

Tournament Rules – Sunshine Invitational Tournament 2012

Sanctioning

1. The SIT 2012 Tournament is a USBC sanctioned tournament. The tournament is a mixed handicap competition open to men and women by invitation only.
2. All participants must be a member of USBC and be able to provide proof of membership (current sanction card or bowl.com printout). If the participant is not a member of USBC, he or she must pay the appropriate participation fee (\$5.00 USBC) and become concurrently subject to the USBC rules and jurisdiction for the tournament as described.

Event Participation

3. If the participant is not a member of IGBO in any of its membership classes, he or she must pay the appropriate associate membership fee of \$25.00. This associate membership fee will be the property of IGBO. The membership will be valid for one year.
4. The tournament events shall be handicapped events and are as follows: Singles, Doubles, and Team. Optional Individual Scratch and Scratch Masters Divisions will also be offered.
5. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three events. Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of men and women. Men and women will compete on an equal basis. Doubles partners must come from the same team.

Optional Scratch Division

6. Each participant may bowl only once in each event.
7. Optional Scratch Divisions will be offered to all participants using the six (6) divisions below as determined by entering average (see Rule 29).
8. The Optional Scratch Divisions and entry fees shall be as follows:

Division A	Averages 0 to 139	\$20.00
Division B	Averages 140 to 159	\$20.00
Division C	Averages 160 to 179	\$20.00
Division D	Averages 180 to 194	\$20.00
Division E	Averages 195 to 209	\$20.00
Division F	Averages 210 and over	\$20.00

9. Scores used for the Optional Scratch Division shall be those Scratch scores (without handicap) as bowled in the Handicap Division of the tournament.
10. 100% of the optional scratch prize fund from each division shall be returned to that division.
11. The award ratio for the Optional Scratch Division shall be 1:6 per division. Optional Scratch awards are paid out for Game, Series, and Individual All Events.

Scratch Masters Rules

12. The Scratch Masters, in conjunction with the Sunshine Invitational Tournament 2012 Annual Tournament, are a mixed competition open to men and women by invitation only.
13. The Tournament Director(s) may place a bowler in a higher division at their discretion. Any adjustment of this type will be made before the entrant bowls. The six (6) game combined scratch Singles and Doubles totals will be used to determine the top six (6) qualifiers in each division. Scores do not carry over into the Masters Competition. In case of a tie, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine the 6th place.

14. Scratch Masters Divisions will be offered to all participants using six (6) divisions as determined by entering average (see Rule 29).

15. Scratch Masters Divisions and entry fees shall be as follows:

Division A	Averages 0 to 139	\$20.00
Division B	Averages 140 to 159	\$25.00
Division C	Averages 160 to 179	\$30.00
Division D	Averages 180 to 194	\$35.00
Division E	Averages 195 to 209	\$40.00
Division F	Averages 210 and over	\$45.00

16. The top six (6) qualifiers in each division will bowl on a pair of lanes to begin the competition. After each game, remaining bowlers will shift onto a new pair of lanes throughout the elimination process. No accumulative scores will carry over. It is simply "low game out".
17. A lane schedule will be given to each division official prior to the start of competition. The bowlers are responsible for checking if they qualified. Locations of qualification sheets will be announced during Team event. Payout will be 100% less lineage. Payouts are top six (6) winning positions per Division.
18. The match game competition will begin 30 minutes after the last team in the team competition completes their bowling.
19. A bowler who is not available to bowl at the scheduled time will be disqualified and the alternate will replace him/her.
20. Bowlers must check in as soon as their team competition has been completed. Bowlers who are not checked in by the time match play begins, will be replaced. No Exceptions.
21. Bowlers will be allowed two (2) balls per lane for practice before the first match begins. No additional practice balls will be allowed.
22. Any claims of error in the match play competition, must be submitted before the start of the next match. In case of an error in the final match, any claims of error must be reported within one (1) hour after the end of the last match.

Awards and Prizes

23. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins plus assigned handicap for each event (with the exception of the Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters Divisions).
24. Awards will be given, in the Handicap Division, for the top Singles, Doubles, and Team and Individual All Events categories. Individual All Events is defined as the nine (9) game total plus handicap of an individual bowler.
25. The award ratio for the Handicap Division shall be 1:8
26. Awards in the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be given for the Best Single Game (from any of the events), Best Three (3) Game Series (from any of the events) and Best All Events (nine game total).
27. The award ratio for the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be 1:6 per division. 100% of the prize fund from each division in the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be returned to that division.
28. Prizes will be distributed via check payable in US currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that place. Prize fund will be based on 100% participation.

