

## 2023 Los Angeles Silver Screen Invitational Tournament Rules

### A) Sanctioning and Qualifying

1. The 2023 Los Angeles Silver Screen Invitational Tournament (LASSI) is a USBC certified tournament.
2. All participants must be members of USBC.
3. LASSI is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).
  - a. LASSI requires its participants to be members or associate members of IGBO. Associate membership forms will be available at the time of check-in (\$25).

### 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.

### 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.
4. Individual All Events shall pay only a first-place position, regardless of the number of entries.
5. 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.
6. 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:
2. The bowler's **2022/2023 USBC Composite Average** of at least 21 games shall be used unless;
  - a) The bowler's IGBO TAD covering the period **November 12, 2022** thru **November 16, 2023** 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.
  - b) For bowlers who register after October 15, 2023, the IGBO TAD in place at the time the bowler's registration is completed and accepted shall be used.

- c) If neither of the above is available, the bowler's **2021/2022 USBC Composite Average** (including winter and summer leagues) with a minimum of 21 games.
- d) 2023/2024 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 13, 2023 average with a minimum of 21 games will be used.
  - 1. LASSI has opted out of USBC Rule 319(a)(2).
- e) 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.
- f) If none of the above are available, an entering average equal to the Tournament Scratch Scores as defined in Rule j) below will be used.
- g) All bowlers must report ALL league and tournament averages of at least twenty-one (21) games INCLUDING those from non-sanctioned leagues tournament clubs, etc. whether those averages are reported to USBC or not. 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.
- h) The above averages must be verified with one of the following documents:
  - 1. [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) averages
  - 2. league standing sheet provided by and signed by the league secretary
  - 3. photocopy of book average
  - 4. IGBO TAD
- i) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) 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 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. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling
2. 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) unless the absence is due to illness or injury as specified in rule e below.
3. 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.
4. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Their entering average must comply with LASSI Rules.
5. In the event a bowler cannot participate in the tournament or complete and single event due to illness or injury, an authorized substitute may be used.
6. Substitutes **may not begin bowling mid-game**. The entry of a substitute must be at the beginning of a game.
7. If no substitute is available, the injured/ill bowler may take their entering average minus ten (10) pins plus handicap as their score for any incomplete games in Doubles and Team events only. For the Singles event, and injured/ill bowler without a substitute shall take a score of zero (0).
8. Bowlers who have withdrawn due to illness or injury shall not be permitted to re-enter the tournament.
9. There shall be ten (10) minutes of practice allowed before each event.

#### G) Entry Requirements

1. The entry fee shall be \$109.00 with a penalty of \$20 if after October 15, 2023.
2. Entry must be completed online. The entry must be paid by PayPal.
3. Registration shall close at midnight on November 15, 2022.
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, no discount.
7. Partial team entries will be accepted and tournament management will make every effort to fill vacancies.
8. Once an entry has been accepted, no refunds will be issued except as specified in rule E)1.
9. "Free Entry" certificates must be redeemed by October 14, 2023. Failure to register and redeem the certificate by this date renders the certificate void.
10. No refunds shall be issued for bowlers who have failed to present the "free entry" certificate prior. Bowlers who have "free entry" certificates must indicate such on their online entry and present said certificate prior to completing online payment to payment.

## H) Entry Fee and Prize Breakdown

### Entry Fee Breakdown

Lineage - \$36.00  
Banquet - \$31.50  
Prize Fund \$36.50  
IGBO – \$1.00  
Expenses - \$4.00

### Prize Fund Distribution

Team - \$16.50 Per Bowler  
Doubles - \$11.00 Per Bowler  
Singles - \$7.25 Per Bowler  
All Events - \$1.75 Per Bowler

I) Protests - Any claim of 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

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

## K) LASSI Optional Events

Best 3 of 9

Entry: \$10.00

Payout: 1:20

Each entering player's highest three games plus handicap compared to all other entering player's three highest games plus handicap.

Scratch Sidepots

Entry: \$10.00

Payout: 1:25

The highest scratch game(s) of each event's games will be paid out.

Handicap Sidepots

Entry: \$10.00

Payout: 1:25

The highest handicap games of each event's games will be paid out.

Optional Scratch

Entry: \$10.00

Payout: 1:20

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

Grand Mystery Doubles

Entry: \$35.00

Payout: 1:8

Rules are available on the LASSI website

Scratch Masters

Entry fees and rules are available on the LASSI website

Senior's Optional (open to those 55 and older)

Entry: \$10

Payout: 1:8

Women's Optional

Entry: \$10

Payout: 1:8

Choker

Entry: \$10.00

Rules are available on the LASSI website

The committee of LASSI reserves the right to remove optional events or offer additional events at their discretion.