

# 2028 IGBO Annual Tournament



May 24 – 29, 2028

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**DONNA DEEGAN**  
MAYOR

CITY HALL SUITE 400  
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the City of Jacksonville, it is my pleasure to extend support for the bid to host the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) Annual Tournament and Conference in Jacksonville in May 2028.

The IGBO Annual Tournament and Conference is a premier bowling event that brings together competitors from across the United States and abroad, including participants from New Zealand, Australia, and Canada. The event's focus on athletic competition and community engagement aligns well with Jacksonville's tradition of welcoming sporting and community-centered events.

Jacksonville offers an ideal setting to host an event of this scope. Our city features a wide range of accommodations, event venues, and transportation options, along with a vibrant dining, arts, and cultural scene. From our riverfront and beaches to our historic neighborhoods and entertainment districts, Jacksonville provides an engaging and enjoyable experience for participants and guests.

We would be pleased to welcome the IGBO community to Jacksonville and appreciate your consideration of this bid.

Sincerely,

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Donna Deegan  
Mayor





Dear IGBO Membership,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Riot RiverCity Invitational, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the IGBO community. We are thrilled to have you join us for this year's event, and we look forward to an exciting and engaging experience together.

The Riot RiverCity Invitational is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all participants in IGBO Annual 2028. We believe that your involvement will greatly enhance the spirit of camaraderie and competition that we strive to promote.

As the Committee prepares for the upcoming event, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require assistance.

Thank you for being a part of the 2028 IGBO Annual Tournament. We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing in the excitement of this event together.

Rivercity Invitational Riot

Director Tim Duane



Dear IGBO Bowling Organization Members,

I hope this message finds you well and excited about the upcoming IGBO annual 2028 tournament! On behalf of the organizing committee, I am pleased to extend a cordial welcome to all members of the IGBO Bowling Organization for the event taking place from May 24-29, 2028. Whether you are a seasoned bowler or just starting your journey, we are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant community.

As we prepare for the IGBO Annual 2028 tournament, we aim to support and include every member. Our organization is built on the principles of camaraderie, competition, and growth. We encourage you to participate in our event, share your experiences, and connect with fellow bowlers. Together, we can create an enriching environment where everyone can thrive.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our team is here to help you make the most of your membership and enjoy all the benefits of being part of the IGBO Bowling Organization. Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

Warm regards,

Directors of Meno Mano The Tournament

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Mark & Kim Dancer



VisitJacksonville.com  
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Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
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September 9, 2025

Dear Attendees of the 2028 IGBO Annual Bowling Tournament:

On behalf of Visit Jacksonville and the City of Jacksonville, I would like to personally welcome you all to our beautiful city!

Each year, more than 20 million out-of-town visitors come to our city to enjoy our hotels, meeting venues, attractions, beaches and waterways, parks and delicious food. We are excited that your attendees are among them.

From the St. Johns Town Center area to the restaurants at the Beaches to the parks and green spaces Downtown, Jacksonville is full of things to do and places to see. We have the largest urban park system in the nation, which includes city, state and national parks; world-class museums showcasing Jacksonville's history and cultural significance; public art on display in (almost) every corner throughout the city; 22 miles of wide, pristine beaches; and some of Florida's culinary gems, like the Mayport shrimp.

We consider it our privilege to host your tournament and hope Jacksonville makes a wonderful impression on your attendees. Enjoy your #onlyinjax experiences and thank you again for having your tournament here. We look forward to welcoming you back in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Corrigan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Corrigan

President & CEO, Visit Jacksonville





Dear 2028 IGBO Annual Bowling Tournament Attendees:

As President of Batt Family Fun Center and longtime Jacksonville resident, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful city for the 2028 IGBO Annual Bowling Tournament. We are thrilled to host this exciting event, which brings together bowling enthusiasts from across the country and around the world.

This tournament is more than just a competition - it is a celebration of skill, sportsmanship, and the vibrant diversity within our community. On behalf of Batt Family Fun Center, I want to thank everyone who made this event possible, including the IGBO event group, local organizing committee, and the generous sponsors.

When you visit our center, you'll enjoy state-of-the-art bowling equipment, a vibrant arcade, a fully stocked pro shop, a cozy lounge and a welcoming snack bar. If you have time, be sure to try our newly installed wizard-themed mini golf. Our dedicated staff is eager to host your tournament and committed to providing exceptional service to ensure your experience is both enjoyable and memorable. We are always ready to assist, creating a fun and seamless experience for all participants and guests.

Thank you again for choosing Jacksonville. I am personally excited and preparing my own bowling team to join in the festivities. We look forward to welcoming you and making this event unforgettable.

While you're here, we encourage you to explore Jacksonville's stunning beaches and lively downtown area, both just a short drive from our center.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Batt

President, Batt Family Fun Center

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Dear Bowlers,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the **2028 IGBO Annual Bowling Tournament**. We're excited to host this exciting event at **Jax Lanes Bowling Center**, where bowlers from across the region will come together for a day of friendly competition, sportsmanship, and fun.

