

## **HOW LGBT HOUSE SHOT AVERAGES ARE DETERMINED**

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**INITIAL AVERAGE:** First time bowlers, or former members who haven't bowled in the past 12 months, will be issued an average by taking their highest 2-year composite average. New members must notify the LGBT if they have been re-rated by another tournament or if their current average is 10+ pins higher than their highest composite average. New members that do not have a sanctioned league average the past 2 years, but are currently bowling in a league, may participate but must bring proof of their average.

**Minimum Average/Maximum Handicap:** Male bowlers cannot receive more than 72 pins per game (150 average) in house shot events. Female bowlers cannot receive more than 81 pins per game (140 average) in house shot events. Maximum handicap rules apply to everyone & not just for new bowlers.

**DETERMINING A NEW BOWLER'S AVERAGE UNTIL THEY HAVE 9 ELIGIBLE GAMES & NEW BOWLER'S FINALS AVERAGE:** Bowlers that have 9 or fewer house-shot games will have their average determined by taking the eligible games bowled thus far, plus their initial tournament average, until you have 9 games. Divide this 9-game total by 9 and this will be the new bowler's average for handicapping purposes until they have 9 eligible games in the club and for any finals. This average cannot fall below the initial average **minus 10 pins**. New members may not earn byes or the wildcard bonus until they have more than 9 eligible games registered prior to that day's tournament.

**ELIGIBLE GAMES:** Games 30% or more below your tournament average, or any series less than 75% of your average, will not count. Games bowled in in LGBT doubles events count towards a bowler's average.

**CURRENT MEMBERS WITH 9 OR MORE GAMES:** Once a member has more than 9 eligible house-shot games, they will be handicapped based on the games bowled in house shot events. Your average cannot drop more than 10 pins from your initial average until you reach 36 eligible house-shot games. Once you have 36 or more eligible house-shot games **your average is based on your last 36 eligible house-shot games bowled that have been recorded within the previous 24 months**. All qualifying games, after you make the finals in a tournament, will not count when determining average.

**AVERAGE CONFIRMATION:** 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.

**BONUS PINS:** Bonus pins are no longer used in house shot tournaments.