The 2022 San Diego Invitational Tournament shall be held from Saturday, August 6 through Sunday, August 7, 2022 at Parkway Bowl in El Cajon, CA.

A. Sanctioning

1. The 2022 San Diego invitational Tournament (SDIT) is a USBC certified tournament. Certification Number 04075.
2. SDIT is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).
3. All participants must be members of USBC.
4. SDIT is sponsored by the San Diego LGBTQ Bowling Association. In order to participate in SDIT, you must be a member of the Association. Your membership fee is detailed in the entry fee breakdown specified in rule #40 and allows you to attend the post-bowling banquet. Membership in the Association is open to anyone interested in promoting the sport of bowling to members and supporters of the LGBTQ+ community of San Diego and surrounding areas. Those who do not bowl in SDIT may pay the \$25.00 membership fee and, as members, will be entitled to attend the post-bowling banquet and participate fully in the Association.

B. Taxes

5. Any bowler who wins \$600 or more in any event or combination of events (including all mandatory and optional events combined) will be required to provide the tournament sponsors with a W9 form and an IRS Form 1099-MISC will be issued to the bowler for prize winnings. By registering for the tournament, all bowlers acknowledge this policy and further acknowledge that failure to provide the required W9 form within 30 days of the date of request will be cause to forego **ALL** prize winnings in excess of \$599.99.

C. Event Participation

6. SDIT is a mixed handicap competition.
7. The tournament is by invitation only and entries can be denied.
8. The tournament shall consist of handicap events as follows:
Singles, Doubles, and Team.
9. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three (3) events.
10. Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of men and women.
11. All participants will compete on an equal basis without regard to gender identity.
12. Doubles partners must come from the same team.

13. Each participant may only bowl once in each event.
14. 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.
 - b. Professional bowlers must identify themselves as such at the time of registration.

D. Awards and Prizes

15. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins plus assigned handicap for each event except for optional events as defined below.
16. Awards will be given for the highest Singles, Doubles, and Team scores. The awards ratio for each event shall be at least 1:10.
17. 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.
18. 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 and subject to rule B5 above.

E. Entering Averages

19. 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 2021-2022 fall/winter single league average of 21 games or more shall be used unless;
 - b. The bowler’s IGBO TAD covering the period July 25, 2021 thru July 24, 2022 with a minimum of 18 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, 2020, 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 2020-2021 USBC highest book average (including winter and summer leagues) with a minimum of 21 games.
 - d. 2022 Summer league averages shall not be used unless none of the above are available. If none of the above are available, the highest July 24, 2022 average with a minimum of 21 games will be used.
 - e. If none of the above averages are available and, due to COVID shutdown, the bowler believes that the average specified in E19h below is inappropriate, the bowler may make an appeal in writing to the Tournament Director for consideration of alternate averages. All decisions on such appeals shall be at the tournament director’s sole discretion.
 - f. SDIT has opted out of USBC Rule 319(a)(2).

- g. 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.
- h. 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

- 20. 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 solely and entirely 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.**
- 21. 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.

F. Re-rate Policy

- 22. 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.
- 23. Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC Tournament Rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to any event.
- 24. 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).
- 25. SDIT has waived USBC Rule 319(d) and does not require bowlers to report winnings from prior tournaments.

G. Attendance and Substitutes

- 26. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling.
- 27. 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 30.

28. 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.
29. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Their entering average must comply with SDIT Rules.
30. 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.
 - d. Bowlers who do not participate due to injury or illness as specified in this section and for whom a substitute is not available and who take their average minus 10 pins shall be limited to a maximum payout of the total amount of their entry fee paid for all prize winnings in the tournament.
31. There shall be ten (10) minutes of practice allowed before each event.

H. Entry Requirements

32. The entry fee shall be \$120.00
 - a. Entries received after midnight on July 10, shall be assessed a \$20.00 late charge
33. Entry must be completed online. The entry fee must be paid online by PayPal.
34. Registration will close at midnight on July 25, 2022.
35. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 160 bowlers. Once this maximum has been reached, no further entries shall be accepted.
 - a. Additional bowlers or squads may be added at the discretion of Tournament Management provided said capacity or squad(s) are added prior to the start of the first event.
- 36. Entries are not considered accepted without all required information and payment in full for the tournament entry and, if applicable, late charge.**
37. Partial team entries will be accepted and tournament management will make every effort to fill vacancies.
38. Once an entry has been accepted, no refunds will be issued except as specified in rule 22.
39. 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, 2022. 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.

I. Entry Fee and Prize Distribution

40. Entry fee distribution shall be:

Lineage - \$40.50

Membership Fee - \$25.00 (Includes banquet attendance)

Prize fund - \$44.50

Expenses - \$10.00 (Including IGBO Sanctioning, PayPal fees, trophies, printing, etc.)

41. Prize fund distribution shall be as follows:

Team 56%

Doubles 28%

Singles 16%

J. Protests

42. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted to tournament management in writing 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. The decision of the tournament management will be final unless a written appeal is filed with USBC Headquarters within the time limits in USBC Rule 329.

K. General

43. Any person attending SDIT that requires special assistance must notify the Tournament Director in writing prior to the tournament weekend.

44. All bowlers will adhere to a one lane courtesy.