

# NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

**1 IN 4 CASH  
AT MOST  
EVENTS**



**SENIOR &  
WOMEN  
GUARANTEES**

# SUMMER 2023

## SCHEDULE

DATE(S)	HOST	TYPE OF EVENT	FORMAT/SQUADS
MAY 26 & 28	AMF GARDEN CITY	HOUSE SHOT MAJOR	SCRATCH & 2 HANDICAP*: 5 SQUADS
JUNE 4	AMF GARDEN CITY	SPORT SHOT SERIES #9	HANDICAP ONLY: 1PM & 3PM
JUNE 17	AMF WANTAGH	UNLIMITED DOUBLES	HANDICAP- 11AM START
JUNE 25	AMF E. MEADOW	SPORT SHOT SERIES #10	HANDICAP ONLY: 1PM & 3PM
JUNE 30 & JULY 2	AMF E. MEADOW	HOUSE SHOT SERIES #10	SCRATCH & 2 HANDICAP*: 4 SQUADS
JULY 16	AMF E. MEADOW	HOUSE SHOT SERIES #11	SCRATCH & 2 HANDICAP*: 1PM
JULY 28 & 30	AMF GARDEN CITY	SPORT SHOT SERIES #11	HANDICAP ONLY: 4 SQUADS
AUGUST 6	AMF WANTAGH	UNLIMITED DOUBLES	HANDICAP- 1PM START
AUGUST 20	AMF E. MEADOW	HOUSE SHOT SERIES #12	SCRATCH & 2 HANDICAP*: 1PM
AUGUST 27	AMF GARDEN CITY	SPORT SHOT SERIES #12	HANDICAP ONLY: 1PM & 3PM
SEPT. 1 & 3	AMF GARDEN CITY	HOUSE SHOT MAJOR	SCRATCH & 2 HANDICAP*: 5 SQUADS

\*2 HANDICAP EVENTS ARE 49 & UNDER/50+

**TOP PRIZES RANGE FROM \$1,000 TO \$3,000!**  
**AFFORDABLE ENTRY FEES: AS LOW AS \$65!**  
**BIG BRACKET AND SIDE ACTION AT ALL EVENTS!**  
**HOUSE SHOT EVENTS RUN SCRATCH & HANDICAP (1 IN 4) PRIZE LISTS!**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & TO PRE-REGISTER  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.LIGBTOUR.COM](http://WWW.LIGBTOUR.COM) OR CALL 516.637.5955**



LAW OFFICES OF  
RANDI B. SIEGEL



**LIGBT GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES- SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
FOR A COMPLETE SET OF RULES PLEASE VISIT [WWW.LIGBTOUR.COM](http://WWW.LIGBTOUR.COM)**

Welcome to LIGBT Season 15 Summer Schedule. We have a total of 11 events scheduled including a monthly singles sport shot competition, a monthly singles scratch and handicap house shot competition, 2 handicap doubles events, and 3 multi-day majors with bigger top prizes. There is no membership fee and all amateurs are welcomed as long as they have a league average.

**ENTRY FEE:** The cost to bowl varies with each event. Most house shot tournaments are \$100 while sport shot events are \$85 & \$75. Multi-squad events are as low as \$65 per squad. Please see the specific tournament flyer for entry fee details. Cash, debit and credit cards (\$4 fee), or Venmo/Zelle are accepted forms of payment.

**ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN:** Most centers are charging \$5 per game. The LIGBT takes a maximum of 12.5% for expenses. \$5 of each entry goes into an escrow fund for special events and to cover any prize fund shortages. 100% of the remaining entry fee is returned to that day's prize fund. The LIGBT is completely transparent and posts a financial breakdown on our website after each event

**HOW TO PRE-REGISTER/PREPAY:** Bowlers can sign up on-line at [www.ligbtour.com](http://www.ligbtour.com) or by phone (516.637.5955) up to two hours prior to an event. Walk-ins are welcomed at LIGBT events, if space is available. There is no additional fee for walk-in entries.

