



MIDTOWN INVITATIONAL

2009



Easter Weekend - April 10 - 12, 2009
Midtown Bowl - Atlanta, GA

\$1,000 Guaranteed First Place Prizes
Each Person - Each Event
Entry Fee: \$69

Optional Events
Optional Scratch
Women's Scratch
Handicap & Scratch
Brackets

4-Person Teams / Doubles
Singles - 4 Divisions
Men & Women - Classified & Unclassified
(Average 180 & below / 181 & above)
Each Division Paid Separately
Thursday Evening Sweeper
RAH Pro Shop **Scratch Masters** Sunday

RAH Pro Shop
Scratch Masters
3 Divisions
100% Payout
and Ebonite Balls

Closing Date for Entries - March 31, 2009 - Limited to 56 Teams
Contact us at MidtownTournament@hotmail.com

SHIFT PREFERENCE

A TEAM 5 PM FRIDAY / SINGLES & DOUBLES 10 AM SATURDAY

B TEAM 5 PM SATURDAY / SINGLES & DOUBLES 10 AM FRIDAY

DOUBLES PAIR – A-1		ADDRESS (INCLUDE ZIP/POSTAL CODE)		AVERAGE – SEE RULE #14	
NAME				CURRENT AVERAGE (AS OF 1/1/09): <input type="text"/>	
TEAM LINEUP POSITION (1-4):		EMAIL		YEAR BOOK (HIGHER OF: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				07/08, 06/07, 05/06)	
<input type="checkbox"/> TEAM CAPTAIN		PHONE ()	USBC#		

DOUBLES PAIR – A-2		ADDRESS (INCLUDE ZIP/POSTAL CODE)		AVERAGE – SEE RULE #14	
NAME				CURRENT AVERAGE (AS OF 1/1/09): <input type="text"/>	
TEAM LINEUP POSITION (1-4):		EMAIL		YEAR BOOK (HIGHER OF: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				07/08, 06/07, 05/06)	
<input type="checkbox"/> TEAM CAPTAIN		PHONE ()	USBC#		

DOUBLES PAIR – B-1		ADDRESS (INCLUDE ZIP/POSTAL CODE)		AVERAGE – SEE RULE #14	
NAME				CURRENT AVERAGE (AS OF 1/1/09): <input type="text"/>	
TEAM LINEUP POSITION (1-4):		EMAIL		YEAR BOOK (HIGHER OF: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				07/08, 06/07, 05/06)	
<input type="checkbox"/> TEAM CAPTAIN		PHONE ()	USBC#		

DOUBLES PAIR – B-2		ADDRESS (INCLUDE ZIP/POSTAL CODE)		AVERAGE – SEE RULE #14	
NAME				CURRENT AVERAGE (AS OF 1/1/09): <input type="text"/>	
TEAM LINEUP POSITION (1-4):		EMAIL		YEAR BOOK (HIGHER OF: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				07/08, 06/07, 05/06)	
<input type="checkbox"/> TEAM CAPTAIN		PHONE ()	USBC#		

	FEE	BOWLER A-1	BOWLER A-2	BOWLER B-1	BOWLER B-2
ENTRY FEE (POSTMARKED BY MAR. 13, 2009)	\$69.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00
LATE FEE (AFTER MAR 13, 2009)	10.00				
OPTIONAL SCRATCH (MEN & WOMEN)	40.00				
WOMEN'S OPTIONAL SCRATCH	25.00				
THURSDAY NIGHT SWEEPER	25.00				
SCRATCH MASTERS*	VARIES				
TOTAL FOR EACH BOWLER					

TOTAL SUBMITTED

\$

CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: "MIDTOWN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT"
 P.O. Box 15095
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30333

*SCRATCH MASTERS ENTRY FEES: DIV A: (195 & ABOVE) \$50, DIV B (161-194) \$40, DIV C (160 & BELOW) \$30

TOURNAMENT RULES

Sanctioning

1. The 2009 Midtown Invitational Tournament (MIT) is a USBC certified tournament. Unless otherwise stipulated in these rules, participants are subject to USBC rules and jurisdiction for the event. The tournament is a handicap competition open to men and women by invitation only.
2. All bowling will take place at Midtown Bowl which is located at 1936 Piedmont Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30324. (404-874-5703)
3. Each participant must be a current member of USBC in good standing and be able to provide proof of membership (current membership card or signed statement from league secretary verifying membership).

Event Participation

4. The tournament consists of three handicap events: Singles, Doubles and Team.
5. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three events. Teams will consist of four (4) members composed of any combination of men and women; doubles partners must come from the same team. Men and women will compete on an equal basis except for the singles event (described below).
6. Each participant may bowl only once in each event (re-entries not allowed).
7. **Professional bowlers:** For the purposes of determining eligibility to bowl in MIT, any person who presently carries or has been a "card-carrying" member of a professional bowling organization within the twelve (12) months preceding MIT is considered a "professional bowler".
Professional bowlers may participate in MIT but team and doubles pairs may not include more than one professional bowler.

Divisions

8. For the purposes of determining winners and awarding prizes for the singles event only, bowlers will be divided into categories based on average and gender:
 - a. Women with averages of 180 and below
 - b. Women with averages of 181 or greater
 - c. Men with averages of 180 and below
 - d. Men with averages of 181 or greater

Awards and Prizes

9. Except for scratch events, all cash awards shall be based on total pin fall plus handicap.
10. Awards will be given for Team, Doubles and Singles events. The Singles event will include awards for each of the four categories described in rule 8 "Divisions" above.
11. ***MIT guarantees a first place award of \$1,000 to each individual in each singles category as well as each event – regardless of the number of participants.***
12. Except for scratch masters contests, in the event of a tie in any position, the awards for the tied positions will be combined and equally divided between the tied individuals, pairs, or teams.
13. Awards for the optional scratch event will be based on the number of entries received in each average category. 100% of the fees collected for each division will be paid out to those division contestants. (Payout Ratio: 1 in 8)
 - The prize fund portion of each entry fee will be apportioned equally between the team event (1/3), doubles event (1/3), and the applicant's singles category prize fund (1/3). Prize ratio will be at least 1 in 8.
 - MIT will make every effort to mail prizes within seven days of the close of the tournament.