Whether you're here to chase a trophy, break your personal record, or simply enjoy the thrill of the game, we're glad to have you with us. This tournament is about more than just strikes and spares—it's a celebration of community, camaraderie, and the shared love of bowling.

Throughout the tournament, our team is here to make sure you have a great time both on and off the lanes. We offer a **full-service bar and kitchen**, a wide variety of **arcade games**, and a fully stocked **pro shop** to meet all your bowling needs. Many of our staff members have been part of the sport their entire lives, and they are more than happy to share their knowledge or lend a helping hand—so please don't hesitate to ask!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, staff, and everyone who will be making this event possible. Your support ensures that this tournament runs smoothly and creates lasting memories for all involved. Most importantly, we want you to enjoy your time, make lasting memories, and feel part of our bowling family.

Let's roll into a great tournament—best of luck to all participants, and may the pins fall in your favor!

– Your friends at Jax Bowling Center



**Welcome Bowlers!**

On behalf of **Over the Gutter Pro Shop**, we are proud to welcome you to Jacksonville and to this year's LGBTQ+ tournament! As a locally owned and operated business, we are honored to support this incredible community and celebrate the spirit of inclusion, competition, and camaraderie that this event represents.

At Over the Gutter, we strive to provide nothing but the best for bowlers of all skill levels. Throughout the tournament, our team will be here to assist you with any of your bowling needs—whether it's equipment, advice, or just a friendly conversation.

We are thrilled to be part of such a meaningful event and grateful for the opportunity to connect with so many passionate bowlers. Thank you for letting us share in the excitement of the tournament.

We look forward to seeing you on the lanes and wish everyone the best of luck!

**– Your friends at Over the Gutter Pro Shop**

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# IGBO ANNUAL 2028

## Tournament Operations

Mark Dancer

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Tim Locke

## Statistic / Awards

Shawn Summersgill

## Bowling House Operations

Jeff Weinberg/Derrick Odom

## Secretary

Kim Knott

## Registration

Shawn Summersgill / Kim Knott

## Marketing / Social Media

Faye Lance

## Fundraising

Faye Lance / Joey LeBlanc / Greg Frey

## Awards

Shawn Summersgill / Eric Carson

## Scratch Masters

Jeff Vandenberg

## Treasurer

Kim Dancer

## Sponsor Liaison

Christy Martin / Shawn Summersgill

## 50 / 50

Mattie Parrish

## Hotel / Hospitality

Wes Thomas

## Charities Liaison

Austin Browning / Burt Williams

## Banquet

Christy Martin / Wes Thomas



## Schedule of Events

### Wednesday May 24, 2028

<b>8:00 AM – 1:00 AM</b>	Hospitality Open	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>5:00 PM – 8:00 PM</b>	Tournament Registration.	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>12:00pm – 5:00PM</b>	IGBO Board Meeting	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy

### Thursday May 25, 2028

<b>8:00 PM – 12:00 PM</b>	IGBO Board Meeting	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>9:00 AM – 6:00 PM</b>	Tournament Registration	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>8:00 AM - 1:00 AM</b>	Hospitality Open	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>6:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>	Teams Shift 1	Batt Family Fun Center
<b>5:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	Singles / Doubles Shift 1	Jax Lanes
<b>9:00 PM – 1:00 AM</b>	Bidding Cities/Hosts Hospitality	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy

### Friday May 26, 2028

<b>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>	IGBO General Membership Meeting	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>	Tournament Registration	DoubleTree/Hotel Bellamy
<b>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b>	Singles / Doubles Shift 2	Jax Lanes
<b>12:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	Teams Shift 2	Batt Family Fun Center
<b>5:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	Singles / Doubles Shift 3	Jax Lanes
<b>6:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>	Teams Shift 3	Batt Family Fun Center
<b>8:00 AM - 1:00 AM</b>	Hospitality Open	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy

### **Saturday May 27, 2028**

<b>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>	Singles / Doubles Shift 4	Jax Lanes
<b>11:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>	Teams Shift 4	Batt Family Fun Center
<b>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b>	Teams Shift 5	Batt Family Fun Center
<b>4:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>	Singles / Doubles Shift 5	Jax Lanes
<b>8:00 AM – 1:00 AM</b>	Hospitality Opens	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>10:00 PM</b>	IGBABE Contest	Hospitality Suite

### **Sunday May 28, 2028**

<b>8:30 AM – 2:00 PM</b>	Scratch Masters	Jax Lanes
<b>9:00AM – 12:00PM</b>	IGBO Gives Back	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>1:00 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	Tournament Forum Meeting	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	Cocktail Reception Cash Bar	Prime Osborn Convention
<b>5:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>	Awards Banquet	Prime Osborn Convention
<b>8:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>	Hospitality Room Open	Double Tree / Hotel Bellamy
<b>9:00 PM - 1:00 AM</b>		

## **Special Events**

### **Awards Banquet**

The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 28th at 5:00 PM. A Cocktail Reception will precede the Banquet at 4:00 pm.

### **AIDS Memorial Quilt Video**

If the video can be found, we would love to show it on a continuous loop for members to view.