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

**GUARANTEES:** All LIGBT prize lists are based on entries to protect the integrity of the payout. Each tournament flyer will list the guarantees for that day's event. It is projected, based on past entry counts, all 1-day events in the sport and house shot series will pay a \$1,000 top prize.

**FORMATS:** The LIGBT runs a variety of formats during the year. House shot singles events are usually 4 games (1 squad) with 3 separate divisions: scratch, 49 & under handicap (90% of 220), 50+ handicap (90% of 220.) Sport shot handicap (90% of 210) singles events, which are 2 squads with re-entries, are usually 3-games with a final. Sport shots feature special bonuses for women and seniors (50+.) Doubles tournaments are 4-games, on a house shot, with no final. Most singles tournaments feature a 1 in 4 cashing ratio with last cashing spot a minimum of the event's entry fee. Doubles events use a 1 in 6 cashing ratio.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Scratch division has no eligibility restrictions- anyone can bowl. The handicap events are mostly amateur only. Exceptions to the "NO PBA RULE" are occasionally made if the competitive balance is not affected. Youth bowlers are welcomed (singles events only) and can earn SMART scholarship money in lieu of cash as long as a parent's waiver is signed (available at the tournament.)

**NEW BOWLERS STARTING AVERAGE:** House Shot Events: First time bowler's average is determined by using their highest 2-year composite league average. Sport Shot Events: First time bowlers average is determined by using their highest 2-year composite league average minus 20 pins. 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 without an average may still compete with their starting average determined by the tournament director. Any member, that hasn't competed in an LIGBT event the past 12 months, will be subject to an average review and issued an updated average.

**NEW BOWLER RULES:** Bowlers with less than 3 events in sport shot or house shot events are subject to the following rules. If a new bowler, with 2 or less events prior to that days tournament, advances to a final, their average in the finals will be adjusted to reflect all games bowled thus far in LIGBT sport or house shot events. In sport shot events this new average will reflect a 20 pin drop. New bowlers are not allowed to earn a bye or a wildcard bonus until they have competed in 3 LIGBT house shot or sport shot events.

**CALCULATING AVERAGES:** Please visit [www.ligbtour.com](http://www.ligbtour.com) to see how LIGBT computes a bowler's average after their first event. Once a bowler is issued a starting average, their average/handicap is determined based on the games bowled in LIGBT in house shot tournaments or sport shot tournaments. The two averages are completely separate. After 3 events, bowlers cashing under 25% of the time will be given extra handicap until they cash. A new bowler's average stays the same until they have 15 eligible games except if they are averaging higher than their starting average and cashed in 1 or more events. In this case their average will reflect the actual games they have bowled thus far. It is the bowler's responsibility to know the average rules and make sure they have been issued a proper average for that day's event. If a bowler is issued an incorrect average, and it is discovered during competition, the average and handicap will be corrected for standings and all side action.

**ADDITIONAL RULES:** The LIGBT has a complete set of rules posted on [LIGBTOUR.com](http://LIGBTOUR.com). USBC rules apply when not covered by LIGBT rules. All bowling balls are permitted in LIGBT competition. Tournament director reserves all rights and tournament director decisions are final. No solicitation allowed at LIGBT events. The LIGBT reserves the right to cancel any promotion at their discretion.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** All entrants are required to act "professionally" when competing in LIGBT events. Offensive language and apparel are not allowed and can be cause for suspension from future LIGBT events. Anyone that is not "sober" will be asked to leave the bowling center. Any LIGBT member speaking negatively about the LIGBT on any social media platform will be barred from future LIGBT events.

**SIDE ACTION:** \$5 brackets will be available. A \$10 optional handicap high game pot and handicap eliminator will also be available. Scratch brackets & pots will be offered if requested.

**LANE PATTERN:** Each singles tournament features a different lane pattern which will be announced prior to the event. All doubles events use the house shot. In 1-squad tournaments lanes are oiled prior to the squad. In multi-squad events the lanes are oiled prior to the first squad each day. Lanes are not re-oiled for finals.