Entering Averages

14. Bowlers must have an established USBC ten-pin average. Except as modified below the following portions of USBC rule 319 apply: (a), (b) and (c)
All averages must be based on a minimum of 36 games.

The following rules will determine entering average:

- a. The higher of a bowler's highest 2007-2008 book average and highest current league average as of January 1, 2009.
 - b. If no 2007-2008 book average or current league average, the highest final 2008 summer average.
 - c. If none of the above, the highest 2006-2007 book average.
 - d. If none of the above, an entering average of 220 (men and women) will be used.
 - e. If any book average in any of the two preceding seasons (2005/2006, 2006/2007) is 10 or more pins higher than any of the above, the higher average shall be used.
 - f. "Sport" conditions averages and sport-condition adjusted averages are not acceptable.
- Tournament director(s) may adjust the average of any bowler prior to the start of bowling. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment may withdraw from the tournament and receive a refund. Incorrect averages must be corrected before a bowler begins his/her first event.
15. ***Averages must be verified by one of the following.***
 - a. League standing sheet signed and dated by a league officer or,
 - b. Letter from the league president or secretary, or
 - c. Photocopy of the book average with year noted and signed by a league officer.USBC book averages from previous seasons can be obtained at: <http://members.bowl.com/SearchUSBC/SearchMembers.aspx>
 16. Handicap shall be based on 80% of the difference between entering average and 220. Negative handicap will not be used.

Entries

17. AVERAGE VERIFICATION INFORMATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM. Failure to use the proper average or correct the average before bowling shall, at the discretion of the tournament directors, be cause for disqualification from all events.
18. MIT will accept a maximum of fifty-six (56) four-person teams (224 bowlers). An application will be deemed acceptable only if it includes all required bowler information, average verification information, full payment and is postmarked no later than March 31, 2009.
Applications postmarked after March 13, 2009 will incur a late penalty of \$10 per bowler.
19. Partial team entries will be accepted; the tournament directors will attempt to fill vacancies.
20. Only certified checks and money orders will be accepted. Make checks payable to "Midtown Invitational Tournament".
21. Entries must be mailed to:

Midtown Invitational Tournament
PO Box 15095
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Entry Fee breakdown:

Lineage:	\$18.45
Administration:	3.00
Prize Fund:	<u>47.55</u>
	\$69.00

Prize fund fees and fund-raising proceeds are **additions** to the guaranteed prize fund

Late Bowlers, Substitutes and Vacancies

22. Late bowlers begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready to bowl. Missed frames are scored as zero. Late bowlers will not be permitted to throw practice balls.
23. Missing team and doubles bowlers may be replaced by an authorized substitute (see rule #24). If no substitute is available, a zero score is used for the missing bowler(s).
24. Substitutes may bowl at the director's discretion. Entry requirements, including average verification apply to substitutes. No substitutes will be entered in the singles events after the series has started.

TOURNAMENT RULES - CONTINUED

Optional Scratch Masters

- 25. The optional scratch masters event is a mixed competition open to all MIT participants.
- 26. The top 8 bowlers in each division will be paid 100% of the scratch masters entry fees collected from participants in that division.
- 27. The nine game scratch total of the singles, doubles and team events in each of the three divisions (see below) will be used to determine eight qualifiers. In the case of a tie for the 8th, the bowler with the highest scratch three-game series advances.
- 28. The eight qualifiers in each division will bowl one match against each of the other seven qualifiers and a final position match. The winner of each match is awarded a 30-pin bonus. The loser will receive zero bonus points. In case of a tie, a 15-pin bonus is awarded to both bowlers.

The bowlers in the top four positions following the qualification rounds will bowl a stepladder format (4th plays 3rd, the winner of which plays 2nd, the winner of which plays 1st). In the event of a tie in the stepladder contests, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off which will be repeated as needed until a winner is determined. (Scores and points from qualification rounds do not carry over.)

Division	Average
A	195 and above
B	161 through 194
C	160 and below

- 29. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies arising from or relating thereto, fire, natural disaster or any other emergency situations beyond the control of MIT shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

Bowling Center
Midtown Bowl
 1936 Piedmont Cr NE
 Atlanta, GA 30324
 404-874-5703

www.MidtownBowl.com

Tournament Shifts

Shift A:

Team - 5 pm Friday
 Singles/Doubles - 10 am Saturday

Shift B:

Team - 5 pm Saturday
 Singles/Doubles - 10 am Friday

RAH Pro Shop Scratch Masters: Sunday 9 am

Best 3 of 4 Games Sweeper* with optional contests
 Registration Thursday (April 9) at 8pm – Bowling begins at 8:30



1975 North Druid Hills Rd
 Atlanta, GA 30329
 404-320-6600
 800-592-0569

*Mention **Midtown Invitational Tournament** for special reservation rates (single or double).*

Hampton Inn: \$75/night (plus tax) – includes Breakfast Buffet

DoubleTree Hotel: \$79/night (plus tax)

Free Parking at both locations
 Both locations less than 3 miles from the center



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 Atlanta, GA 30329
 404-321-4174
 800-592-0571

*Sweeper is open to anyone (using tournament entry average rules). Tournament participants may pre-register via the tournament application.