

BIT SCRATCH MASTERS RULES

1. The Scratch Masters 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.
2. The Scratch Masters entry fee must be paid at the time of tournament registration online at itbowl.org. 100% of the entry fee will be returned to the prize fund for each division, less lineage. In addition, a special donation of \$2.50 per entry will be donated to support the 2020 IGBO Annual Tournament in Seattle, Washington. All scores will be scratch only, no handicap is used in this optional event.
3. The nine (9) game scratch totals from the 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	\$35.00 entry
Division B:	Averages from 185-199	\$30.00 entry
Division C:	Averages from 170-184	\$25.00 entry
Division D:	Averages from 155-169	\$25.00 entry
Division E:	Averages from 154 and below	\$20.00 entry

4. The scheduled competition will begin at 10:00am on Sunday, October 20, 2019.
5. **Scratch Masters check-in time will be at 9:30am.** If a bowler has not checked in by announced time 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, 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:
 - In Round 1, all 6 bowlers bowl two qualifier games. Players will switch lanes after each game. 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.