



## 1) Certification

- a. The Missouri and Kansas Invitational Tournament (“MAKIT”) is certified through the United States Bowling Congress (“USBC”) and is affiliated with the International Gay Bowling Organization (“IGBO”).
- b. All participants are subject to USBC rules and jurisdiction for the tournament.
- c. All participants must be members of USBC and are required to provide proof of membership at tournament check-in. If a participant is not a member of USBC, he/she/they must pay the current USBC participation fee.
- d. All participants must be a member of IGBO. Non-IGBO members must become an IGBO Associate Member and pay the appropriate Associate membership fee.

## 2) Event Participation

- a. MAKIT is a mixed handicap competition open to men and women by invitation only.
- b. Tournament events shall be handicapped and are as follows: Singles, Doubles and Team.
- c. Each participant shall bowl 3 games per event and must enter all three (3) events. Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of men and women. Men and women will compete on an equal basis.
- d. Each participant may only bowl once in each event.
- e. Only one (1) professional bowler per team will be allowed. A professional bowler is defined as any person who has been a card-carrying member of a professional bowling association (PBA or PWBA) within the past twelve months preceding the MAKIT.
- f. Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters will also be offered to all participants.

## 3) Optional Events

- a. MAKIT will offer optional events, including Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters, to all participants. All optional event entries will be accepted only up to the beginning of the first scheduled bowling shift.
- b. There will be five (5) divisions of competition in Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters events:
  - i. Division A: 206 and above
  - ii. Division B: 190 – 205
  - iii. Division C: 175 – 189
  - iv. Division D: 160 – 174
  - v. Division E: 159 and below
- c. The Optional Scratch events shall use the scratch scores from the regular events (Singles, Doubles, and Team) to determine winners by division.
- d. Optional Scratch will be separated by three categories:
  - i. High Scratch Game (from any of the regular events), High Scratch Series (based on a 3-game series), High Scratch All-Events (based on the total from all 9 games)
  - ii. A bowler may not win more than once in the special awards category.
- e. Scratch Masters details are outlined in section 12 of these rules.



### 4) **Entry Requirements**

- a. MAKIT is limited to the first 192 entries that are received with payment. Tournament Directors reserve the right to refuse entry for any individual into the tournament.
- b. All participants are responsible for paying applicable entry fees prior to the start of the tournament. The non-refundable entry fee shall be \$125. The Committee reserves the right to apply a discount to bowlers that pay the entry fee in full by May 15, 2024.
- c. All entries are to be submitted online at [www.makitkc.org](http://www.makitkc.org); and online entries must be submitted by July 10, 2024.
- d. Online registration does not guarantee paid entry. Once you have filled out your registration, you will need to formally submit your payment. Entry into the tournament is not complete until payment is received. Additional fees apply for optional events, including Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters.
- e. Entry acceptance is based on the order in which it is received and paid. Entry refunds will only be issued at the Tournament Director's discretion.
- f. Partial team entries will be accepted, and the tournament management will make every effort to fill the vacancies.

### 5) **Non-Participant Attendees**

- a. Non-participant fee is \$45 per person. The non-participant fee will go towards supporting the banquet/ awards ceremony.
- b. The Committee reserves the right to apply a discount to bowlers that pay the non-participant fee in full by May 15, 2024.

### 6) **Entering Averages**

- a. All bowlers entering the tournament must use a ten-pin average acceptable to USBC. The following rules are used to determine entering average:
  - i. The highest 2023 – 2024 book average with a minimum 21 games.
  - ii. If (i) is not available, use the highest sanctioned 2023 summer league average with minimum 21 games.
  - iii. If (ii) is not available, use the 2022 – 2023 book average, minimum 21 games.
  - iv. If (iii) is not available, use the 2021 – 2022 book average, minimum 21 games.
  - v. If (iv) is not available, an IGBO member with a tournament average, minimum 21 games, based on tournaments bowled between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
  - vi. If none of the scenarios above are applicable, then the entering average shall be 230 (USBC rule 319E).
  - vii. Bowling averages from Sport Condition, Youth, or Collegiate are not permitted.
- b. Handicap for MAKIT is based on a 90% difference of a bowler's entering average and 230. Negative handicaps will not apply.



- c. The above averages **MUST** be verified using:
  - i. League standing sheet, signed, and dated by League Officer, or
  - ii. Letter from League President or Secretary, or
  - iii. Photocopy of book average (with year noted), signed, and dated by League Officer if not available on bowl.com, TAD (igbo.org), or leaguesecretary.com
- d. USBC rules regarding the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their entering average prior to the start of the tournament, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or any other individual, applies to all bowlers. Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Event placement and/or prize winnings shall be based on the higher average should the submitted average prove to be higher than the bowler's actual average.

