



Palm Springs Desert Invitational Classic Tournament Rules – 2019

Sanctioning

1. The 2019 Palm Springs Desert Invitational Classic (PSDIC) is a USBC sanctioned tournament. All participants are subject to the USBC rules and jurisdiction for the event. 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 signed statement from the League Secretary, verifying membership). Eligible adult non-members may qualify for USBC award recognition at their option by paying a \$25.00 membership fee.
3. All participants must be a member of IGBO. If the participant is not a member of IGBO, in any of its membership classes, he or she must become an IGBO Associate member and pay the \$25.00 Associate membership fee. The participant shall have the opportunity to apply for Associate Membership at the time of registration.

Event Participation

4. The tournament events shall be handicap events and are as follows: Singles, Doubles and Team. Optional Scratch Masters Event 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 of any combination of men and women. Men and women will compete on an equal basis. Doubles partners must come from the same team.
6. Each Participant may bowl only once in each event.
7. Professional bowlers, defined as any person who has been a “card-carrying” member of a professional bowling organization within the past twelve months, shall be permitted to bowl the tournament as follows:
 - i. A professional bowler must be a current IGBO league or organizational member, with a minimum of 21 games as of the end of the 2018/2019 season, to be eligible to bowl the PSDIC tournament. A professional bowler that is listed as substitute bowler in an IGBO league, with a minimum of 21 games as of the end of the 2018/2019 season, is also eligible to bowl the PSDIC tournament.
 - ii. No more than one professional bowler in a four-player lineup.
 - iii. No more than one professional bowler in a two-player lineup.
 - iv. Each professional bowler shall be eligible to enter Singles, All Events and the Scratch Masters event.
 - v. Professional bowlers MUST identify themselves at the time of registration.
 - vi. In the event that a professional bowler does not provide proper identification prior to bowling, they will be disqualified from this tournament.
8. The director(s) shall hold the exclusive right to refuse or reject any entrant applications for any reason.

Awards and Prizes

9. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins **plus** assigned handicap for each event (with the exception of the Optional Scratch Masters).
10. Awards will be given in the Handicap Division for the best Single, Doubles, Team and Individual All Events. Individual All Events is defined as the nine (9) game total plus handicap of an individual bowler.
11. The award ratio for the handicap division shall be at a minimum of 1:10, with the exception of Individual All Events, which shall be at least 1:20.
12. 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 placing.



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Entering Averages

13. Any bowler entering PSDIC must have an established ten-pin average acceptable to USBC. The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average.

A. The 2018/2019 **USBC STANDARD COMPOSITE AVERAGE, including both winter and summer leagues**, with a minimum of 21 total games bowled. Note: Bowlers should include their current composite average at the time the entry form is submitted. The committee will check bowl.com for updated composite average prior to the tournament. **USBC Rule 319A-2 (10 Pin Rule) does not apply at this tournament. USBC Rule 319D (Reporting Prior Prize Winnings) does not apply at this tournament.**

B. If none of the above is available, the 2017/2018 **USBC STANDARD COMPOSITE AVERAGE, including both winter and summer leagues**, with a minimum of 21 total games bowled.

C. If a bowler's IGBO/TAD average, based on 21 or more games in the past 12 months, is one (1) pin or more higher than their submitted average from A or B above, then the IGBO/TAD average will apply. *Note: The TAD average dates are from October 22, 2018 through October 16, 2019, and will NOT include the 2018 PSDIC tournament scores.*

D. If none of the above is available, an entering average of 235 or greater (See Rule 319b) will be used.

E. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the 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. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.

F. If the USBC Standard Composite Average or TAD average is NOT available, then averages must be verified with one of the following documents and must be sent with the entry form.

- i. League sheet, signed and dated by a league Secretary;
- ii. Letter from the League President or Secretary;

G. Sport Bowling USBC Rule 201c will be applied. A bowler must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the USBC Average Adjustment Scale located on Bowl.com if this average is higher than their standard league average. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

14. The handicap for the tournament shall be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average (as determined above) and a scratch of 235. Negative handicaps shall NOT apply.

15. The tournament director(s) have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler or assign a provisional average pending verification (USBC rule 319e). Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to his/her first ball. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to an event refund.

Attendance and Substitutes

16. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling. Each bowler shall have the total responsibility to arrive in time to bowl. Mechanical failures, transportation irregularities, improper directions and related reasons DO NOT alter the application of Rules 18 and 19 below (USBC rules will apply).

17. 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 19). If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler or bowlers.



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18. 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.
19. Substitutes and replacement bowlers with an entering average of 235 or less are eligible to bowl at the discretion of the tournament director(s). Their entering average must comply with Rule 319. Substitutes must complete an entry form.
20. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice before the singles and doubles events, and two (2) practice balls on each lane for the team event.