Entering Averages

29. The following rules shall be used to determine entering average:
 - (a) The highest league average as of March 11, 2012 minimum of 21 games. If competing in more than one (1) league the bowler must submit all averages of all leagues bowled.
 - (b) If no league average is available as stated in item (a) above, then the highest yearbook 2010-2011 average (minimum of 21 games) will be used.
 - (c) If neither is available, then an entering average of 230 will be used.
30. If a bowler's tournament average (see Rule 35) of at least 21 games (certified IGBO or USBC) is 10 or more pins higher than their determined entering average, the bowler's entering average will be adjusted to the difference between determined entering average and tournament average, divided by 2 and added to the determined entering average. For example, the determined entering is 180, tournament average is 194, difference is 14 (194-180), difference is divided by 2 is 7 (14/2); therefore the adjusted entering average is 187 (determined entering average 180 + 7).
31. USBC Rule 319e is waived and does not apply.
32. The above averages MUST be verified by the use of:
 - (a) League Standing Sheet **dated March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11** signed and dated by a league officer.
 - (b) Photocopy of book average (with year noted), signed and dated by a current League Officer from 2010-2011 USBC yearbook.
 - (c) A bowler who has bowled more than 21 games in a tournament within the previous 12 months must report ALL actual scores to the tournament director at the time of entry. This information will be used for possible re-rating. Such re-rating must be completed before the entrant bowls. If the assigned average is not acceptable to the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. Failure to report this information shall result in AUTOMATIC disqualification and loss of all winnings.
33. PBA I, PBA II members are permitted to enter the tournament.
34. Handicap will be calculated as 90% of the difference between the 230 scratch and the entering average.
35. As of the beginning date of the SIT 2012 Tournament, any bowler who has bowled 21 or more tournament games in the previous 12 months in non-IGBO tournaments, must report his/her scores and/or winnings over \$600. Failure to report this information shall result in disqualification and loss of all winnings and no refund of entry fee. SIT 2011 scores will be included in the calculation of SIT 2012 Tournament average.
36. The tournament director(s) have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler. All average adjustments will be completed prior to the start of the tournament. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a full refund.

Attendance and substitutes

37. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling. Mechanical failures, transportation irregularities, improper directions and related reasons DO NOT alter the application of Rules 38 and 39 below.

38. Complete doubles and team entrants must be present for bowling each event. If a team member is not present, the team may use an authorized substitute (Rule 40). If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler(s).
39. Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready, with prior frames being scored as zero. No practice balls will be allowed to late bowlers.
40. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the tournament director(s). Their entering averages must comply with Rule 29. Substitutes must complete an entry form. Substitutes who pay the entry fee prior to their first ball thrown for score are eligible for cash prizes and trophies. Non-paying substitutes are not eligible for cash prizes but can receive trophies. Rule 41 shall apply for substitutes and the bowler the substitute is replacing.
41. Any fee adjustments or refunds are at the discretion of the tournament director(s).
42. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice per event.

Entry Requirements

43. The entry fee is payable by Money Order, or Certified Check and should be made payable to SIT 2012 Tournament. You may also pay online through PayPal at the SIT website. An additional fee is required to enter the Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters Divisions. Entries are to be mailed to: SIT 2012 Tournament, PO Box 561524, Orlando, FL 32856-1524.
44. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 288 bowlers. Once sold out, no more entries will be accepted. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Entry deadline will be 4/5/12. Entrant acceptance will be based on the order in which received using the postmark date. Once an entry has been accepted, NO REFUNDS will be issued, except as stated above in Rules 36 and 41. If the tournament is not full as of 4/5/12, then late entries will be accepted and must include a \$10 late entry fee.
45. Single bowler and partial team entries will be accepted and the registration committee will make every effort to fill vacancies. **No guarantees will be made.**
46. Entry fee for SIT 2012 will be \$99.00. \$50 prize fund, \$22.50 lineage, \$17.50 banquet, \$3 IGBO/Misc. Expenses, and \$6 Trophies. \$109 after April 12, 2012.

Protests and Conduct

47. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted in writing to the tournament director(s) or their appointed representative(s) and the protested bowler(s) or team if applicable. The tournament director(s) shall settle the dispute in accordance with SIT 2012 Tournament rules. Any disputes not covered in the aforementioned rules, will default to USBC rules.
48. Any person attending and requiring special needs MUST notify the tournament director(s) in writing at a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the start of the tournament. This will allow the committee ample time to make accommodations for any special needs.
49. The team captain MUST sign the entry form acknowledging he/she has read and accepts the SIT 2012 Tournament Rules.
50. It is the desire of the Tournament committee to provide a bowling atmosphere that is enjoyable for all participants. All bowlers shall conduct themselves in accordance with good sportsmanship practices or they may be asked to leave the tournament without being refunded their tournament entry fees or any other fees for events that the bowler might be participating in.