

## LIGBT HOUSE SHOT SERIES RULES – AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Welcome to The LIGBT House Shot Series hosted by AMF E. Meadow. The House Shot Series consists of 12 monthly tournaments each featuring a different recreational (house shot) pattern. These one-day events (there are two multi-squad events with larger top prizes) will be held on Sundays at 1pm. The House Shot Series culminates with the end-of-season House Shot Championships.

Everyone is welcomed to participate and the more events you bowl the lower your entry fee is into the championship. In addition, all bowlers that compete in 8 or more house shot events at AMF E. Meadow will automatically be entered into a free \$2,500 event held during the championship.

We look forward to having you join us in the LIGBT House Shot Series. Whether you bowl one event or multiple tournaments, you are going to have a great time. The LIGBT is all about having fun, with the opportunity to win money, in a professionally run environment.

**ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee for all 1 squad house shot tournaments is \$100 (\$104 with credit card.) Entry Fee Breakdown: \$25 lineage, \$10 expenses, \$5 escrow, and \$60 prize fund (100% returned.) The LIGBT occasionally offers the host center and sponsors complimentary entries. A discounted combined entry fee of \$180 is offered to bowlers entering both scratch and handicap events.

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

**HOW TO PRE-REGISTER:** Bowlers can sign-up for the next house shot event by visiting www.ligbtour.com and clicking "ENTER TOURNAMENT." 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 AMF E. Meadow 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" 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.

**GUARANTEES:** All LIGBT prize lists are based on entries to protect the integrity of the payout. Top handicap prizes of \$1,000-1st, \$500-2nd, \$300-3rd, \$250-4th will be paid with 60 or more total handicap entries (grows to \$1,000-\$700-\$450-\$350 with 90 handicap entries.) Each of the 3 prize lists will pay out using a 1 in 4 ratio with the last spot in the prize list earning a minimum of \$100. Top prizes of \$500 & \$250 will be paid in the scratch event with 20 or more entries (grows to \$750 & \$400 with 40 entries and \$1,000 & \$500 with 60 entries.)

**EVENT FORMAT:** Everyone bowls 5 games across 10 lanes on the announced recreational pattern. There will be 3 unique events (scratch and 2 handicap: 49 & under/50+) with each one having their own 1 in 4 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 including the handicap champion. The scratch event will also have a 4-person shootout if scratch entries are 30 or more.

**TIES:** If there is a tie to advance to the finals all tied bowlers will roll 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 all ties 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 taking their highest 2-year composite average on BOWL.com. 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.

**AVERAGES FOR FINALS:** All bowlers must use their "real" LIGBT house shot average in the finals. If a bowler has an adjusted average their handicap will be lowered based on their actual average. If a new bowler (less than 15 games) advances, their handicap will be based on the eligible games bowled thus far in LIGBT house shot events.

**CALCULATING AVERAGES:** Once a bowler is issued a starting average, their average/handicap is determined on the games bowled in LIGBT house shot tournaments. After 3 events, if a bowler's cashing ratio is under 25%, they will receive additional handicap until their cashing percentage increases to 25% or more. For complete details on how LIGBT house shot averages are determined please visit LIGBTOUR.com.

**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.

**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 falsely about the LIGBT on any social media platform will be barred for life from future LIGBT events.

**SIDE ACTION:** Two sets of \$5 handicap brackets will be offered; Games 1-3 and Games 3-5. A \$10 optional handicap high game pot and handicap eliminator will also be available. Scratch pots and brackets will be run if requested.