

Tournament Rules

1. The *IBC Open* shall be conducted under the certification of the United States Bowling Congress. These rules govern. All bowlers must be U.S.B.C. members or must acquire membership through the tournament by paying his/her dues prior to bowling. Non-members living within the jurisdiction of this association who are not members of another association may enter by paying a participation membership fee of \$5. Youth bowlers may bowl in the singles event only, provided they complete the waiver form. Any winnings for the youth shall be issued as a scholarship with the SMART account.
2. All handicaps will be figured at 100% of the individual average and **240**. No maximum handicap.
3. Averages:
 - a. All bowlers will use their highest final certified U.S.B.C. average for the 22-23 SEASON INCLUDING SUMMER LEAGUES with a minimum of 21 games. U.S.B.C. Youth averages will be considered a previous average.
 - b. If a bowler's average as of November 20, 2023, in a certified league with 21 games or more is **10 pins higher** than the previous season average the current average will be used.
 - c. Bowlers with no prior year averages may use current average as of November 20, 2023, with a 15 game minimum.
 - d. Any bowler not meeting any of the previous requirements will be required to bowl scratch.
4. Rules 319a, 319b, 319c and 319e shall be used in accordance with determining bowler's average. Bowlers are not required to report prior prize winnings in accordance with rule 319d.
5. It is the individual bowler's responsibility to verify his/her average when checking in to the tournament prior to each squad. Whether your average was submitted by yourself or another member of your team, you are personally responsible for the accuracy of your average. If your average is determined to be incorrect you may be disqualified from all events bowled.
6. Any change in line-up must be reported 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of bowling. Teams or individuals arriving late shall be permitted to bowl with the score to count from the frame then being bowled. They will forfeit all scores for each frame missed. Full handicap will be credited. U.S.B.C. Rule # 322 (a). Teams or individuals failing to appear at their scheduled time shall forfeit their entry fee unless sufficient reason is given. The Tournament Director will determine eligibility for any substitute.
7. All lanes shall be assigned 30 minutes prior to squad times.
8. Any bowler ineligible for U.S.B.C. certification will not be permitted to bowl in the tournament.
9. All prizes will be returned 100% on a ratio of 1 to 10 in teams, singles, and doubles. All events ratio 1 to 20. All bowlers are automatically entered in both scratch and handicap divisions unless the following: **If total team averages are a sum of 1200 or more, doubles 480 or more, singles 240 or more those respective teams, doubles, and singles shall be eligible in the scratch division only. An individual with an average of 240 or more shall be entered in only the scratch all events.** If a bowler places in both handicap and scratch divisions, he/she shall receive only the prize with the highest monetary value. If equal value, bowler will receive scratch placement.
10. All Event Scratch Winner will be declared the IBC Open Champion. In the event of a tie, there will be co-champions and prize money will be divided equally. Scores from the first event bowled each division will be used. All Event fees must be paid prior to bowling.
11. Multiple participation/Re-entries are permitted provided bowlers are entered in at least one event prior to the deadline of entries and are as follows: players may roll as many 5 person teams as desired and teams may enter more than once, but not more than 3 players on any team may place more than once in the prize money. In the two-person event multiple participations is permitted but

you can only place once in the prize list with the same partner in the prize list for position standings. Multiple participation is permitted in the singles event but you can place only once in the prize list for position standings. For all above highest scores shall be used towards position standings. In all instances, when a bowler competes more than once in any event, his first appearance in each event will count toward their all-events score.

12. **All-event fee entry must be paid prior to the first ball rolled in first event.**

13. No entries accepted without entry fee.

14. All employees of Sparetime Recreation are eligible to participate under the same rules governing this tournament.

15. **Tournament Dress: Bowlers are required to wear: a collared shirt, mock shirt, bowling apparel or Team T shirts. Dress slacks, jeans (clean with no holes), Capri's, Shorts/Skorts/Skirts are permitted provided they are of appropriate length (below the fingers when arms are held at the side). Prohibited items are (but not limited to); sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, tank tops, & bare midriffs. Participants deemed in violation will not be allowed to bowl. Determination shall rest with the tournament manager. Hats that are clean and appropriate may be worn.**

NOTE: Premature termination brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom, fires, strikes, lockouts, labor difficulties or other reasons beyond the control of the Sparetime Recreation Tournament shall cause the foregoing prize schedule to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of the termination.

NOTE: Any bowler or individual who makes the standings board, is responsible to provide verification of current season average.

Entries Close: Midnight – November 27, 2023

~ Entry Fee Breakdown ~

Bowling Fee	11.00
Expenses	1.00
Prize Fund	23.00
TOTAL	\$ 35.00
All Events (Optional)	7.00

Entries may be mailed to
Sparetime Recreation
PO Box 426 Hallowell Me
04347
207-623-6000
dbowden@sparetimerec.com

**SUPER ALL EVENT BRACKET \$30 PER
ENTRY**

NEW!!!! SUPER ALL EVENT BRACKET. \$30 fee.

All Bracket entries must be in by 12/1/23 5pm. Brackets will be drawn no later than 9am 12/2/23.

Brackets will be paid out at the end of the tournament. This will be an all-event bracket. Game 1 will use the team series, Game 2 will use the doubles series, and Game 3 will be the singles series. Your first event in each division will be used. Scratch and Handicap brackets will be available. Multiple Brackets will be permitted

\$30 per bracket will be added to the tournament prize fund.