

## LIGBT NYD TOURNAMENT RULES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Welcome to the 2024 LIGBT New Year's Day house shot tournament. The NYD event always attracts a huge crowd and pays out 3 amazing prize funds. This 4-game tournament features 3 separate events; scratch, 49 & under handicap, and senior handicap. Each event's prize list uses a 1 in 5 cashing ratio.

New to this years NYD event is GUARANTEED HIGH GAME POTS. The handicap pots for the first 3 games are guaranteed to pay \$150 & \$100. The 4th game pot is worth an amazing \$500 & \$250! The scratch event features \$100 guaranteed high game pots. BEST OF ALL THE POTS ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR ENTRY FEE!

**ENTRY FEE:** The cost to bowl the NYD event is \$100 (\$104 with credit card) for either scratch or handicap. Bowlers wishing to enter both scratch and handicap pay only \$150. THAT'S NOT A TYPO—YOU CAN ADD A 2ND DIVISION FOR JUST \$50 MORE! Entry Fee Breakdown: \$20 lineage, \$10 expenses, \$5 escrow, and \$65 prize fund (100% returned.)

**REFUNDS:** Anyone prepaying for an entry, and does not bowl, will be entitled to a full refund minus credit card fees (\$4 per entry) as long as the tournament director is notified prior to the start of the squad. Once a bowler starts scoring no refunds will be issued regardless of reason.

**HOW TO PRE-REGISTER:** Bowlers can sign-up for the NYD event by visiting www.ligbtour.com and clicking "ENTER TOURNA-MENT." You can also call the LIGBT office and register by phone; 516.637.5955. If you don't want to pre-register you can still bowl by walking into the host center the day of the tournament. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The scratch event has no eligibility restrictions- anyone can bowl. The handicap event is amateur only. Exceptions to the "NO PBA RULE" in our handicap events are occasionally made if the competitive balance is not affected. Youth bowlers are welcomed and can earn SMART scholarship money in lieu of cash as long as a parent's waiver is signed (available at the tournament.) All winnings by a youth bowler will be deposited in their SMART account within 24 hours of completion of the event.

**GUARANTEES:** The top 4 handicap prizes of \$1,000-1st, \$500-2nd, \$300-3rd, \$250-4th will be paid with 80 or more handicap entries. Top prizes of \$500 & \$250 will be paid in the scratch event with 30 or more entries. Each of the 3 prize lists pays out using a 1 in 5 ratio with the last spot in the prize list earning a minimum of \$100.

**EVENT FORMAT:** Everyone bowls 4 games and moves only once to a different pair after game 2. There will be 3 unique events (scratch and 2 handicap: 49 & under/50+) with each one having their own 1 in 5 prize list (minimum \$100.) The 2 handicap events use a handicap of 90% of 220. The top 2 handicap series from each handicap event will advance to a 1-game shootout to determine the top 4 prize winners. The scratch event will also have a 4-person shootout if 50 or more scratch entries are recorded.

**TIES:** If there is a tie to advance to the finals all tied bowlers will compete in a 9th/10 frame roll off to determine who advances to the shootout. If there is a tie for any other position in the prize list, they will split the prize money equally.

**DETERMINING YOUR STARTING AVERAGE:** First time bowlers, or members that have not bowled in a house shot event the past 12 months, will be issued an average by using their highest 2-year composite average. New bowlers must notify the LIGBT if they have been re-rated by any tournament in the past 10 years, or if their current average, of 21 or more games, is 10 pins or more higher than their highest 2-year composite average. Bowlers that don't have a 2-year history can still bowl but must show proof of a current average.

**AVERAGE/HANDICAP USED IN HANDICAP FINALS:** Bowlers with more than 3 LIGBT house shot events will use the same average in the finals as they used in qualifying. All finalists that have competed in 3 or fewer LIGBT house shot tournaments will have their average adjusted for the final shootout based on all games bowled thus far in LIGBT house shot events.

**ADDITIONAL RULES:** The LIGBT has a complete set of rules posted on LIGBTour.com. USBC rules apply when not covered by LIGBT rules. Tournament director reserves all rights and all decisions are final. The LIGBT reserves the right to cancel any promotion or guarantee if it deems it necessary. There is no solicitation permitted at LIGBT events unless given permission by the tournament director.