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EVENTS

TEAM (4 Person Unisex):

Open Division: Combined team average of 760 & over
"A" Division: Combined team average of 680 - 759
"B" Division: Combined team average of 679 & under

DOUBLES (2 Bowlers) will be held in the following Skill categories:

Unisex Open:	Combined team average of 380 & over
Men's "A" Division:	Combined team average of 340 - 379
Men's "B" Division:	Combined team average of 339 & under
Women's "A" Division:	Combined team average of 340 -379
Women's "B" Division:	Combined team average of 339 & under
Mixed "A" Division Doubles:	Combined team average of 340 & over
Mixed "B" Division Doubles:	Combined team average of 339 & under

Note: A competitor may only enter ONE Doubles event. They may not enter Men's/Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

SINGLES & "ALL EVENTS" will be held in the following Skill categories:

For Bowlers 18 years & over:

Unisex Open (Skill) Division:	Average 190 & over
Men's "A" Division:	Average 170 - 189
Men's "B" Division:	Average 169 & under
Women's "A" Division:	Average 170 - 189
Women's "B" Division:	Average 169 & under

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For Bowlers 50 years & over (Unisex):

Grand Master: Open (Skill) Division; Average 190 & over
Grand Master: "A" Division; Average 170 - 189
Grand Master: "B" Division; Average 169 & under

There are no Grand Master age categories in the Team and Doubles events. Grand Master competitors must enter Doubles and Team events in the specific Men's/Women's Division their average dictates, or Doubles/Team combining rules specify. A Grand Master may bowl in "Grand Master" or "Open" age events in Singles and "All Events", but not both.

ROLL-OFF is a separate event. It is held after all flights are completed and is comprised of the top 5 bowlers in "All Events" regardless of division or sex.

BRACKETING / SCHEDULING

Bowlers will be scheduled to bowl only one event each day. (Exception: a bowler may request to bowl Doubles and Singles in one day to avoid scheduling conflicts with other events. The Bowling Coordinator may grant that request if it does not pose any scheduling problems in Bowling.)

Teams are comprised of 4 bowlers. Four bowlers "must" enter Team event.

If a Team bowler or Doubles bowler is late or unable to show, the bowlers present may bowl. A score of zero (0) will be taken for each frame the absent bowler misses. No other blind scores will be used. (This will allow bowlers to have a chance in "All Events" when their team member doesn't show. There may also be the opportunity to have a substitute bowler selected from the pool; see *General Rules*.)

After scheduling is completed, each competitor must be notified of the starting time using a confirmation letter provided by your coordinator or the WPFGB.

Unless there are major problems with facilities, Bowling is a 3 day event.

Singles will not be scheduled in the morning and afternoon. This applies to Doubles also. (Everyone will bowl Doubles and Singles under similar lane conditions.)

The schedule is:

Morning Session:	Afternoon Session:
Singles (Open, A & B) < Day 1 >	Doubles (Open, A & B)
Singles (Open, A & B) < Day 2 >	Doubles (Open, A & B)
Team (Open, A & B) < Day 3 >	Team (Open, A & B)

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Recommended Squad Times:

Morning Session Check-in: 0700
Competition starts at 0800

Afternoon Session Check-in: 1200
Competition starts at 1300

No practice is allowed after lanes are conditioned for tournament play or between squads. Exception: a minimum of 5 minutes of practice should be allowed immediately prior to the start of each squad.

"B" Division is not to be scheduled to bowl on the same pair of lanes with "A" Division or "Open" Division. "A" Division is not to be scheduled to bowl on the same pair of lanes with "Open" Division.

The Roll-Off will be scheduled after the last flight.

Team events usually last 4 hours. (2 teams/pair of lanes)

Doubles events usually last 4 hours. (8 bowlers/pair of lanes)

Singles events usually last 3 hours. (6-8 bowlers/pair of lanes)

SCORING

Scoring will be done only by a scorekeeper. Only scorekeepers will turn in score sheets to bowling coordinator. If the lanes have automatic scoring, scoring will be monitored by tournament personnel.