Entry Requirements

21. Entries may be submitted by mail or online. Full payment of entry fees must accompany the entry form. For entries submitted online, full payment of entry fees must be postmarked (or paid via PayPal) within 7 days of entry submission. All entries must be submitted and entry fees paid by October 1, 2019. All money orders or checks must be made payable in U.S. funds to "Palm Springs Desert Invitational Classic". Online payment is available via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to use the secured payment method. Credit and Debit cards are accepted and processed through the PayPal website. Entries shall be limited to the maximum of 312 bowlers. Once the maximum has been reached, no additional entries will be accepted. The entry deadline is October 1, 2019. Entry acceptance will be based solely on the order in which they are received. Once an entry has been accepted, NO REFUNDS will be issued except as stated in Rule 314. Entries are to be mailed to:

Palm Springs Desert Invitational Classic
PO Box 4847
Palm Springs, CA 92263-4847

Additional fees are required to enter Scratch Masters and other optional events. These fees may be paid with the entry fee or at the time of check-in at the tournament. Any fees paid after October 1, 2019 must be by cash or PayPal (no checks).

22. Any entry changes, after Oct 1, 2019, with the exception of Average changes, will incur a \$10 change fee.
23. Partial team entries will be accepted; however, partial teams may not be assigned the requested squad. The tournament director(s) will make every effort to fill any vacancies.

Protests

24. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted in writing to a tournament director(s) or their appointed representative within two (2) hours of the error/dispute. The protesting bowler(s) or team and the tournament director(s) shall settle the dispute according to USBC Tournament rules.

General

25. Any person attending and requiring special needs MUST notify the tournament director(s) in writing by October 1, 2019.
26. Each team captain MUST sign the entry form acknowledging he/she has read the rules.
27. Each bowler shall be allowed one (1) re-rack/reset per game if they believe the setup is incorrect. Bowlers will not be charged with a re-rack in the case of missing or dropped pins.

Optional Scratch Masters

28. The Optional Scratch Masters, in conjunction with PSDIC 2019, is a mixed competition open to men and women.



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29. The tournament director may place a bowler into a higher division at their discretion. Any adjustment to this type will be made before the entrant bowls any Singles, Doubles or Team event and will be based upon verified average information.
30. The nine (9) game scratch total from the tournament is used to determine the eight (8) qualifiers and one (1) alternate for the competition. Scores do not carry over. In case of a tie for the 8th position, a one (1) game roll-off will determine the qualifier.
31. The eight (8) qualifiers in ALL divisions will bowl one (1) match game against the other seven (7) qualifiers and a final position match. The winner of each match will receive a 30-pin bonus added to his/her score. The loser will receive no bonus. In case of a tie, a 15-pin bonus is awarded to both bowlers. The top four (4) qualifiers after the eight (8) games will bowl a pro-style match play roll-off.
32. A lane schedule will be given to each bowler at the time of check-in, showing which lane each bowler is to bowl on for each of the seven (7) matches. The final match is determined by position.
33. In the event of a tie during the step-ladder finals, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will determine the winner.
34. The match game competition will begin at 8:30 am on Sunday, October 20, 2019. ALL Scratch Masters divisions will bowl at the scheduled time at Palm Springs Lanes.
35. Bowlers must check in no later than 8:00 a.m. Any bowlers not checked in by 8:15 am., will be replaced with alternates, forfeiting participation rights. NO EXCEPTIONS.
36. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice before the first match only. No open bowling will be allowed prior to the Scratch Masters event.
37. Any claims of error in the roll-off competition must be submitted before the start of the next match. In case of an error in the final match, any claims must be reported within one (1) hour after the end of the last match.
38. The Optional Scratch Masters payout will be 100% of the entry fees (less \$10 for lineage) paid by participants by division. The award ratio by division shall be at a minimum of 1 in 2 entries, with a maximum of 8 places paid in each division.
39. If fewer than 8 bowlers in Division B, C, or D sign up for Optional Scratch Masters, they will be given the option of having their fee refunded or moving up to the next higher division.



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Scratch Masters – Divisions and Fees

Division	Average	Fee *
A) Frank Sinatra	209+	\$60.00 *
B) Bob Hope	190-208	\$60.00 *
C) Lucille Ball	170-189	\$50.00 *
D) Dinah Shore	169 & under	\$50.00 *

* \$10 of each Scratch Masters entry fee will be used to pay for awards and lineage.
The remainder will be used for the Scratch Masters prize fund

ENTRY FEE DISBURSEMENT

Lineage	\$31.00
Prize Fund	\$55.00
Awards Party	\$28.00
Administrative Fee	\$4.25
IGBO Donation	\$0.75
Total Fee	\$119.00

2019 PSDIC FEES

Fee Type	Rates
Entry Fee	\$119.00
Scratch Masters - (See Fee Rates Above)	
Optional Scratch - (by Division)	\$20.00
Women's Optional	\$20.00
3 across 9 (Highest game from each event - Singles, Doubles, & Team)	\$10.00
Change Fee (After Oct 1, 2019- See rule 22)	\$10.00
Non-Participant Awards Party Fee	\$30.00