

## Bridgetown Invitational Tournament Rules - 2017

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### Tournament Rules & Eligibility:

1. The Bridgetown Invitational Bowling Tournament (BIT) is a mixed competition tournament open to men and women by invitation only. It is required that all entrants hold current season adult USBC membership cards or purchase adult standard membership prior to participation. An individual may apply for adult standard membership by paying the USBC membership fee of \$26. BIT maintains a Moral Support Tournament Certification for non-members of USBC (See Rule 301a). Non-USBC members may qualify for entry by payment of a \$5.00 participation fee (USBC Rule #300c) prior to participation. Payment of the fee prior to participation entitles the entrant to participate subject to the USBC rules and jurisdiction. Participants who pay the participation fee are not eligible for USBC awards (USBC Rule #301a). If you are a member of IGBO in any membership class this fee is waived.
2. BIT is a USBC certified and IGBO affiliated tournament and the following shall apply concerning averages:
  - 2A. Bowlers shall use a composite average consisting of all games bowled in leagues during the 2016/2017 season. This will be verified on [www.Bowl.com](http://www.Bowl.com) (the USBC website).
  - 2B. If a bowler has no average for 2A, then bowlers shall use a composite average of all games bowled during the summer 2017 Season. This will be verified on [www.Bowl.com](http://www.Bowl.com).
  - 2C. If 2A and 2B do not exist, the bowler shall use their highest composite 2015/2016 league average that consists of a minimum of 21 games.
  - 2D. If 2A, 2B or 2C do not exist the bowler may use highest current season average as of October 6, 2017 providing the average consists of 21 games.
  - 2E. If a bowler's IGBO tournament average (minimum 21 games) is 1 pin or more higher than their average listed in 2A, 2B, and/or 2C, then the IGBO tournament average must be used.
  - 2F. All others will enter at a 230 average. Refer to USBC Rule 319b.
  - 2G. Handicap for the tournament will be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230. Negative handicaps will not apply.
3. BIT is associated with The National Bowling Association (TNBA). Participants with a current valid membership in The National Bowling Association (TNBA) will receive awards from the TNBA for this tournament.
4. It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his/her team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average, if the submitted average is lower than the correct average, will result in disqualification unless corrected before the completion of the first game of the first event bowled. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. Please refer to USBC Rule 319a-3.
5. A bowler who has qualified for: a prize of \$300 or more in any event; total combined prize winnings of \$500 or more in any one tournament or total combined prize winnings of \$1000 or more in all tournaments within the previous 12-month period must report the amount of the prize; the actual score bowled to qualify for the prize and the prize position for possible re-rating. Such re-rating must be done before the entrant bowls. USBC Rule 319d will be enforced and will apply to all entrants.

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6. The average of any bowler may be adjusted by the Tournament Director(s) upon recommendation of the Greater Portland USBC Association of the bowler in question or at the Director's discretion. Any adjustment must be made before the entrant bowls.
7. There will be NO REFUNDS after an entry has been accepted by the tournament committee.
8. Entries must be accompanied by the full amount of fees in the form of internet payment, personal checks, certified checks or money orders and made payable to the Bridgetown Invitational Bowling Tournament, or BIT. Payment by USPS mail must be postmarked by Saturday, September 16, 2017. Any non-payable check or money order is subject to current bank fees plus a \$45 processing fee. The BIT entry deadline is Sunday, September 24, 2017.
9. Bowlers may bowl only once in each event. Each event consists of three (3) games, for a total of nine (9) games.
10. All claims of error must be submitted, in writing, to the Tournament Director(s) within one (1) hour after the bowler or team has bowled. In matters of dispute, the Tournament Director(s) decision will be final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
11. Substitutes will be allowed to bowl at the Director's discretion.
12. Late bowlers shall start bowling in the frame in which they are prepared to bowl; prior frames will be scored zero. The score for an absent bowler will be zero (0). The Tournament Director may authorize, together with the Board, a different schedule of events in case of emergency.
13. Cash Prizes: A bowler may win only one (1) special award category prize (special awards are: high game, high series). Each event has its prize list, based on at least a 1 in 10 ratio for each event.
14. The Single and Doubles tournament bowling will be conducted at Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Oregon on Saturday. Team tournament bowling will be conducted at Kellogg Bowl in Milwaukie, Oregon on Sunday. Bowlers will be allowed a 10 minute practice session prior to the start of each shift. Bowlers shall not be permitted to practice on their assigned lanes on their scheduled day of bowling other than the practice session prior to the start of each shift.
15. All bowlers must initial their scores on the recap sheet after each event. All scores will be verified against bowling center computers.
16. There are a maximum of 24 teams allowed for this tournament.
17. Payouts: Payouts for the tournament will be paid in accordance with USBC Rules. Payouts will be made by check within 30 days following the close of the tournament.
18. Tournament entry fee breakdown will be provided to all bowlers on the entry form.
19. The financial statement for the tournament will be provided to all bowlers upon request within 30 days following the close of the tournament.

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

- Be respectful and courteous to all persons
- Display good sportsmanship at all times
- Do not engage in any behavior which is threatening to others, such as verbal abuse, physical abuse, threats, anger, or inappropriate language. Anyone displaying this behavior may be disqualified from participation in the tournament