### **Tournament Forum**

The Tournament Forum Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 28th at 1:00 PM. The time will be confirmed with the IGBO Tournament Forum Committee Chair prior to the start of the tournament to ensure the time and location are suitable.

### **Hospitality**

Hospitality Suite will be located on the 1st floor of the Double Tree. A stocked bar along with non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be provided. Please refer to Schedule of Events for hospitality times. Thursday night's Hospitality will be hosted by the upcoming bidding cities (if they choose too).

### **Other**

The committee is seeking other events/activities for the bowlers to participate in. These will be communicated on the website once finalized. The tournament committee is anticipating that the Miss IGBABE Competition (or its replacement) will take place Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 pm at the Host Hotel. The Committee will work with the board on IGBO Break Out Sessions / Seminars, Volunteering Opportunities, etc.

# **Tournament Operations**

## **Tournament Capacity**

With the proposed bowling shift schedule included with this bid, IGBO Annual 2028 can accommodate 640 bowlers. Bowlers can register for either Shift 1, Shift 2, Shift 3, Shift 4, or Shift 5 (See schedule for timing of shifts/events)

## **Entry Deadline/Late Fee**

Online entries for IGBO Annual 2028 will close at Midnight EDT on April 26, 2028 – 4 weeks prior to the first bowling event of the tournament. Tournament entries will be accepted online only, and payment will be via PayPal. Non-bowling participants may enter the event up to the close of tournament registration, provided banquet accommodations are available.

## **Tournament Registration**

All bowling and non-bowling participants of IGBO Annual 2028 are required to register during tournament registration events held at the Double Tree. Tournament registration times are as follows:

Wednesday May 24, 2028, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Thursday, May 25, 2028, 9:00 am – 6:00pm, Friday, May 26, 2028, 9:00am – 4:00pm

## **Check-In for Bowling Events**

Check-In prior to participation in an event will be required. Check-in for all bowling events will Open one hour prior to scheduled shift time at the host bowling center. Bowlers must be checked in 15 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled shift. (See Rules for more info)

## **Tournament Scratch Score/Handicap**

The Tournament Scratch Score will be set to 225 or the highest entering average above 225, as of the entry cutoff date for the tournament. Handicap for all bowling participants will be equal to 90% of the difference between the tournament scratch score and the bowlers entering average. Bowlers without a verifiable entering average will be assigned the tournament scratch score and will receive no handicap.

## **Scoring and Statistics**

Scoring will be provided by Batt Family Fun Center (BFFC) and Jax Lanes Bowling Center (JLBC). They utilize CDE Tournament Software (BTM2015 and TBRAC2006).

## **Safety Protocols**

As we live in uncertain times, the tournament directors reserve the right to implement any safety measures deemed necessary, or that may be required by Jax Lanes & Batt Family Fun Center, or any governmental body/agency.

## **Marketing**

IGBO 2028, with its theme of Jacksonville's Southern Hospitality will be a highly promoted event. The tournament committee is dedicated to making IGBO Annual 2028 a highly anticipated event.

Our budget includes providing 20 free entries to bowlers across IGBO. It's currently anticipated that 2 free entries will be given away at tournaments within each region. This will help increase awareness of bowlers within each region.

We also plan to utilize social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram in particular) to increase awareness and interest in Annual 2028 to start promoting our bid.

## Finances

### **Budget** **Income**

Income	Qty	Amount		Total
Registration Fee Per Bowler	640	\$147.00		\$94,080.00
Lineage	640	\$36.00	\$23,040.00	
Banquet	640	\$50.00	\$32,000.00	
IGBO Donation	640	\$10.00	\$6,400.00	
Prize Fund	640	\$50.00	\$32,000.00	
Administrative	640	\$1.00	\$640.00	
Total	640	\$147.00	\$94,080.00	
		\$147.00		
Non-Participants	25	\$50.00		\$1,250.00
Pre-Tournament Fundraising				\$40,000.00
Tournament Fundraising				\$21,500.00
Games/Raffle Tickets			\$5,000.00	
Brackets			\$6,750.00	
Mega Brackets			\$4,750.00	
50/50			\$5,000.00	
Total Income				\$156,830.00

## Expenses

Tournament Fees	Qty	Amount		Total
Tournament Lineage	640	\$36.00		\$23,040.00
Scratch Master Lineage		\$720		\$720.00
Banquet (Bowlers + Guest)	640	\$75.00		\$48,000.00
IGBO Donation	640	\$10.00		\$6,400.00
Pay Outs (Prize fund)				\$45,000.00
Subtotal				\$123,160.00
Additional Tournament Expenses				
Advertising		\$250.00		\$250.00
ASL Interpreter		\$500.00		\$500.00
Banquet A/V		\$500.00		\$500.00
Banquet Entertainment / Carving Stations		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Bowler Badges	640	\$1.00		\$640.00
Donations to Charities		3000		\$3,000.00
Free Entries	20	\$147.00		\$2,940.00
Hospitality		\$15,000		\$15,000.00
Misc Tournament Expenses		\$1,040.00		\$1,040.00
Non-Cash Raffle Prizes		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Program		\$300.00		\$300.00
Site Visit (President)		\$0.00		\$0.00
Trophies		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Website		\$500.00		\$500.00
Travel Expenses		\$5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Subtotal				\$33,670.00
Total Expenses				\$156,830.00

