

## 2022 Los Angeles Silver Screen Invitational Tournament Rules

### A) Sanctioning and Qualifying

- 1) The 2022 Los Angeles Silver Screen Invitational Tournament (LASSI) is a USBC certified tournament — Tournament #04125
- 2) The tournament shall be held from Friday, November 18, 2022 through Sunday, November 20, 2022 at CalBowl in Lakewood, CA.
- 3) All participants must be members of USBC. USBC membership fees are \$30 and must be paid prior to entering the tournament.
- 4) LASSI is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).
  - a) LASSI requires its participants to be participants in IGBO member leagues or direct associates of IGBO. Applications to join IGBO as a direct associate for those who do not bowl in an IGBO member league will be available at the time of check-in (\$30) and all membership fees must be paid prior to competition beginning.

### B) Event Participation

- 1) LASSI is a mixed handicap competition. Participation is by invitation only and entries can be denied.
- 2) The tournament shall consist of handicap events as follows: Singles, Doubles, and Team
- 3) Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three (3) events.
- 4) Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of genders.
- 5) Doubles partners must come from the same team.
- 6) Each participant may only bowl once in each event.
- 7) Professional bowlers may bowl in the LASSI. However, only one (1) professional bowler per team will be allowed.
  - a) A professional bowler is defined as any person who has been a "card-carrying" member of a professional bowling organization within the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the LASSI Tournament.
  - b) Those who meet the definition of a professional bowler detailed above must identify themselves as such prior to commencement of bowling. Failure to appropriately identify to tournament committee prior to bowling shall be cause for disqualification.

### C) Awards and Prizes

- 1) All cash awards shall be based on the total pins plus assigned handicap for each event except for optional events as defined below.
- 2) Awards will be given for the highest Singles, Doubles, Team, and Individual All Events scores.
- 3) The awards ratio for each event shall be at least 1:10 except for Individual All Events.
  - a) Individual All Events shall pay only a first-place position, regardless of the number of entries.
- 4) 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 placement.
- 5) Prizes will be distributed via check or electronic payment payable in US currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests.

D) Entering Averages and Handicap

- 1) Any bowler entering LASSI must have an established ten-pin average acceptable to USBC. The following rules shall be used to determine entering averages:
  - a) The bowler's 2021-2022 standard composite average of at least 21 games shall be used unless;
    - (i) The bowler's IGBO TAD covering the period November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022 with a minimum of eighteen (18) games is one (1) or more pins higher than rule D1, in which case IGBO TAD shall be used.
      - For bowlers who register or are entered after October 31, 2022, the IGBO TAD in place at the time the bowler's registration is completed and accepted shall be used.
  - b) If neither of the above is available, the bowler's 2020-2021 USBC composite average (including winter and summer leagues) with a minimum of 21 games.
  - c) 2022-2023 Fall/Winter league averages shall not be used unless none of the above are available. If none of the above are available, the highest November 1, 2022 average with a minimum of 21 games will be used.
  - d) Averages resulting from sport bowling leagues will be accepted using the USBC sport bowling average conversion chart to determine entering average if none of the above averages are available.
  - e) A bowler who does not have an acceptable average according to the rules above will bowl scratch in accordance with USBC Rule 319b.
  - f) All bowlers must report ALL league and tournament averages of at least twenty-one (21) games INCLUDING those from non-sanctioned leagues, tournaments, tournament clubs, etc. whether those averages are reported to USBC or not.
    - (i) Failure to report such averages shall be cause for disqualification and forfeiture of any prize monies won regardless of whether the discovery is before, during or after tournament play.
  - g) The above averages must be verified with one of the following documents:
    - Bowl.com average verification
    - League standing sheet provided by and signed by league secretary
    - Photocopy of book average
    - IGBO TAD
- 2) In accordance with USBC Rule 319c, any bowler who has had their entering average adjusted/rerated at any tournament is required to report all previous averaged adjustments (whether they were accepted by the bowler or not) to tournament management prior to participation in LASSI.
- 3) LASSI has opted out of USBC Rule 319(a)(2).
- 4) A bowler is required to adjust their entering average if, during the 12-month period immediately preceding LASSI, the cumulative average for all, but not less than, 21 tournament games in which the bowler has participated, exceeds the average used for entry by one (1) or more pins. It is the bowler's responsibility to submit this adjustment, in writing, before the end of the first frame of tournament play. Failure to accurately report these scores shall be cause for disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings regardless of whether the discovery is before, during or after tournament play.
- 5) The Tournament Scratch Score will be set equal to the highest entering average as of the cut-off date for the tournament. Should a substitution and/or bowler replacement be necessary after the entry cut-off date, the Tournament Scratch Score will NOT be affected.

- 6) The per-game handicap for the tournament shall be based at 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average (as determined above) and the Tournament Scratch Score.

