
Bridgetown Invitational Tournament Rules – 2023 Lil-BIT

Tournament Rules & Eligibility:

1. The Bridgetown Invitational Bowling Tournament (BIT) is a mixed competition tournament open 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 \$30.** If an individual does not want to pay full \$28 yearly membership fee, 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 one-time tournament 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 Moral Support tournament participation fee are not eligible for USBC awards (USBC Rule #300c).
 - 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 24 months preceding the 2022 Bridgetown Invitational. “Card carrying” is defined as anyone who has cashed in a PBA / PWBA tournament (regionally, nationally, or internationally) in the 24 months preceding the 2022 tournament. 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 current leagues during the 2022/2023 season. This will be verified on www.Bowl.com (the USBC website) and LeagueSecretary.com.
 - 2B. If a bowler has no average for 2A, then bowlers shall use a composite average of all games bowled during the summer 2022 Season. This will be verified on www.Bowl.com and LeagueSecretary.com.
 - 2C. If 2A and 2B do not exist, the bowler shall use their highest composite 2021/2022 league average that consists of a minimum of 21 games.
 - 2D. If 2A and 2B and 2C do not exist, the bowler shall use their highest composite 2020/2021 league average that consists of a minimum 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, 2C or 2D, then the IGBO tournament average must be used.
 - 2F. All others will enter at an average determined by the tournament director per USBC Rule 319b.
 - 2G. Team Average Cap – The Bridgetown Invitational Tournament will observe a maximum team average cap of 830. 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.
 - 2H. Handicap for the tournament will be based on 100% of difference between highest bowler entering average, rounded up to nearest five number.

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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. Registration questions should be directed to registrar@bitbowl.org.
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. Entries must be accompanied by the full amount of fees in the form of internet payment (PayPal via registration website), or contact treasurer@bitbowl.org for alternative payment methods (CashApp or Venmo). Bridgetown Invitational Tournament 2023 registration will only be available online. The BIT entry deadline is 12midnight Pacific time Friday March 10, 2023. All teams must be paid in full by that date.
8. Bowlers may bowl only once. The event consists of five 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 Directors 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: No Special Events or drawings past the ball raffle at the Lil'BIT
14. All bowling events will be held at SuperPlay Bowling Center in Beaverton, Oregon on Saturday March 18, 2023. Bowlers will be allowed a 10 minute practice session. 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.

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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 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, volunteers 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 and escorted from the premises.

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.