## **B. Entry Fee Breakdown – Based upon 640 Bowlers at \$147.00**

- Lineage \$36.00
- Prize Fund \$50.00
- Banquet \$50.00
- IGBO donation \$10.00
- Administrative \$1.00

## **C. Payout Ratio**

### Awards and Prize

- All cash awards shall be based on the Total Pins PLUS assigned handicap for each event (with exception of the Optional Scratch Events).
- Awards will be given, in the Handicap Division, for the best Singles, Doubles, Team, Individual All Events and Team All Events. Individual All Events is defined as the nine game total plus handicap of an individual bowler. Team All Events is defined as the nine game total plus handicap of the four (4) members of the same team who bowled the team event. If any member of the team does not bowl the nine games, that team will be ineligible for the Team All Events recognition.
- The award ratio for the Handicap Division shall be at a minimum of at least 1:10. Individual All Events and Team All Events shall be at a minimum of at least 1:10.
- Awards in the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be given for the Best Single Game (from any of the events), Best Series (any of the events) and Best All Events (nine-game total).
- The award ratio for the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be at a minimum of at least 1:10 per division.
- Prizes will be distributed via check payable in US currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protests. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that place. Prize funds will be based on 100% participation. 100% of the entry fee from each division in the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be returned to that division and 100% of the entry fee shall be returned for Scratch Masters

## **D. Corporate and Local Sponsors**

As stated in the above section, the committee is looking at alternative forms of fundraising and will be partnering with the City of Jacksonville to assist with obtaining local sponsors for the tournament. Our visitor bureau, known as Visit Jax, has several grant programs available.

## **E. Currency Converter**

See <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/> to view the currency converter for the US dollar to: Australian, Canadian or New Zealand dollar.



## Hotel Accommodations

Double Tree by Hilton Riverfront  
1201 RiverPlace Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
(904) 398-8800

In partnership with Double Tree by Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront, Hotel Bellamy will be by Hilton. IGBO Annual 2028 will have a block of rooms at hotel offering a variety of room options for our bowlers.

Room rates will be \$169 for standard rooms with a San Marco view, \$179 for Riverfront and \$199 King Jr Suites. Room block is 10 rooms Sunday to Wednesday, 65 on Thursday, 110 Friday and Saturday, 50 on Sunday and 25 Monday.

Excluded from the rates are all associated resort fees (as well as any taxes and tourism surcharges). Rates for valet \$30.00 a day and covered self-parking is complementary, unlimited local and toll-free phone calls, in-room wireless internet for 2 devices, in-room coffee makers, all hotel reservations will need to be made using IGBO's designated group code and or assigned link.

In addition, the hotel is approximately 15 miles (19 minutes) from Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)

### • Restaurants

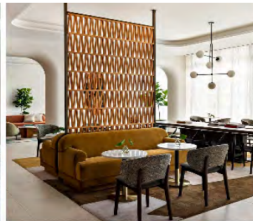
- o Ruth's Chris Steak House & Lounge
- o St. Johns Provision Co. & Lounge.

### • Amenities

- o Connecting Rooms
- o Free Wi-Fi
- o Digital Key for Hilton Honors
- o EV Charging
- o Non-smoking rooms
- o Outdoor pool
- o Fitness center
- o Pet Friendly rooms \$50.00 non-refundable
- o Business Center
- o Meeting rooms.
- o Breakfast Buffett / Menu

They are a short stroll from the Southbank Riverwalk, Friendship Fountain, and the 'Blue Bridge' to downtown. EverBank Stadium 2 miles away, is easily reached by water taxis that pick-up moments from the hotel. Parks include Riverside Pool, Sundeck, 2 restaurants and a warm Double Tree Cookie on arrival.





## Banquet @ Prime F Osborn III Convention Center

1000 Water St  
Jacksonville, FL 32204

(904) 630-4000

<https://conventioncenter.jaxevents.com>

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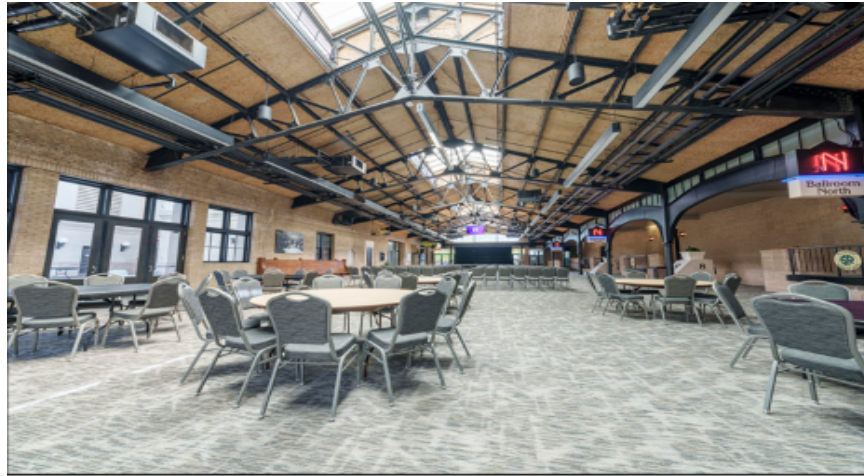


