

## 2008 Indiana Pythian Bowling Tournament Rules

These rules shall apply to the Indiana Knights of Pythias (and Pythian Sisters) State Bowling Tournament and all of its participants:

- (1) All rules shall be derived from USBC with the exception of our own rules.
- (2) Events of the tournament are Singles, Doubles, Team, All Events and when the lanes are available on Friday night, Mixed Doubles.
- (3) Averages shall be handled as in the past, with no changes in the reporting structure ( See Rule #12)
- (4) This tournament shall be closed to all except Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Dokeys and Nomads, their families, guests and prospective members of the Order.
- (5) Each team captain may be a Pythian. Remaining team members need not be Pythians.
- (6) Said non-Pythians will be permitted to bowl in the tournament for as long as they are invited without joining the Order.
- (7) The tournament shall be self-supporting and self-sustaining. The Grand Lodge will continue to provide the funding for the Knights winning team scratch trophy. This trophy will cost a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$100.00. The tournament manager shall be responsible for billing the Grand Lodge for the cost of said trophy and the budgetary funding.
- (8) The tournament shall be hosted by any subordinate lodge in Indiana that wishes to hold the tournament. The tournament shall be progressive. The lodge in the city of the Grand Chancellor, or the city of his choice, shall have the first opportunity to host the tournament.
- (9) Amendments to the rules shall be made by resolution at the Grand Lodge Convention.
- (10) A banquet, entertainment and prizes at the tournament shall be the decision of the hosts providing all prizes for bowling are distributed in accordance with USBC rules.
- (11) Handicap shall be based upon 100% of the difference of an entrant's average and 200.
- (12) Use your highest ending average of the previous season based upon (21) twenty-one games or more. If a bowler doesn't have a previous season ending average of (21) twenty-one games or more, he or she may use current season's highest average as of February 1st based on 21 games or more. If he or she has no established average for either season, he shall take 150 for his average and she shall take 140 for her average (USBC rules 319b, 319e). USBC average only. Averages can be established by using our rule #35.
- (13) All of the events are on a handicap basis.
- (14) Bowlers who enter the doubles must also enter the singles and vice versa.
- (15) A bowler may enter the team event twice providing our rule #36 is followed. NO other event may be entered more than once.
- (16) All events is based upon the total pin fall of the singles, doubles and the first team entry and is governed by the total number of optional entries.
- (17) Any bowler submitting a false average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower then correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher then the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series (USBC rule 319a-3). The USBC 319a-2 "10 pin increase"

provision for 21 or more games will apply at the time of bowling. League secretary information must be on the entry sheet for each bowler.

(18) Familiarize yourself with USBC rule 319e.

(19) Familiarize yourself with USBC rule 319a-2 and 319a-3.

(20) All entrants must be USBC members. USBC participation memberships may be purchased at \$5.00 each ( USBC rule 300c).

(21) Team captains must report 30 minutes prior to the start of their shift with any lineup changes.

(22) No tournament prize winners need be reported.

(23) Each entrant's average must be on the entry sheet ( See Rule #17).

(24) A total of four non-Pythians may be on one team. Doubles, Singles and Mixed Doubles may be made up of non-Pythians. See rules #5,6,7.

(25) The Non-Pythian list was eliminated effective with the 2001 tournament.

(26) A Bowler's good standing in the Order must be attested to on the entry sheet by the Lodge or Temple Secretary. All bowlers should have their USBC card or follow rule #20.

(27) The Grand Lodge trophy, the Grand Temple trophy, the high game/high series men and woman trophies are the only prizes to be awarded on a scratch basis.

(28) Any rules that do not comply with USBC may be changed enough to make them comply without filing a resolution at the Grand Lodge Convention.

(29) Trophies will be as follows: 10 team event trophies (8 for bowlers, and 1 each for sponsoring lodge and temple), 4 doubles trophies, 2 singles, 2 all events, the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple trophies, 2 men and 2 women high game/high series scratch trophies for bowling during the course of the entire tournament and 1 man and 1 woman trophy for mixed doubles if held.

(30) The tournament manager shall follow USBC rule #305.

(31) The tournament manager MUST notify each lodge and each temple in this Grand Domain by a reasonable time each year as to the information pertaining to the upcoming tournament.

(32) This tournament will be a regular sanctioned tournament.

(33) The tournament manager may be compensated the sum of \$50.00 for his duties. Clerical help will receive the sum of \$2.00 per hour up to a total of \$25.00.

(34) The tournament manager must be a Knight in good standing in this Domain. He may be assisted by anyone he sees fit.

(35) Bowlers who bowl ONLY in our tournament and have bowled a total of at least (9) nine games since 1983 can be re-rated with their established tournament average. The team captain should put T/A in the average section on the entry sheet for said bowler.

(36) Any team may bowl twice in the team event providing that at least two members of the team are DIFFERENT for the SECOND SET.

(37) Teams shall consist of four bowlers.

(38) This set of rules shall be effective with the 2008 tournament.