"All Events" is the cumulative score of a bowler's Team, Doubles and Singles scores.

GENERAL RULES for Bowling

DIVISIONS - There will be 3 divisions.

OPEN DIVISION: All bowlers having a league average of 190 or over as of April 15th of the year of competition will bowl Open division. Bowlers without league average will bowl OPEN division. Note: Men competitors with no verifiable average will compete in the Open division for Singles and "All Events". A 200 average will be used for placement in Team and Doubles events. **Entrants bowling in only Open Division events need not verify their averages.**

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"A" DIVISION: All bowlers with league averages of 170 to (and including) 189 as of April 15th of the year of competition will bowl "A" Division. Women competitors with no verifiable average will compete in Women's "A" Division for Singles and "All Events". A 189 average will be used for placement in Team and Doubles events.

"B" DIVISION: All bowlers with league averages of 169 and below as of April 15th of the year of competition will bowl "B" Division.

NOTE: Averages are based on the bowlers highest league average of at least 21 games, as of April 15th of the year of competition.

"A" and "B" Division competitors must obtain a verification card/form from his/her local Bowling Association, listing the competitor's highest 21 game league average as of April 15th, of the year of competition. This verification form/card must be signed by a Bowling Association Official and include the phone number where that official can be contacted. This card/form must be presented at check-in prior to competition. Falsification of average will result in disqualification.

The Coordinator must be able to verify the bowler's average at the phone number provided. If, after timely and reasonable efforts, verification cannot be made at the number provided, the bowler will be moved to the highest division; Open Division for men and "A" Division for women.

It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than bowler's correct average. The score shall be allowed based on the submitted average if it is higher than the bowler's correct average.

To ensure the integrity of "A" and "B" division, the coordinator must verify averages of medal winners, before the medals are awarded.

All bowlers must be familiar with the "average adjustment" rules of FIQ [or national/state affiliate]. These rules apply if the bowler's adjusted average places him/her in a higher division. These rules will apply to all bowlers.

League standing sheets will not be used.

Any combination of men or women may be on the teams. There are not exclusively Men's or Women's Team events.

Regardless of the division in which a competitor bowls Team and/or Doubles, each will continue to bowl Singles in his/her appropriate division. (It is conceivable that a bowler could bowl in "B" Singles, "A" Doubles and "Open" Team.)

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The bowler's "All Events" division will be the same as that of their Singles division.

[Example: If Joe bowls "A" Division Team and "B" Division Doubles and Singles, his "All Events" total will be under "B" Division "All Events" to correspond to his "B" Division Singles.

Five games will be bowled for each event.

Two games will be bowled on the first pair of lanes. Bowlers will then rotate lanes and bowl the final three games on a second pair of lanes.

Bowlers will be disqualified if they consume alcoholic beverages while competing.

ROLL OFF RULES:

This event does not require the normal entry procedure or separate Event Fee. Entry is accomplished by virtue of being one of the top 5 finishers in "All Events".

At the conclusion of all regular Bowling events, the five bowlers with the highest "All Events" scores, regardless of division or sex will be chosen to bowl in a (TV-style) Roll-Off. The Roll-Off should start immediately following the final Team event and prior to medal presentations.

If there is a tie for any of the five high scores, a one line Roll-Off will determine the order of any place in question.

One line will be bowled by two bowlers in an elimination Roll-Off.

In each game, the bowler with the highest position in the standings will choose the lane on which he/she wishes to start. The opponent will have the choice of bowling first or second. The lead-off bowler will start by bowling one frame on the predetermined lane. His/Her opponent will start on the opposing lane and bowl one frame on each lane. The competitors will then alternate bowling two frames (one on each lane) until the game is completed. The lead-off bowler will again bowl a single frame in the 10th frame. In case of a tie, each bowler will bowl a 9th and 10th frame. This will be repeated until the tie is broken.