Prime F Osborn III Convention Center Layout



Pre Function South Banquet Hall





Pre Function North Banquet Hall



Grand Lobby IGBO Awards Ceremony

## Bowling Center Information

### Jax Lanes Bowling Center

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Jacksonville, FL. 32216

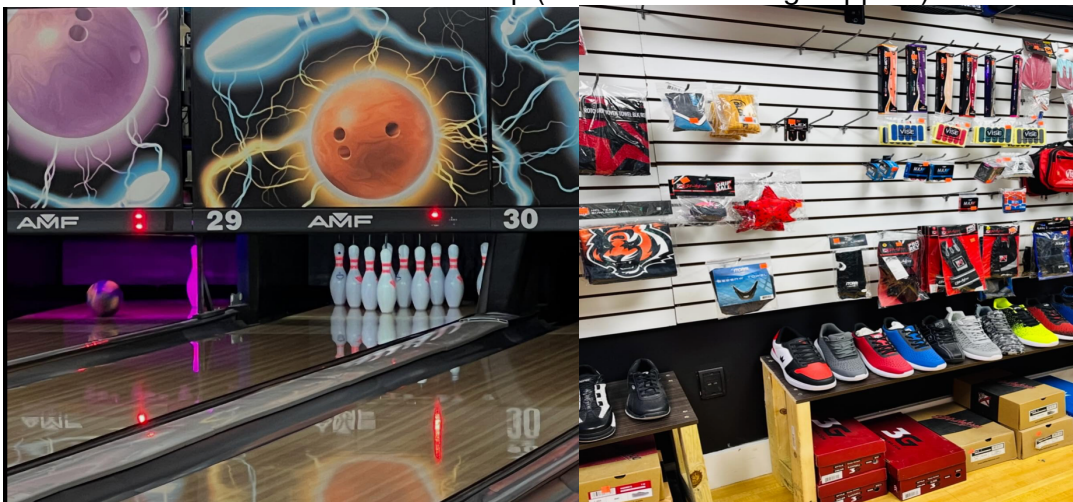
(904) 641-2222

<https://jaxlanes.com>



Jax lanes will host Singles / Doubles bowling events.  
Some of the highlights of Jax are:

- 32 Brunswick Pro Lane Synthetic Lanes
  - Brunswick Vector Scoring
- 450° Rear Projection Screen Above Lanes
  - Concession Stand
- Lounge (Lane Service will also be available)
- JLBC Newly Remodeled with String Pins in 2024
- Additional Amenities:
  - Over The Gutter Pro Shop (Full Line of Bowling Supplies)







### **Batt Family Fun Center**

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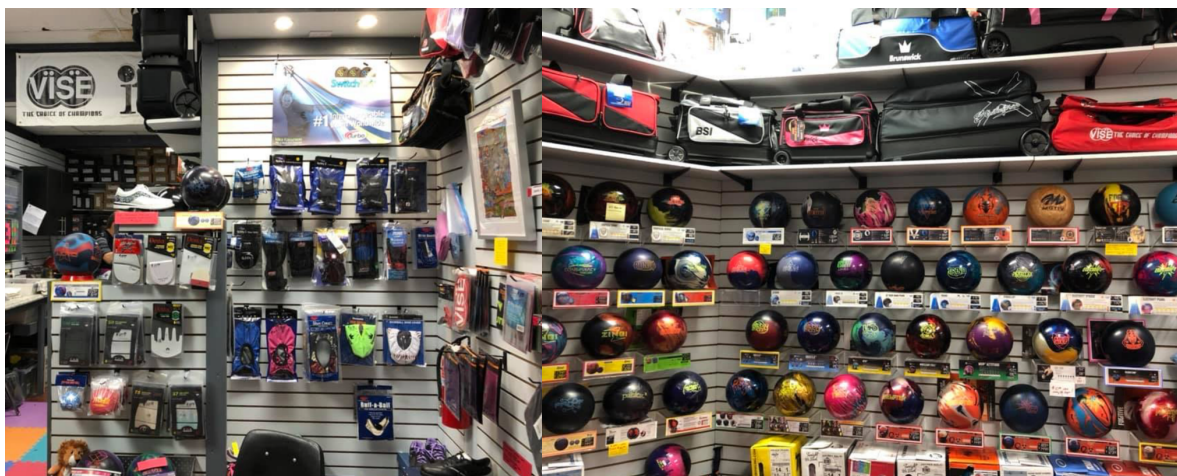
(904) 389-2360

<https://battfamilyfuncenter.com>

Batt Family Fun Center will Host Teams Bowling Event.

