

LIGBT SEASON 2 RULES

LIGBT POLICIES, GUIDELINES & STANDARDS

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1. Entry Fees

- a. LIGBT member entry fees shall be \$100 for scratch events and \$60 for 210 & under events. A \$5 per entry administration fee will be charged for all on-site credit card entries. The 5% fee is waived for credit card entries that are pre-paid via the website or by phone.
- b. Guest entry fees shall be \$115 for scratch events and \$75 for 210 & under events. If a guest cashes the rest of their membership fee (\$15) will be deducted from their winnings and they will be considered a member. If a guest chooses to bowl in a 2nd event in a season (October-September) they must become a member. Their original guest fee of \$15 will be credited towards the membership level they choose.
- c. **First Place** - LIGBT scratch events first place prize will be \$1,000 regardless of entries. The 210 & under tournaments will have a \$500 guaranteed top prize regardless of entries.
- d. **Payout and Finalist ratio** - 1:4 for all events make finals and cash for a minimum of their entry fee.
- e. **Last cash**—\$100 scratch events, \$60 210 & under events.
- f. **Prize Fund Breakdown** - Scratch events - \$100: \$15- lineage/\$15- expenses/\$70- prize fund—(100% returned) 210 & under events - \$60: \$9- lineage/\$9- expenses/\$42- prize fund (100% returned). Please note; all recruiting bonuses will be paid from entry fees and deducted from the appropriate prize fund.

2. Membership, divisions, eligibility, fees

- a. **Eligibility: Scratch Events;** must be a USBC member in good standing, no current PBA exempt players, no previous PBA national title holders past 10 years. **210 & under events;** must be a USBC member in good standing, never have been a PBA exempt player, never won a PBA national or regional title, cannot have averaged over 210 in a certified summer or winter league the past two league seasons. If a bowler does not have a league average the past two years they must bowl scratch if they choose to bowl in the 210 & under event. All averages must be verifiable on bowl.com.
- b. **Divisions;** Scratch Events; all bowlers under the age of 50 on the day of the tournament must bowl in the 49 and under division. All bowlers age 50 and over on the day of the tournament must bowl in the senior division. 210 & under Events; there are no divisions in qualifying or finals. A 210 & under bowler may bowl in the scratch tournament as long as they pay the full \$100 entry fee. Their scores will only count in the scratch division.
- b. **Membership fee:** Annual membership fee is \$30 and must be paid prior to your first tournament. Membership begins on the day of the event you bowl. You may upgrade your membership at any time to receive the equipment earned for membership rewards. You must bowl in at least one LIGBT event to receive equipment.
- c. **Membership Cancellation policy:** There are no refunds of membership fees for any reason

3. 210 & under Average Rules

- a. **Bowlers with a sanctioned league average for the past 2 years**, that can be verified on bowl.com, will use their highest certified average to determine their handicap until they have 9 games or more bowled in an LIGBT 210 & under event. After a bowler has 9 games or more they now have an established tournament average. Your handicap will be based on your tournament average. Your tournament average, for handicapping purposes, cannot drop more than 20 pins. If your tournament average is more than 20 pins less than your incoming average your handicap will be based on your tournament average minus 20 pins.
- b. **Bowlers that don't have a sanctioned league average the past two years**, but are currently bowling in a league, may bowl as long as they provide a current league sheet with at least 21 games.

Bowlers in this group will establish a tournament average after 3 games and have their handicap adjusted based on the higher of the two averages.

c. **New members** that sign up on-line prior to the tournament, and have their average verified prior to the tournament, can be paid immediately if they cash.

d. **New members** that walk-in can still bowl but will not be paid if they cash until their average is verified. All attempts will be made to verify a new member's average by the end of the tournament.

e. New members that walk-in or pre-register that have an average that cannot be verified, or have no verifiable average, must bowl with 0 handicap until they have 9 games bowled in LGBT events.

f. LGBT staff will "graduate" bowlers that are better suited to compete in the scratch division.

4. Entry Deadline, etc.

a. **Members will have first priority to bowl.** If spots are open guests are welcomed to bowl. All member and guest entries are on a first come first served basis. Members may reserve a spot on-line (without payment) which guarantees a spot up to 30 minutes prior to the start of qualifying. After 30 minutes prior to qualifying all reservations will be cancelled & anyone on the waiting list will be allowed.

b. **Acceptable forms of payment** - any major credit card or cash. No personal or business checks.

c. **Withdrawal** - any bowler that prepays for an event and doesn't bowl will receive a full refund (except for credit card fees—CC will be credited) as long as tournament management is notified 1 hour prior to the start of the event.

d. **Entries close** when the posted maximum is reached or when practice is completed.