### 7) Average Adjustments

- a. If a bowler has a current IGBO tournament average (comprised of a minimum of 21 games bowled between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024) that is 5 or more pins higher than their entering average (as outlined in Rule 16), they must use the higher tournament average as their entering average.
- b. Any bowler who has qualified for a cash prize of three hundred dollars (\$600 US) or more in any single event **MUST** report all positions, all amounts won and all scores for the previous 12-month period to the Tournament Directors no later than at the time of registration for possible re-rating. Such re-rating must be done before the entrant bowls (in compliance with IGBO and USBC rules). Failure to report this information shall result in AUTOMATIC disqualification and the loss of all winnings. No refunds will be issued for bowlers disqualified.
- c. The tournament management has the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler. Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to the start of each event. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a full refund for that event.

### 8) Attendance and Substitutions

- a. 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 21 and 22 below (USBC rules will apply). Tournament offered transportation and catastrophic events will be subject to Tournament Management discretion.
- b. 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 23). If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler or bowlers.



- c. 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.
- d. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the tournament management. Their entering average must comply with the rules previously stated.
- e. Bowlers will be allowed 10 minutes of practice for Singles and Team events.

### 9) Scoring Errors

- a. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless an obvious error in scoring or calculation has occurred.
- b. Obvious errors must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon discovery.
- c. USBC Rule 328 applies.

### 10) Prize Fund

- a. Handicap entries for all cash awards shall be based on total pins plus handicap for each event, except for the Optional Scratch event, which will be based on scratch score for each division.
- b. Fees for Optional Scratch event will remain 100% in each event.
- c. A tie in any position will result in equal division of prizes. Prize fund will be based upon 100% participation. USBC rule 311 will apply.
- d. Each event will have its own prize list, with a payout ratio of 1:8 for Singles, Doubles, and Team; All-Events will be based on a ratio of 1:20.
- e. Optional scratch events will be based on a ratio of 1:20.
- f. Prize money will be distributed via check payable in U.S. currency within 30 days of the completion of the tournament, pending any protests. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied position and divided equally by the number of ties for that placing. Prize funds will be based on 100% participation.

### 11) Miscellaneous

- a. All other USBC rules will apply.
- b. Participants authorize Missouri and Kansas Invitational Tournament to distribute, copy, post names and standing sheets on the Missouri and Kansas Invitational Tournament, Facebook and IGBO websites. Payment and participation is proof of authorization. Participants hold Missouri and Kansas Invitational Tournament harmless of this distribution.
- c. Lanes will be oiled before the start of singles and team shifts. The lanes will not be re-oiled for the doubles event.
- d. By registering and participating in the Missouri and Kansas Invitational Tournament - Kansas City (MAKITKC), I agree to grant to MAKITKC and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote MAKITKC, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.



## 12) Scratch Masters

- a. This is an optional event and competition separate from MAKIT.
- b. Participation is open to both men and women who have competed in MAKIT.
- c. The MAKIT committee determines the number of divisions and average ranges thereof to be used in each year's tournament as well as the entry fee(s), which may vary by division. Average divisions for this year's tournament are as follows:
  - i. Division A: 206 and above
  - ii. Division B: 190 – 205
  - iii. Division C: 175 – 189
  - iv. Division D: 160 – 174
  - v. Division E: 159 and below
- d. Entry fee for Scratch Masters for all divisions will be \$40, and 100% of the entry fees collected (less lineage expenses) are returned as prize money within each division.
- e. Entrants use the combined scratch scores bowled in their Singles and Doubles event to determine the top six (6) qualifiers and one (1) alternate for each division.
  - i. Qualifying scores will not roll over to Scratch Masters play.
  - ii. In case of a tie for 6<sup>th</sup> place, the scratch score from the first game of team competition will break the tie. In the event a tie still exists, we will go to the second and/or third game if necessary. If bowlers are still tied after team competition, a one game roll off will take place to determine the 6<sup>th</sup> bowler.
- f. Scratch Masters will be on Sunday, following the conclusion of the Team event.
  - i. Qualifiers MUST check-in at 12:15 p.m. or your spot will be released to the alternate. The scratch master's event will begin at 12:30 p.m.
  - ii. Qualifiers will bowl a three (3) game series, after which the top four (4 bowlers) will enter in a single elimination bracket. Qualifier #4 will bowl Qualifier #3 in Game 1. The winner of Game 1 will bowl Qualifier #2 in Game 2. The winner of Game 2 will bowl Qualifier #1 in Game 3.
  - iii. All games in a division will be bowled on designated lanes. Bowlers will have two balls per lane before the start of the first match. If any game ends in a tie, then a two frame roll off will be bowled. In the case of no winner after 3 roll offs, there will be a sudden death roll off. The person with the highest pin count will be declared the winner.
  - iv. A lane schedule will be given to each division prior to the start of the competition. The bowlers are responsible for checking if they have qualified. Sheets will be posted at the bowling center and on the MAKIT KC Missouri & Kansas Invitational Tournament Facebook page.
  - v. Separate prize-funds will be created for each division and will comprise 100% of entry fees collected (less lineage) for each respective division plus any such additional funds the tournament committee may wish to contribute.