Some of the highlights of BFFC are:

- 32 Brunswick Pro Lane Synthetic Lanes
  - Brunswick Vector Scoring
- 450° Rear Projection Screen Above Lanes
  - Concession Stand
- Bar Window and Lounge (Lane Service will also be available)
  - BFFC Newly Remodeled with String Pins in 2024
- Additional Amenities:
  - Pro Shop (Full Line of Bowling Supplies)
- Bowler's Squad Room (Bowler Organization and March Out to Lanes)



## **Travel Information**

### **By Air**

Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) welcomes Air Canada, Allegiant Air, American, Avelo, Breeze, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Southwest, Sun Country, and United Airlines, with many non-stops and arrival times to select from. Fly in and be only a short cab ride away

### **By Car**

Hotel is located 2 -3 miles off Interstate 95. It's an easy and scenic drive from most of the Eastern states.

### **By Train**

A third option is AMTRAK. The station is about 6 -7 Miles away (15 Min)

### **Things to Do**

Riverside Arts Market

Friendship Fountain

The Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary

Museum of Science and History

Southbank Riverwalk

Cummer Museum of Art & Garden

Alhambra Theater & Dining

Jacksonville Historical Center

Jacksonville zoo

Beaches

Boat Rides and Tours

St Augustine Short 30 Minute Drive to the Nation's Oldest City

## **ADDENDUM A**

### **IGBO ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RULES**

#### **Sanctioning**

1. The International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) Annual 2028 Tournament, henceforth referred to as “Tournament”, is a mixed handicap competition open to all by invitation only. The Tournament Directors have the authority to extend or revoke the invitation.
2. The Tournament is a United States Bowling Congress (USBC) sanctioned tournament and maintains a Moral Support Certification for non-members of USBC. In part, the Moral Support Certification permits the use of International Bowling Federation (IBF) recognized league averages and tournament scores to determine a bowler's entering average for the tournament.
3. IGBO requires all participants to be a member of IGBO. If a participant is not a member, in any of its classes, they must become an IGBO Associate Member and pay the appropriate membership fee. The participant shall have the opportunity to apply for Associate Membership at the time of registration. Associate Membership applications are approved upon clearance of fees.
4. USBC, Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF), or international equivalent members in good standing may participate in a moral support tournament with award recognition automatically extended to their national organizations; however, you must be a member of USBC to be eligible to receive USBC honor score awards. Eligible nonmembers may qualify for USBC award recognition by paying USBC associate membership dues before participation. You can join USBC as an associate member at tournament registration by filling out the appropriate form and paying the membership fee. All participants are subject to USBC rules and jurisdiction for the event.

#### **Event Participation**

5. The Tournament events shall be handicapped events as follows: Singles, Doubles and Team. Optional Scratch and/or Scratch Masters will be offered, using scores without handicap from Singles, Doubles, and Team.
6. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter and bowl all three events. No substitutes permitted for a specific event other than that covered below (see Rule 25). Teams will consist of four (4) members. All bowlers will compete on an equal basis. Doubles partners must come from the same team.
7. Each participant may only bowl once in each event.



8. A professional bowler that is not a current IGBO league member or current organizational member, with a minimum of 21 games, may not bowl in the Tournament. 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 organization within the past twelve months preceding the Tournament.
9. All bowlers must sign their registration sheet verifying their information at the Host Hotel prior to bowling their first event.
10. Employees of bowling centers being used by the Host City who are not IGBO league members shall not be permitted to participate in the Tournament.

### **Entering Averages**

11. Any bowler entering the Tournament must establish a (10) ten-pin average acceptable to USBC (per USBC Rule 319):

The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average:

- a. The league average as of December 31, 2027, with a minimum of 21 games. If competing in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the HIGHEST AVERAGE of all leagues bowled.
- b. If "a" is not available, use "2026-2027" book average (minimum 21 games). If competed in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the HIGHEST AVERAGE of all leagues bowled, even if a league has less than 21 games bowled.
- c. If neither "a" or "b" is available, use the 2027 final summer league average (minimum 21 games). If competed in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the HIGHEST AVERAGE of all leagues bowled.
- d. If neither "a", "b" or "c" is available, a current season average (minimum 21 games) as of April 1, 2028, will be accepted. If competing in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the HIGHEST AVERAGE of all leagues bowled, even if a league has less than 21 games bowled.
- e. If neither "a", "b", "c" or "d" is available an IGBO member with a tournament average (minimum of 21 games) 30 days prior to the start of the event. This will be used as the bowlers entering average.
- f. Non-certified bowlers shall use a minimum average of 130 and must submit all league averages and tournament scores (12-months immediately preceding the entry cut-off date) for possible average adjustment.
- g. If none of the scenarios above are applicable, then the entering average shall be equal to the Tournament Scratch Score (see Rule 12).
- h. The above averages MUST be verified by the use of:
  - TAD at [tad.igbo.org](http://tad.igbo.org) or
  - [Leaguesecretary.com](http://Leaguesecretary.com) or
  - [Bowl.com](http://Bowl.com) or
  - [LeaguePals.com](http://LeaguePals.com)
  - Photocopy of book average (with year noted), signed and dated by League Officer.