E) Re-rate Policy

- 1) The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler in accordance with USBC rule 319(e).
  - a) A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment shall be entitled to a full refund for that event.
- 2) Average Adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC Tournament Rules
- 3) It is the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their own entering average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified in accordance with USBC Rule 319(a)(3).
- 4) LASSI has waived USBC rule 319(d) and does not require bowlers to report winnings from prior tournaments.

F) Attendance and Substitutes

- 1) There shall be ten (10) minutes of practice allowed before each event.
- 2) It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling
- 3) Complete Doubles and Team entrants must be present for bowling each event. If a team member or doubles partner is not present, an authorized substitute may be used. If no substitutes available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler(s).
- 4) 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 for late bowlers.
- 5) Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Their entering average must comply with LASSI Rules.
  - a) Substitute bowlers are subject to all rules as specified herein.
  - b) Substitute bowlers must have a VERIFIABLE average prior to receiving approval to bowl. Bowlers for whom tournament management are unable to verify an acceptable average will not be permitted to participate.
- 6) If no substitute is available, a score of zero shall be used for the missing bowler in accordance with USBC Rule 322b.
- 7) Substitutes may not begin bowling mid-game. All entries of substitutes must be at the beginning of a game.

G) Entry Requirements

- 1) The entry fee shall be \$109.00 for bowlers who are registered **AND PAID IN FULL** BY October 15, 2022.
  - a) Registrations (or payments) received after October 15, 2022 shall be subject to a \$20.00 per bowler late charge.
- 2) Entry must be completed online. The entry must be paid by PayPal.
- 3) Registration shall close at midnight on November 1, 2022.
  - a) Any registrant who remains unpaid at the time of registration closure shall have their registration revoked and will not be permitted to participate in the tournament.

- 4) Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 200 bowlers (50 teams). Once this maximum has been reached, no further entries shall be accepted
- 5) Additional squads may be added at the discretion of Tournament Management provided said squad(s) are added prior to the start of the first event.
- 6) Entries are not considered accepted without all required information and payment in full for the tournament entry and, if applicable, late fee.
- 7) Partial team entries will be accepted and tournament management will make every effort to fill vacancies. If tournament management are not able to assign individual bowlers to a team, those bowlers shall be entitled to a refund of tournament entry fees paid.
- 8) Once an entry has been accepted, no refunds will be issued except as specified in rules E1a and G7.
- 9) "Free Entry" certificates must be redeemed by October 15, 2022. Failure to register and redeem the certificate by this date renders the certificate void.
  - a) No refunds shall be issued for bowlers who have failed to present the "free entry" certificate prior payment.

#### H) Entry Fee and Prize Breakdown

##### Entry Fee Breakdown

Lineage - \$40.50  
Banquet - \$30.00  
Prize Fund \$35.00  
IGBO – \$0.75  
Expenses - \$2.75

##### Prize Fund Distribution

Team - \$15.00 Per Bowler  
Doubles - \$11.00 Per Bowler  
Singles - \$7.25 Per Bowler  
All Events - \$1.75 Per Bowler

#### I) Protests

- 1) Any claim of other errors or disputes must be submitted, in writing, to a tournament director within seventy-two (72) hours of the error/dispute. The protesting bowler(s) and the Tournament Director shall settle the dispute per LASSI and USBC Tournament Rules

#### J) General

- 1) Any person attending LASSI who requires special assistance must notify the Tournament Director in writing prior to the tournament weekend.
- 2) All bowlers shall adhere to a one lane courtesy.

## LASSI Optional Events

LASSI reserves the right to add or remove optional events at the discretion of its tournament committee.

In the event of errors or omissions in the calculation of optional events, the tournament committee's obligations shall not exceed the amount of entry fee paid by the bowler for the event.

Event: Best 3 of 9  
Entry Fee: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:20  
Definition: Each entering player's highest three games plus handicap compared to all other entering player's three highest games plus handicap.

Event: Scratch Sidepots  
Entry Fee: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:25  
Definition: The highest scratch game(s) of each event's games will be paid out.

Event: Handicap Sidepots  
Entry Fee: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:25  
Definition: The highest handicap games of each event's games will be paid out.

Event: Optional Scratch  
Entry fee: \$10.00  
Payout: 1:20  
Definition: Will be based upon the highest 9-game scratch score of each entering player in each division. Will be a divisional event utilizing the same divisions as Optional Scratch Masters

Event: Grand Mystery Doubles  
Entry fee: \$35.00  
Payout: Top 3 positions in each event (Singles, Doubles & Team) regardless of number of entries  
Definition: \$5.00 of each entry is a fundraiser for a local IGBO tournament, the remainder (\$30.00) is divided between Singles, Doubles, and Team events. Each entrant shall be randomly paired with another entrant and pairings will be shuffled for each event. The top three doubles pairings will be paid in each event.

Event: Scratch Masters  
Details: Entry fees and rules are available on the LASSI website

Event: Choker  
Entry fee: \$10.00  
Definition: Rules are available on the LASSI website