



## **BOWLING TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **DIVISIONS:**

- League – levels A, B, C, D, and E
- Social

**League division** is open to bowlers with **two years of verified averages** established via play in a regular league or tournament at 31/05/2018, with a minimum of 21 games per year. Such leagues or tournaments shall not necessarily be sanctioned but shall have kept verifiable records of all bowlers participating therein, their scores and number of games played (see § TOURNAMENT ENTERING AVERAGES).

Your division (A, B, C, D or E) will be determined from your average:

AVERAGE DIVISIONS	Singles (men)	Singles (women)	Doubles (men)	Doubles (women)	Teams (4 persons) (mixed)	Teams (4 persons) (women)
A	200+	180+	400+	360+	800+	720+
B	180-199	160-179	360-399	330-359	720-799	660-719
C	160-179	140-159	320-359	300-329	630-719	600-659
D	140-159	120-139	280-319	270-299	540-629	540-599
E	0-139	0-119	0-279	0-269	0-539	0-539

**WARNING:** For **Women Team competition**, if there is not at least 10 registered teams in an average division or in Social division, and as a consequence at least 5 teams in Final, In that division, the team competition will be played in the mixed format (Women, Men, Mixed men and women) and the teams of Women that registered will be integrated to the Mixed competition.

### **Social Division:**

Players without an average do not qualify for the League Division. These players participate in the **Social Division, in the same format: Singles (men and women), Doubles (Men and Women), 4 persons teams (Women, Mixed men and women).** (see **WARNING** above)

### **TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:**

- Doubles events consist of two men or two-women teams.
- Team events consist of four-persons women teams or four persons mixed teams

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(see **WARNING** above).

- Participants registered for the Social Division may not enter the League Division in any Bowling event and vice-versa.
- The PARIS 2018 Gay Games 10 bowling tournament management has the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler.
- Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under World Bowling rules.
- All average adjustments will be completed prior to the start of each event.
- A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment will be disqualified from the tournament.
- BOWLER has the responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her entering average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or other.
- Failure to use proper average shall disqualify scores if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification.

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- The Bowling tournament shall be governed and conducted under the rules of the World Bowling. The bowling tournament will be **supported by the French Bowling Federation (FFBSQ)**, its regional affiliate, full-member bodies of the World Bowling, and International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO)
- The federal referees following the event have full authority to preserve fairness and integrity of sport: they could deny access to the lanes to every bowler who appeared to be under influence of alcohol or narcotic; they could expel a coach whose actions could disturb games. Only one (1) coach per double or team of 4 will be allowed in the game area; none for singles.
- Bowling events are a standard ten-pin format only.
- Changes in any rules will be posted to this website within one (1) month before the scheduled competition.
- For the Singles, Doubles and Team events, there are three rounds of competition:
  - **Preliminary rounds: Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Semi-Final rounds: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Final Medal rounds: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> afternoon to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> afternoon**
- The tournament will be played in a **dual lane style** (see art 2.2.1 World Bowling rules)
- The scores will be **scratch** (no Handicap).
- For all ranking during the competition, equality for qualification will be separate with the best last game, then second to last if equality remain, etc.

### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND SEMI FINALS:

- Preliminary rounds and Semi-Final rounds of competition for the Singles and Doubles have three (3) games per round.
- Preliminary rounds and semi-final rounds for the team competition have three (3) games per round

Lane dressing will change every 3 rounds for singles and doubles, every 2 rounds for 4 bowlers' team and at least every 24 games played by lane

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The Top 50% scores of the preliminary rounds in each of the Divisions in the Singles, Doubles and Team events will advance to the Semi-Final rounds.