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- i. Averages from “Sports Condition” leagues or “Challenge Leagues” are not acceptable.
  - j. USBC Rule 319d does NOT apply. This is prize fund reporting rule.
12. The Tournament Scratch Score will be set equal to 225 or the highest entering average as of the entry cut-off date for the Tournament. Should a substitution and/or bowler replacement be necessary after the entry cut-off date, the Tournament Scratch Score will NOT be affected.
13. The per-game handicap for the Tournament shall be based at 90% of the difference between the bowler’s entering average (see Rule 11) and the Tournament Scratch Score.
14. USBC rules regarding the BOWLER's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her entering average, 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 for 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. (USBC Rule 319)

### **Average Adjustment**

15. The Tournament Directors have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler. Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under IGBO and USBC rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to the start of each event or the Tournament. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a refund for that event and all subsequent scheduled events, or entire Tournament entry if adjusted prior to any bowling is done.
16. If a bowler has a current tournament average (comprised of a minimum of 21 games bowled during the 12-months less the 30 days immediately preceding the official start date of this tournament), that is one or more pins higher than their Entering Average (as outlined in Rule 11), then the tournament average will be used.
- a. i.e. Tournaments bowled between April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2028, and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2028, will NOT count.
  - b. Per Rule 14, it is the bowler's responsibility to report ALL tournament scores including:
    - Any tournament following USBC rules or another affiliated country’s 10-pin rules.
    - IGBO tournaments
    - No-Tap, Mail-in, or other “fun” style tournaments need not be reported.

Failure to report this information may result in AUTOMATIC disqualification and loss of all prize winnings, subject to Tournament Director discretion.

### Optional Scratch Event

The Tournament will offer Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters Events to all participants using six (6) divisions as determined by entering average (see Rule 11).

17. Entry into the Optional Scratch Event(s) must be submitted before the bowler's first ball in the handicap division of the Tournament is thrown, including practice.

The Average Divisions and Entry Fees for Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters will be as follows:

Division	Average Range	Optional Scratch	Scratch Masters
Division A	0 to 149	\$30	\$30
Division B	150 to 164	\$30	\$30
Division C	165 to 179	\$40	\$40
Division D	180 to 194	\$40	\$40
Division E	195 to 209	\$50	\$50
Division F	210 and above	\$50	\$50

- a. The Optional Scratch shall use the scratch scores (without handicap) from the Regular Events (Singles, Doubles, and Team) to determine winners in each Division. Prizes will be awarded in:
  - Best Single Game (any event)
  - Best Series (any event)
  - Best All Events (9 game total)
- b. The Scratch Masters event shall use the total scratch scores from the Regular Events (the 9-game total from singles, doubles, and team without handicap) to qualify for Scratch Masters. Those scores will NOT carry over into Scratch Masters. Detailed Scratch Masters event rules are provided in the Scratch Masters section of these rules.

18. 100% the entry fee from each division in the Optional Scratch event shall be returned to that division and 100% of the entry fee less any lineage and trophy expenses shall be returned for Scratch Masters.

### Awards and Prizes

19. All cash awards shall be based on the Total Pins PLUS assigned handicap for each event (with the exception of the Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters events).
20. Awards will be given in the Handicap Division for the best Singles, Doubles, Team, Individual All Events, and Team All Events.
- a. Individual All Events is defined as the nine (9) game total including handicap of an individual bowler.

- b. Team All Events is defined as the nine game total plus handicap for the four (4) members of the same team who actually bowled the team event. In the event that any member of the team does not bowl the nine games, that team will be ineligible for the Team All Events recognition.

- 21. The award ratio for the Handicap Division shall be at a minimum of at least 1:10. Individual All Events and Team All Events shall be a minimum of at least 1:10.
- 22. Prizes will be distributed in U.S. currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the Tournament, barring any protests. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that place. Prize funds will be based on 100% participation.

### **Attendance and Substitutes**

- 23. It is solely and entirely the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the start 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 25 and 26 below (USBC rules will apply).  
  
Incidents involving Tournament offered transportation and catastrophic events will be subject to Tournament Directors' discretion.
- 24. 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 26). If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler or bowlers.
- 25. 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 to late bowlers.
- 26. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Directors. Entering averages must comply with the rules previously stated (Rule 11). Substitutes must complete an entry form. Substitutes DO qualify for awards and prizes for events they bowled in.
- 27. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice before the start of singles, doubles and team events.

### **Entry Requirements**

- 28. The Tournament registration will be available only online with payment available only through PayPal. All entries must be submitted and paid through the Tournament website at time of registration and must be electronically timestamped no later than 11:59 PM EST on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2028.
- 29. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 640. Once this maximum has been reached, no more entries can be accepted. Entrant's acceptance will be based on the order in which the entry

is received and paid. Once an entry has been accepted, refunds will only be issued at the discretion of Tournament Directors.

