

CELEBRATING LIBERTY 36th CLEVELAND G.I.F.T. A USBC SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Cleveland GIFT will only accept registration and payment electronically. If there are extenuating circumstances, feel free to contact the Registration Co-Director, Rich Woodman, to make other arrangements. His contact information is as follows:

Richard Woodman, GIFT CO-Registration Director
Email: ClevelandGIFTRegistration@outlook.com
Phone: 440-479-9053

REGISTRATION

1. The online registration allows you to sign up as an individual, doubles team or team. If you sign up as a singleton or a doubles team, you will be matched with other(s) to form a doubles team and/or team. Team members will then come up with a team name. **YOU MUST PAY FOR EVERYONE YOU REGISTER. As a result, if you choose to register individually, indicate the team name, so we can link you up.**
2. The basic individual registration fee for Singles, Doubles, Team and the Tournament Banquet is **\$125**.
3. You will also have the opportunity during online registration to sign up for the following optional tournament events:
 - Optional Scratch (\$20)
 - Scratch Masters (\$20 -\$50 dependent upon division)
 - Seniors (55+)- \$10
 - Pre-Sale Rainbow Raffle Tickets (\$50 and \$100 quantities)
 - Cruise Tickets (only one ticket available per entrant): \$25 pre-sale
 - If you need additional tickets, you will be able to buy them off of the GIFT website (www.clevelandgift.org) in May or during registration check in on Friday night/Saturday morning.
4. You will also be able to buy a bowling supporter package for \$60. The package provides the non-bowler access to the hospitality suite and tournament banquet.
5. All of the optional events except the discounted pre-sale Rainbow Raffle Tickets will

be available for purchase during registration check-in on Friday night and Saturday morning. Additional events that are only available for purchase during registration check-in are:

- Mystery Score
- Strike Pot
- Darkhorse Doubles

6. Handicap and Scratch Brackets will be available prior to the doubles, team and single events. Bowling ball, cup and regular raffle tickets will be sold throughout the tournament events.

ONLINE REGISTRATION DIRECTIONS

1. The 2026 online registration form can be found at

<https://forms.gle/Mq97dD4EYYfiCJLW7>

or from the Registration Tab on the GIFT website at www.clevelandgift.org

2. In the first prompt, you are asked whether or not you have won a free entry. If you have won a free entry, the free entrant should have a code on the free entry form that verifies the authenticity of the free entry. That code number must be recorded on Unique Coupon Code prompt in order to receive financial credit for the free entry.
2. If you are registering a full team (4 entrants), we are asking you to come up with a team name for identification purposes.
3. Instructions for submitting Season (25-26) and IGBO tournament (25-26) averages can be found on Entering Average attachment accompanying this email. **Be aware that Cleveland GIFT will be using a 25-26 composite season average rather than a league highest average for determining the the GIFT tournament average.** The Entering Average attachment will explain the process for calculating a composite avg.
4. If you bowl in a USBC sanctioned league during the 2025-26 season, then you have a current USBC number. Put that number on the line that requests USBC number. If you do not have a USBC number, then put none and proceed.

PAYMENT

1. Once you have finished online registration process, you will be asked to submit your

entry form. Once it is submitted, you will be directed to the payment screen.

2. **The payment screen will show an invoice with all of the itemized events you have entered** according to your registration form and the fee associated with each item as well as the credit fee and total amount.
3. You will be invited by email to pay at that time with a credit card through PayPal.
4. If you do not pay within 24 hours, you will receive a second email asking for your payment. After that, you will only receive prompts from us if it is apparent that no payment has been made.
5. Once payment has been made, you will receive a receipt by email indicating that your payment has been made and received. Keep this receipt/email as a record of payment.

AVERAGE VERIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. Cleveland GIFT is required to verify entering averages for all bowlers.
2. Any entering GIFT bowler should have an established ten-pin composite average based on having bowled at least 21 games combined in a league(s) during the period from August 1, 2025 to March 28, 2026 (USBC season). If you bowl in more than one league, the composite average is the sum of the total pins bowled in all leagues divided by the number of games bowled. Include all of the total pins and games bowled in every league regardless of the number of games bowled in that league. Typically, www.bowl.com, the USBC website, provides us with verifiable league averages. Since most leagues are not quite done yet, the USBC averages for 2025-2026 are not uploaded by league secretaries in time for the registration directors to verify your entering average. Therefore, send a league sheet from the week of March 22-March 28, the league number for your league on League Secretary or bowl.com (online service) or the bowling house where your league sheet can be found online. Other issues regarding established average for entry into GIFT can be found in the Entering Averages attachment found in this email or on the GIFT website.
3. All documentation verifying your entering average should be electronically sent to the Registration Director, ClevelandGIFTRegistration@outlook.com, when you send in your entry form.

CONFIRMATION

1. Upon receipt of your completed entry form and full payment of fees, the registration directors will send a confirmation email to all team members for whom an email

address has been provided on the entry form. This initial email will be your notification that your registration and payment has been received. If no email has been provided, it is the team captain's responsibility to follow up with teammates about team status. Approximately one to two weeks prior to the opening of the tournament, final confirmation with the members of your team, doubles partner and confirmed tournament average will be sent to you. In addition, you will also receive the tournament schedule of events. We look forward to seeing you in June.