5. Dress Guidelines during competition

a. **Appropriate Apparel** - slacks, jeans, shorts. Bowlers asked to wear shirt w/collar but not mandatory.

b. **Not acceptable** - fleece, sweats, or exercise pants, gym shorts, or headwear.

c. **Enforcement** - LGBT dress code will be enforced at the discretion of the LGBT Tournament Director. Bowlers with a dress code infraction will be allowed to bowl one time but must follow the dress codes in future events or they will not be allowed to participate.

6. Score sheets - All LGBT players are responsible for their own score sheets at all times. Lost score sheets will result in a score of zero for qualifying or finals. Any player who deliberately alters a score for their advantage will be immediately disqualified from the event and permanently barred from the LGBT.

7. Settee Area - Only LGBT players are allowed in bowling settee area during competition. Others (such as media or sponsors) may be allowed in adjacent settee areas at the discretion of the LGBT.

8. Conduct - All complaints or concerns regarding the tournament must be discussed with the LGBT tournament director in private. Destruction of property, profanity, obscenity - any gestures which are offensive at any time during the event will be cause for immediate disqualification or loss of membership.

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Playing Rules; The rules of The LGBT and those of the USBC will govern all participants of the tournaments. The "rules" are found in the official tournament brochure, in the rules section of ligbtour.com, and posted at host centers during competition. Tournament management will determine matters not covered by those rules and regulations. Any rules not covered in the application or on the website will be decided by tournament management and be considered final and binding. Tournament management reserves the right to refuse any entry for any reason. If a bowler provides false information the bowler shall be liable to return any prizes won. There shall be no liability on the part of Pinnacle Events, Inc., the host center, sponsors, to any entrant as a result of false information furnished.

- 1. Bowling Balls** - unless otherwise designated, all bowling balls approved for use by USBC are acceptable for use in LGBT events. Plugged balls are allowed.
- 2. Use of abrasives/polish on ball surfaces** - balls may be sanded or polished prior to LGBT competition. It is recommended this be done away from the settee area or in pro shop. Once event begins (1st ball of competition), balls may not be polished or sanded. This does not apply to the 1 hour practice session before actual competition.
- 3. Powder substances** - All powder or lubricating substances may be used on hands. NONE of these substances may be applied to the bottom of bowling shoes during competition at any time.
- 4. Warm-up sessions** - Four or more on a pair - all players will be given 10 minutes of practice prior to round one, all other rounds will be 5 minutes. In match play - warm-up will be 5 minutes prior to round one and two balls on each lane prior to all other rounds.
 - a. Delay - In the case of breakdown or delay of 10 minutes or more, the LGBT tournament director may allow players two shots prior to re-start on opposite lane. Tournament director must be notified of breakdown and these shots must be approved by LGBT tournament director
- 5. Re-Racks** - LGBT players will be allowed 2 re-racks per game. Additional re-racks must be approved.
- 6. Lane Courtesy** - Bowlers shall be permitted a maximum of two lane clearance to the left and right.
- 7. Ties**
 - a. **Qualifying** - players that tie for the final qualifying spot will bowl a 9th/10th frame roll-off.
 - b. **Finals** - a tie game will require a 9th/10th frame roll off to determine who advances. If there is a tie for first and second place in the championship shootout a 9th/10th frame rolloff will break the tie. If there is a tie for any other spot in the championship shootout the prize money will be split among all of the tied bowlers.
- 8. USBC rules** - All rules not covered by LGBT will be governed by the official rulebooks of the USBC.
- 9. No coaching** allowed during official LGBT competition.
- 10. LGBT rules are subject to change** between events at the discretion of LGBT management.
- 11. Tournament Conduct and Refund**- If by war, terrorism, fire, tornado, gas shortage, water damage, or labor unrest, etc., or act of God, it becomes impossible to conduct or complete the tournament as publicized, all unused portions of the entry fees will be returned.
- 12. Consent**- Participants are hereby informed that portions of the tournament shall be photographed, broadcast, recorded, televised or otherwise exhibited to the public. They consent to such exhibition and to the use and to the licensing of others to use their respective names, voice sketch, motion picture, video tape, thereof and in any advertisement, publicity or promotion thereof, to release all rights, title, and interest they or any of them may have thereafter, waiving forever any claim or right to be compensated or to other consideration on account of cash use, exhibition or reproduction.
- 13. Non-solicitation**- No products or tournaments may be promoted at host site without permission.

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