

Cleveland GIFT 2026 Scratch Masters sponsored by BowlersMart

- This event will occur on **Sunday, June 14**, following the conclusion of the Singles Event, allowing any bowlers that have registered for the event the opportunity to bowl in his/her division in a scratch environment for additional prize money.
- Scratch Masters is completely separate from, and in addition to the Optional Scratch side event. (Bowlers may enter either or both events.)
- The event will begin immediately after the appropriate lanes are redressed and it is estimated that the event will take approximately 3 hours from start to finish.
- **The payout will be 100%. The lineage will be paid by our friends at BowlersMart.**
- All qualifiers in each division will cash.
- The payout amount in each division will be determined based upon the number of entries per division.
- All prize monies will be included in normal tournament payout checks, within 30 days of completion of tournament
- Division breakdown and Entry Fees per division will be as follows:
 - **Division A - 0 - 149 -- \$20**
 - **Division B - 150 - 169 -- \$30**
 - **Division C - 170 - 189 -- \$35**
 - **Division D - 190 - 209 -- \$40**
 - **Division E - 210+ -- \$50**

Qualifying Criteria:

- **The Top 6 entrants from each division will qualify** based on their six (6) scratch scores from games in Saturday's Doubles and Team events.
- If there are less than 6 entrants in a division, all entrants in that division will qualify.
- Seeding will be based on the entrants' Scratch totals from the Doubles and Team events. In the event of a tie, tie breakers will occur in the following order to determine the higher seeded qualifier:
 1. High Scratch Series from Doubles Event
 2. High Scratch Series from Team Event
 3. High Scratch Game from Doubles Event
 4. High Scratch Game from Team Event
 5. Two (2) frame roll-off

Event Format:

- **A "Step Ladder" Format will be used** (Similar to PBA on TV):
 - 6th and 5th seeds will be granted a 5-minute warm up on their scheduled pairs of lanes.
 - Higher seed will choose who will start the match.
 - Starting bowler will ALWAYS start on the left lane and complete 1 frame.
 - Second bowler will then bowl two (2) frames, frame 1 on the right lane, frame 2 on the left lane.
 - Bowlers will continue to bowl two (2) frames each, alternating lanes until completion of match.
 - First bowler will finish on the right lane, second bowler will finish on the left lane.

- Winner of Match 1 will continue to bowl the 4th seed.
- Winner of that match will bowl the 3rd seed.
- Winner of that match will bowl the 2nd seed.
- Winner of that match will bowl the 1st seed.
- At the beginning of each match (after the first match), bowlers will be given the opportunity to throw two (2) practice balls per lane.
- In the event of a tie, a two (2) frame roll-off will be used to determine the winner using the above format (Higher seed will determine who starts).
- During the event, bowlers in each division will be separated by a minimum of one pair of lanes to ensure minimal distraction while bowling.
- Four (4) lanes will be available on which qualifiers may practice while waiting to bowl.

Any situations that may arise during the Cleveland GIFT 2026 Scratch Masters sponsored by BowlersMart that are not specifically addressed above will be resolved by the members of the Cleveland GIFT 2026 Committee.