30. Partial team entries will be accepted, and the Tournament Directors will make every effort to fill vacancies.

### **Scoring Errors**

31. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there has been an obvious error in scoring or calculation has occurred. Obvious errors must be corrected by a Tournament Official immediately upon discovery. Questionable errors must be reported to a Tournament Official within two (2) hours of the error and will be decided by Tournament Directors. (USBC Rule 327b).

### **Protests**

32. Protests and appeals must be in writing, stating the grounds for the protest and/or appeal.
- a. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the Tournament Directors within 72 hours of the infraction.
  - b. Protests by non-participants or non-attendees of the Tournament will NOT be accepted.
  - c. Anonymous protests will NOT be accepted.
  - d. The decision of the Tournament Directors shall be final unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters prior to Tournament prizes being awarded/paid. Upon notification of a protest or appeal, Tournament Directors must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved.

### **Miscellaneous**

33. All other USBC rules will apply.
34. Any person attending requiring special accommodation MUST notify the Tournament Directors in writing when the application is submitted.
35. The team captain MUST sign the entry form acknowledging they have read and understand the rules. In the case of online registration, the timestamp will be considered the team captain's acknowledgement.

## Scratch Masters Rules

Scratch Masters is a separate competition open to the Tournament attendees who paid additional monies to participate in the event.

36. The nine (9) game scratch Singles, Doubles, and Team bowled in the Tournament will be used to determine the top eight (8) qualifiers in each division. Scores do not carry over into Scratch Masters. In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot, the bowler with highest scratch series from Singles, Doubles, Team will be used to qualify the bowler.
37. Scratch Masters Divisions (see Rule 17) will be offered to all participants using their entering average (see Rule 11).
38. The bowlers are responsible for checking if they have qualified.
39. The Scratch Masters competition will begin at 9:00am at Jax Lanes for all Divisions.
40. Bowlers must check in by 8:30am. A bowler who is not checked in at the scheduled time will be disqualified and the first available alternate qualifier), starting with 9<sup>th</sup> place and going down, will replace them. Once replaced, the disqualified bowler will NOT be allowed to bowl in Scratch Masters.
41. The Committee member in charge of Scratch Masters will hold a briefing meeting for all qualifiers to distribute lane assignments and discuss the rules. Additionally, one lane/score monitor for each Division will also be in the briefing.
42. Any claims of error must be submitted to the Scratch Master's Committee prior to the start of the next match. In the event of an error in the final match, claims must be made within one (1) hour of the end of the final match.
43. Scratch Masters Tournament Format

The IGBO Annual 2028 Scratch Masters is a Single-elimination competition where bowlers compete without handicaps. This event showcases the top scratch bowlers from each division, determined through qualifying rounds and bracket play.

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### DIVISIONS

Division A – Averages 0 to 149

Division B – Averages 150 to 164

Division C – Averages 165 to 179

Division D – Averages 180 to 194

Division E – Averages 195 to 209

Division F – Averages 210 and above

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### Qualifying Rounds

Qualifying will be based on the nine (9) games bowled in Singles, Doubles, and Team events.

Only scratch scores (no handicap) will be used.

Bowlers are assigned to a division based on their tournament average and participation choice during registration.

The top eight (8) bowlers in each division, based on total qualifying scores, will advance to the Scratch Masters bracket.

### Bracket Seeding

Bowlers are seeded according to their qualifying totals, with the highest score earning the #1 seed.

The higher seed earns the right to choose whether to start first or second during match play.

The #1 seed will face the #8 seed, 2 will face #7, #3 will face #6, and seed #4 will face #5 to begin the event. Winner is determined by total pins after **2** games. Winners will advance to round 2. Round 2 will have the 4<sup>th</sup> place seed face the 3<sup>rd</sup> place seed. Winner after one game will advance to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed. Winner of that will place the 1<sup>st</sup> seed for the championship. Seeding for round 2 will be determined by the 2-game scratch score from round 1. If there is a tie, the tied bowlers will do a two frame roll off. If still tied after two frames bowlers will continue bowling frames until the tie is broken.

All matches are scratch total pinfall—the bowler with the higher score moves on.

Ties will be broken by a ball-by-ball single-ball shot roll-off until a winner is decided by bowling a higher pin count with 1 ball.

### Match Play Structure

Round 1 will be a two-game match.

Round 2 seeds will be determined by the 2 games bowled in Round 1.  
will be a one-game match.

Two practice balls are allowed on each lane before the start of the match.

The higher seed determines the starting order:

The first bowler delivers frame 1.

The second bowler then delivers frames 1 and 2.

Then each bowler completes 2 frames until the game is complete.

If a tie occurs, bowlers will follow the roll-off format beginning on the odd-numbered lane.

## Officials and Rules

A tournament official will be assigned to each division to:

Verify scores and lane assignments

Confirm starting order

Resolve scoring disputes as necessary

All disputes must be settled before proceeding to the next ball thrown.

All rulings will consider both IGBO Annual Tournament rules and USBC rules.

## Key Terms

Scratch: Scores are based solely on the number of pins knocked down—no handicap is applied.

Single-Elimination: A format where a bowler is eliminated after one loss.



We look forward to seeing you in 2028

