

Bridgetown Invitational Tournament Rules - 2018

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 #300c). If you are a member of IGBO in any membership class this fee is waived.
 - 1A. Only one (1) professional bowler per team will be allowed. A professional bowler is defined as any person who has been a "card-carrying" member of a professional bowling organization within the past 12 months preceding the 2018 Bridgetown Invitational. This requirement may be waived on an individual basis by a majority vote of the Tournament Committee if such request is submitted in writing prior to the entry deadline.
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 2017/2018 season. This will be verified on 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 2018 Season. This will be verified on www.Bowl.com.
 - 2C. If 2A and 2B do not exist, the bowler shall use their highest composite 2016/2017 league average that consists of a minimum of 21 games.
 - 2D. 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.
 - 2E. All others will enter at a 230 average. Refer to USBC Rule 319b.
 - 2F. Team Average Cap – The Bridgetown Invitational Tournament will observe a maximum team average cap of 880. Teams may not be accepted if the total team average exceeds this cap. This rule may be waived on a case by case basis by the tournament committee if such request is submitted in writing prior to the entry deadline.
 - 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.
 - 2H. Averages from "Sports Condition" leagues are not acceptable at any time.
3. 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 & 4.

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4. 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.
5. 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.
6. There will be NO REFUNDS after an entry has been accepted by the BIT Tournament Committee.
7. Bridgetown Invitational Tournament 2018 registration will only be available online. 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. The BIT entry deadline is Monday, September 10th; Payments by USPS mail must be postmarked by Monday, September 17, 2018.
 - 7A. Any non-payable check or money order is subject to current bank fees plus a \$45 processing fee.
 - 7B. Any registrations received after the deadline will incur a 10.00 per person late fee.
8. Bowlers may bowl only once in each event. Each event consists of three (3) games, for a total of nine (9) games.
9. 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.
10. Substitutes will be allowed for emergencies only and at the BIT Tournament Committee's discretion.
11. No pacers shall be allowed.
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 BIT Tournament Committee's input, a different schedule of events in case of emergency.
13. Cash Prizes: Special Awards & Prize fund payouts,
 - 13A. Special Awards – Special awards are: high game scratch, high game handicap, high scratch series, and high handicap series. A bowler may not win more than once in the special awards category.
 - 13B. Tournament Events – Each event (Singles, Doubles, and Team) has a prize list with payouts based on at least a 1 in 10 ratio for each event.
14. All bowling events will be held at Allen's Crosley Lanes in Vancouver Washington on Saturday September 29th and Sunday September 30th. 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.

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16. There are a maximum of 40 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 and BIT website (www.bitbowl.org).
19. The financial statement for the tournament will be provided to all bowlers upon request within 30 days following the close of the tournament.

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; verbal abuse, physical abuse, threats, anger, or inappropriate language. Anyone displaying this behavior may be disqualified from participation in the tournament