

2027 BIT SCRATCH MASTERS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Scratch Masters Tournament competition, in conjunction with the Bridgetown Invitational Tournament (BIT), is available to all participants for an additional entry fee based on Division as outlined below. All scores will be scratch only, no handicap is used in this optional event. Note, Bridgetown Invitational Tournament rules apply to the BIT Scratch Masters Tournament.
2. The Scratch Masters entry fee must be paid at the time of tournament registration online at bitbowl.org. 100% of the entry fee will be returned to the prize fund for each division, less lineage.
3. The nine (9) game scratch totals from the BIT tournament (Singles, Doubles, and Team) are used to determine the six (6) qualifiers and the one (1) alternate per division for competition. If a TIE exists for any of the six (6) qualifying spots, the bowler with the highest three (3) game scratch series will determine the seeded positions. Once the final ranking or position for the six games is determined, qualifying scores will not carry over. Scratch Masters Divisions and corresponding entry fees will be as follows:

Division A:	Averages from 200 and Above	\$45.00 entry
Division B:	Averages from 185-199	\$40.00 entry
Division C:	Averages from 170-184	\$35.00 entry
Division D:	Averages from 155-169	\$35.00 entry
Division E:	Averages from 154 and below	\$30.00 entry

4. The scheduled competition will begin at 10:00am on Sunday, March 21, 2027.
5. **Scratch Masters check-in time will start at 9:00am, last call 9:30am sharp!** If a bowler has not checked in by 9:30am sharp, or is unavailable to bowl at the scheduled time, the alternate in that division bowls. The unavailable bowler is disqualified. The alternate assumes the 6th place seed and the other seeds are advanced accordingly.
6. Prior to the first round, bowlers will have 10 minutes of practice on the lanes assigned to his/her division; no other practice balls are allowed on subsequent lanes and/or matches. Any claims of error must be submitted to the Bridgetown Invitational Tournament Director prior to the start of the next match. In the case of an error in the final match, claim must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the final match.
7. Scratch Masters will be a single elimination "Shoot Out" competition in each division as follows:
 - Bowler order: Highest rated bowler will have choice of starting bowling first or last position. All other bowlers will fall into line by rank per round. First bowler starts on the left.
 - In Round 1, all 6 bowlers bowl two qualifier games. No bonus pins are awarded. The two-game series will be calculated and the top 4 bowlers in each division will advance.
 - Round 2 will be a single game elimination. The 4 remaining bowlers will bowl one game and the top three bowlers will advance to the next round. Advancement is based off the round 2 game and not a cumulative score.
 - Round 3 will be a single game elimination. The 3 remaining bowlers will bowl one game and the top two bowlers will advance to the finals. Advancement is based off the round 3 game and not a cumulative score. The eliminated player is the third place finisher.

- The two remaining bowlers will bowl one final game head to head to determine 1st and 2nd places in each division.
8. Oil pattern for BIT Scratch Masters Tournament will be chosen by tournament director and will be posted on-site at start of the morning of the Scratch Masters tournament.
 9. Bowlers registered as “participants” in BIT are ineligible for this competition.
 10. No coaching is allowed. Bowlers will be disqualified for receiving assistance from anyone in the house or through use of electronic equipment. All parties will be subject to USBC disqualification and loss of Bridgetown invitation.

Code of Conduct for all participating bowlers, partners, volunteers and supporters:

- Be respectful and courteous to all people (bowlers, spectators, house personnel)
- Always display good sportsmanship
- Do not engage in any behavior which is threatening to others, verbal abuse, physical abuse, threats, anger, or inappropriate language. **Anyone displaying this behavior, either on the premises or on social media, can be disqualified from participation in the tournament and escorted from the premises.**
- Score corrections may only be made by the house or by a member of the BIT committee.
- All bowlers have an invitation unless they are notified of it being pulled.
- Bowlers may appeal their invitation removal by sending in a letter to the tournament director. The tournament committee will meet to discuss and may require the bowler attend an in-person meeting to clarify their position or answer questions the committee may have. This must be done between May 1st and June 1st of the calendar year.

Dress Attire:

- Bowling attire recommended.
- No earbuds/headphones permitted on lanes while bowling.
- No hats indoors.
- Tournament director will have final decision on attire.

Tournament Director has supervisory control of all parts of the tournament operation. The decision of tournament director shall be final.

Tournament Director is Sam Hull.

Tournament Manager for the day of event is April Okazaki.

COVID-safe

We know that the world has changed and there is always going to be uncertainty around events in the age of a pandemic, so here is our approach to making this work:

- The event will be fully COVID-safe and compliant above and beyond any basic government health requirements to do what we reasonably can to protect your health and safety and that of all attendees. That will include appropriate social distancing and other measures. We rely upon the state of Oregon and Washington County and will set parameters around masks, etc. based on their recommendations at the time of the event.
- COVID cancellation: if the event is cancelled or must be rescheduled due to COVID issues, we will offer you a full refund.
- It's in everyone's interest to ensure anyone who feels unwell stays away from events, so if you are showing any COVID-like symptoms please let us know and we will find a substitute to bowl in your place.