### FINAL ROUNDS per Division (A, B, C, D, E, Social) :

- Qualification scores will be kept: Ranking will consist of 6 games for singles and doubles, and 6 games for 4 persons teams
- **The Top 6 scores of the Semi-Final rounds in each of the Divisions in the Singles** events will advance to the Final Medal rounds. Every player will play 5 games according to the round robin system (one game against every player qualified per division); a bonus of 30 pins per winning match will be applied, 15 pins if equals.
- **The Top 5 scores of the Semi-Final rounds in each of the Divisions in the Doubles event** will advance to the Final Medal rounds: A one (1) game roll-off final will be played (5<sup>th</sup> against 4<sup>th</sup>, winner against 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.). If the double qualified at the 1<sup>st</sup> place after semi finals loses its game, the double will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance; If the double wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, It is the best pins total of the 2 games together which will define the winner, then the smaller difference between the 2 games, if necessary.
- **The Top 5 scores of the Semi-Final rounds in each of the Divisions in the Teams event** will advance to the Final Medal rounds; A one (1) game roll-off final will be played (5<sup>th</sup> against 4<sup>th</sup>, winner against 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.). If the team qualified at the 1<sup>st</sup> place after semi finals loses its game, the team will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance; If the team wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, It is the best pins total of the 2 games together which will define the winner, then the smaller difference between the 2 games, if necessary.
- Each player in the top three in each of the Divisions in the Singles, Doubles and Teams events will receive a medal.
- *Ties in scores decisive for either position 1 to 3 will be broken by allowing each player involved in the tie to play a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.*
- *The team with the highest accumulated score will be the winner of the tie.*
- *The line-up of both teams must be similar to the line-ups in the last game of the event.*
- *A draw will decide on which lane in the pair the Roll Off will be played, and another draw will decide which team shall start. When the Roll Off includes more than one player, players of the competing teams shall alternate after each shot.*
- *In case of a further tie, the procedure will be repeated on the second lane of the pair and the order of teams to start will be opposite to the first roll off. This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.*
- *A warm up pair shall be provided for both teams involved. The warm up time shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Prior to the Roll Off, each player involved will be allowed one shot per lane on the lane pair in use.*

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### TOURNAMENT ENTERING AVERAGES:

Any bowler entering the PARIS 2018 Gay Games 10 Bowling Tournament must establish a ten-pin average acceptable to The Federation of Gay Games and the PARIS 2018 Gay Games 10 Bowling Committee.

The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average for the "League Division":

a) The bowler is required to submit the **highest** average of:

1. A current League average which is sanctioned by the World Bowling or by one of its affiliated, national, full-member bodies, based on a minimum of 21 games over one full year as of:
  - 31 May 2018 close of year (for bowlers in North and Central America where a League bowls over a 'split' full year)
  - 1st December 2017 close of year (for bowlers outside of North and Central America where a League bowls over a 'calendar' full year),

or

2. A current Tournament average based on a minimum of 18 games as of 31 May 2018 where a league bowler has competed in organized external tournaments (such as an IGBO tournament, a State or National sponsored tournament or bowling center-organized sanctioned tournament),

or

3. A Composite average of all leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled,

or

4. If none available, a league average (minimum 21 games) as of 31 May 2017 will be accepted.

b) When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 1 pin or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.

c) If none of the above is available, then the bowler must enter the "Social Division".

d) The above averages MUST be verified by the use of:

1. League standing sheet detailing the individual's name and average, signed and dated by League Officer, or
2. Letter from League President or Secretary, or
3. Photocopy of book average (with year noted), signed and dated by League Officer.
4. Verification of 2017-2018 book averages from a World Bowling's affiliated, national, full-member bodies.

e) Averages from "Sports Condition" leagues are not acceptable at any time.

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### **AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT:**

If a bowler has a minimum 18 tournament game average that is one or more pins higher than their entering average for this tournament, they must use the higher tournament average.

The PARIS 2018 Gay Games 10 Bowling Committee reserves the right to verify Tournament averages through such tools as the IGBO TAD (Tournament Average Database), [BOWL.COM](http://BOWL.COM) or other similar Tournament average facilities.

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