

## 2017 San Diego Invitational Tournament Rules

### Sanctioning

1. The 2017 San Diego invitational Tournament (SDIT) is a USBC certified tournament. SDIT is a mixed handicap competition open to men and women. The tournament is by invitation only. Entries can be denied. SDIT is a member of International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).
2. All participants must be a member of USBC or qualify under the Moral Support requirements and be able to provide proof of membership (current certified card or statement from the league secretary verifying membership). Per USBC rule 301a, Moral Support certified tournament with award recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible nonmembers may qualify for USBC award recognition by paying the appropriate fees for which the affiliated USBC Association will issue an associated membership card.
3. All participants must be a member of IGBO or qualify under the Moral Support certified requirements set forth by USBC. If a bowler is not a member of IGBO, the bowler may join the IGBO organization by filling out an IGBO Membership application and paying the appropriate fee before they bowl their first event.

### Event Participation

4. The tournament events shall be handicapped events and are as follows: Singles, Doubles, Team. Optional Individual All Events and Optional Scratch Masters will also be offered.
5. SDIT now has two divisions based on averages:
  - Open Division – Average 181 or above
  - Classified Division – Average 180 or below
6. Division Structure
  - A. Open Division
    - Team (721 and above), Doubles (361 and above), Singles/All -Events (181 and above)
  - B. Classified Division
    - Team (720 and below), Doubles (360 and below), singles/All-Events (180 and below)

7. Each Participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three events.
  - A. Teams will consist of four (4) members.
  - B. Doubles partners must come from the same team
8. Professional bowlers identified as belonging to a professional bowling organization within the past three (3) years shall be permitted to bowl the tournament as follows:
  - A. Not more than one professional bowler in a four-player lineup.
  - B. Not more than one professional bowler in a two-player lineup.
  - C. Professional bowlers MUST identify themselves to the tournament director.
  - D. In the event that a bowler does not identify themselves as a professional bowler to the tournament director prior to bowling, the bowler will be disqualified.
9. Bowlers will compete on an equal basis and each participant may bowl only once in each event.

### **Awards and Prizes**

10. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins plus assigned handicap for each event except for Optional Scratch Masters and Optional Scratch.
11. Awards will be given in the Handicap Division (Classified and Open) for the best Singles, Doubles, Team scores. The awards ratio for each handicap division shall be at a minimum of at least 1:10.
12. Prizes will be distributed via check payable in US currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests.
13. 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.

### **Entering Averages**

14. 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 entering average will be the higher of:
    - 1. The bowler's 2016-2017 USBC standard highest book Average with a minimum of 21 games (Summer 2017 League averages will not be used).
    - 2. The IGBO TAD, August 1, 2016 thru July 31, 2017 with a minimum of 21 games.
  - B. If none of the above is available, the bowler's 2015-2016 USBC standard highest book average (including winter and summer leagues, if applicable), with a minimum of 21 games.
  - C. If none of the above is available, the highest July 31, 2017 average with a minimum of 21 games can be used.
  - D. Book 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.
  - E. If none of the above, an entering average of 225 will be used.
  - F. The above averages must be verified with one of the following documents:
    - 1. USBC Bowl.com average verification will be acceptable if correct.
    - 2. League standing sheet.
    - 3. Photocopy of book average.
15. 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.

### **Re-rate Policy**

16. The Tournament Director has the Authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler or assign a professional average pending verification (USBC rule #319e). Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC Tournament Rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to any event. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to an event refund.

17. 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 (USBC Rule #319. a.3).

### **Attendance and Substitutes**

18. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling (USBC rules will apply).
19. 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).
20. 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.
21. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Their entering average must comply with SDIT Rules. Substitutes must complete an SDIT entry form.

### **Entry Requirements**

22. SDIT 2017 entry must be completed online. The entry fee must be paid online by credit card or other acceptable online payment.
23. Entries shall be \$100.00.
  - A. Entries and payments entered online after June30, 2017 will be charged a \$10.00 Late Fee.
  - B. Entry fee distribution shall be:
    - Lineage - \$27.00
    - Banquet-\$35.00
    - Prize fund - \$30.00
    - Expenses - \$8.00
  - C. Prize fund breakdown
    - Team 50%
    - Doubles 30%
    - Singles 20%

- D. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 144 bowlers.
  - E. The Tournament Director reserves the right to add additional shift times based on bowler participation.
  - F. Final entry deadline is August 1, 2017.
  - G. Entry is considered incomplete until **Entry and Payment** has been received.
  - H. Once an entry has been accepted, only 50% refunds will be issued up to July 21, 2017. No refunds will be issued after July 21, 2017.
24. Partial team entries will be accepted. The Tournament Director will make every effort to fill any vacancies.

### **Protests**

25. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted in writing to a Tournament Director or their appointed representative within two (2) hours of the error/dispute. The protesting bowler(s) and the Tournament Director shall settle the dispute per SDIT and USBC Tournament Rules.

### **General**

26. Any person attending SDIT that requires special needs MUST notify the Tournament Director in writing prior to the tournament weekend.
27. All bowlers will adhere to a one lane courtesy.

### **Amendments**

28. San Diego Invitational Tournament has opted out of USBC Rule 319(a)(2). Averages shall be determined in accordance with SDIT rule #14 as defined in this document.
29. San Diego Invitational Tournament has opted out of USBC Rule 319d. Bowlers shall not be required to report prior prize winnings.

## Scratch Masters

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

### Optional Scratch Masters Division Fee Schedule

Division A 210 and Above \$50.00

Division B 195 to 209 \$50.00

Division C 180 to 194 \$40.00

Division D 165 to 179 \$40.00

Division E 164 and Below \$40.00

1. Optional Scratch Masters events will be offered to all participants using all nine (9) scratch games bowled in the Handicap Divisions.
2. The Optional Scratch Masters payouts will be 100% of the entry fees, minus lineage, paid by participants per division.
3. The Tournament Director may place a bowler into a higher division at their discretion before the Scratch Masters event.
4. The Scratch Masters competition for all divisions will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Kearny Mesa Bowl.
5. 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.
6. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice prior to the first match on any of the lanes assigned for the bowlers division. No open play allowed prior to the Scratch Masters event.
7. 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.
8. Last qualifier in each division is guaranteed their Scratch Masters entry fee.

**If there are at least 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 eights (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. 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.
3. 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. 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.
4. 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.

**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. The top three (3) qualifiers after the six (6) games will bowl step-

ladder match play finals. If there is a tie for 3rd and 4th place, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off.

3. 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. 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.
4. In the event of a tie during the stepladder match play finals, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine the winner.