

Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. The 2026 GIFT Tournament is an invitational tournament and the tournament's governing body has the right to deny entry to any individual for any reason.
2. This tournament will be a United States Bowling Congress (USBC) sanctioned tournament. In order to be eligible for USBC awards and recognition, a bowler must hold a current season USBC membership card. It is the responsibility of each bowler to purchase this membership directly from USBC (via bowl.com) if desired. GIFT will pay the participation fee for a non-sanctioned bowler bowling in a USBC tournament, but you are not eligible for any awards from USBC without a full USBC membership.
3. USBC rules shall apply to matters not explicitly covered in these tournament rules.
4. This tournament shall consist of four events: Singles, Doubles, Team and Individual All Events.
5. The number of games per event (Singles, Double and Team) shall be three.
6. The team shall consist of four bowlers.
7. Each entrant may compete only once in each event.
8. Men and women shall compete on an equal basis.
9. Each registration must be accompanied by payment in full. All registration and fee payments will be done electronically. Payment can be made with credit card through PayPal. Venmo can be used at in-person registration when registering for other events. Once an entry is accepted, there will be no refunds unless there are extenuating circumstances found acceptable by the tournament committee. **Withdrawal from the tournament during the week prior to the beginning of the tournament is highly discouraged. If you withdraw, it is primarily your responsibility to find a replacement and reconcile finances between you and your replacement.**
 - a. **The tournament committee will create a wait list from which substitutions may be found, but it is no guarantee.**
 - b. **If a team or doubles team is unable to replace a bowler, the spot that was vacated by the absentee bowler will be listed as absent, and the duo or team will take a '0' for scoring purposes in each game(s) the absentee was missing,**Directions regarding the registration process can be found in the registration instruction attachment or within the document itself.
10. If you are registering as a team or doubles duo, the first entrant on the registration form will be required to pay for all of the events the registrants have chosen to participate in when you electronically submit the completed registration form. In other words, the individual filling out the form should place themselves first on the registration form regardless of your bowling position on the team if you intend to pay for all the registrants. If the primary registrant does not want to take financial responsibility for all of the members of their team, then those individuals must register separately and note the team they are bowling on. A prospective team, duo (doubles) or individual will not be officially registered until all members of the team, duo or individual have officially been registered, paid and verified.
11. Substitution will be allowed at the Director's discretion.
12. Claims of errors in scoring must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee within one hour of the completion of bowling on the day of the alleged error. In all matters of dispute, the Director's decision is final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule 329.
13. Late bowlers will start bowling in the current frame upon arrival. Prior frames shall be scored zero.
14. Bowler check-in time shall begin one hour prior to the start of bowling each day.

15. All prize monies collected will be returned in full.

16. NOTICE: Music may be played during all bowling sessions.

