

LIGBT SEASON 4 RULES

LIGBT POLICIES, GUIDELINES & STANDARDS

(As of November 15, 2011)

Entry fees: Regular event entry fees will be \$60 for your first entry and \$40 for your second entry if you prepay by Saturday 9pm prior to an event. Walk-in entry fees are \$65 first entry and \$45 second entry. Major event entry fees are \$60 prepaid for all entries and \$65 for all squads if you walk-in.

Credit Cards: Bowlers can only use their credit card to enter themselves or a family member. Entering multiple bowlers on a single credit card is not allowed. There is a \$5 convenience fee charged for walk-in entries that use a credit card as form of payment.

Refunds: If a bowler prepays and does not bowl they will receive a refund minus \$5 to cover the bank fees imposed when refunding money on a credit card.

Prizes: First and second place are guaranteed to pay a minimum of \$500-1st and \$250-2nd. Top prizes will grow when paid entries exceed 100 or more. All finalists are guaranteed to cash for a minimum of \$100. The LIGBT reserves the right to adjust the guarantees if there is an Act of God (inclement weather) or the bowling center management causes the event to restrict entries. Major event (4 squads) first and second prizes are guaranteed to pay a minimum of \$1,000-1st and \$500-2nd.

Payout and Finalist ratio – LIGBT regular events advance 1 in 5 each squad. Top series of 1pm squad will be seeded directly into the final shootout. The 3pm squad leader will earn 1 bye. NEW: LIGBT will in some events have qualifying by divisions (45 & under/46 & over). Qualifying will continue to be 1 in 5 per squad PER DIVISION. Bowlers will be informed prior to the start of the event if qualifying will be by division.

Prize Fund Breakdown – Lineage is charged at \$11 per bowler to cover all qualifying g and finals games. LIGBT will take a maximum of 15% for expenses. Prize fund is returned 100% plus any sponsor money.

Walk-in Fees: Bowlers that do not prepay on-line by 9pm the day before the tournament will incur a \$5 walk-in fee. The \$5 walk-in fee will go directly into future tournament prize funds.

Membership fees: The LIGBT is a member's only club. The annual membership fee is \$25 and everyone paying a membership fee or renewal fee will receive a \$10 off coupon for their next tournament. The \$10 off coupon has no cash value and cannot be transferred to another bowler.

Membership Cancellation policy: There are no refunds of membership fees for any reason

Eligibility: Anyone that is an amateur bowler (NO PBA members allowed) and has averaged 230 or under in a league the past two seasons may compete. All winter, summer, and junior league averages will be considered as long as there is a minimum of 21 games recorded. If a bowler does not have a league average the past two years they must bowl with 0 handicap. All averages must be verifiable on bowl.com or via the most current league sheet. Bowlers with a Sport League or PBA league average will have their average adjusted for handicapping purposes based on the USBC conversion chart.

Average Exception: Any member of the LIGBT that bowled in scratch events and averaged 210 or under may continue to compete in LIGBT events even if they have a league average exceeding 230.

These bowlers will be handicapped based on their LIGBT average (must be a minimum of 9 games) but can only drop a maximum of 20 pins from their highest league average the last season they bowled.

AVERAGE DETERMINATION

Bowlers with a 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. After a bowler has 9 qualifying 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 **from your original entering average when joining the LIGBT**. If your tournament average is more than 20 pins less than your incoming average your handicap will be based on your incoming average minus 20 pins.

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.

NEW: Members may request a change in their initial entering average after they have joined the club and bowled in at least 10 tournaments. This change will only affect your 20 pin drop allowance. All requests will be considered on an individual basis. A change in average will only occur if you are not cashing in most events and your current league average is less than 10 pins difference than you original entering average.

Handicap: All handicaps will be determined using 90% of 230. The maximum number of pins a bowler may receive is 81 pins per game (140 average.)

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

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. 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 LIGBT handicap events.

LIGBT reserves the right to adjust a member's average up or down and permit non-eligible bowlers to compete as long as they do not affect the competitive balance of the club.

Dress Guidelines during competition

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

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

Enforcement - LIGBT dress code will be enforced at the discretion of the LIGBT 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.

Score sheets - All LIGBT 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 LIGBT.

Proper Handicap – All bowlers are responsible they have been issued the proper handicap and bonus pins during qualifying and finals. If there is an error in the handicap or bonus pins listed on the score sheet it must be reported to a tournament official. If the mistake is discovered after the prize money is paid out the bowler is responsible to return all prize money erroneously rewarded. Failure to return the money will be a cause for immediate termination from future LGBT events and LGBT reserves the right to take legal action to have the money returned.

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.

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.

LIGBT RULES

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 - all players that tie for the final qualifying spot will advance to the finals.

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. If there is a tie in the handicap finals each bowler will receive 20% of their single game handicap (all fractions are dropped) to determine a winner.

8. USBC rules - All rules not covered by LIGBT will be governed by the official rulebooks of the USBC.

9. No coaching allowed during official LIGBT competition.

10. LIGBT rules are subject to change between events at the discretion of LIGBT 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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