Gasparilla Annual Games Mixed Event

1. The GAGME 2027 Tournament is a United States Bowling Congress (USBC) sanctioned tournament. The tournament is a handicapped competition open to men and women by invitation only. Men and women will compete on an equal basis.
2. All participants must be a member of USBC and can provide proof of membership (current sanction card or a signed statement from the League Secretary verifying membership).
3. All bowlers must be members of IGBO (in any of the IGBO membership categories. Associate membership of IGBO will not be available with registration and must be purchased through IGBO prior to the start of the tournament.
    a. Any person whose IGBO membership has been denied for the current season will not be allowed to participate.
4. The tournament events shall be handicap events as follows: Singles, Doubles, and Team. Optional Scratch and Optional Scratch Masters will be offered.
5. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter and bowl all three events (unless a substitution is made in accordance with substitution rules). Teams will consist of four (4) members comprising any combination of men and women. Doubles partners will consist of any two members from the same team.
6. Each participant may bowl only once in each event.
    a. GAGME 2027 will utilize a two-shift format. Participants will bowl their tournament events according to the schedule for their assigned shifts.
        i. Shift 1: Team event will be bowled on Friday beginning at 6:00pm. Singles and doubles will be bowled on Saturday beginning at 5:00pm. A one (1) hour break will be provided between the Singles and Doubles events.
        ii. Shift 2: Singles and doubles will be bowl Saturday beginning at 9:00am. A (1) hour break will be provided between Singles and Doubles events. Team event will be bowled on Sunday beginning at 10:00am.
7. Entering Average will be as follows:
    a. Highest 2025 - 2026 Yearbook Average (minimum 21 games).
    b. If no 2025 -2026 Yearbook Average, then use highest current winter league average as of January 1, 2027, (minimum 21 games).
    c. If none of the above (a & b) are applicable, then use the highest summer league average 2026 (minimum 21 games).
    d. **Exception:** If IGBO Tournament Average for the past year (including GAGME 2026 scores), minimum 18 games, is 1 pin or more, higher than entering average used from (a), (b), or (c) above, then bowler **must** use the composite average of USBC & IGBO Tournament Average.
    e. If **no** established average under the above conditions exists, then the entering average shall be 230.
    f. The bowling hand (Right, Left or two handed) that a bowler registers with must match the bowling hand used to obtain the bowler's rated average.
8. Five pin, candlepin, duck pin, sport leagues, and composite averages will not be accepted.

9. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Averages will be verified by use of USBC Yearbook, IGBO website, bowl.com, or copy of league standing sheet signed by the League Secretary.
10. If current season average (minimum 21 games) at the time of bowling exceeds Yearbook average or IGBO Tournament average by 10 or more pins, the current season average must be used. (Rule 319a-2)
11. Failure to use or correct the proper average prior to the start of the first event shall **disqualify** the scores bowled if the submitted average is **less** than the actual average. If the submitted average is **higher** than the actual average, prize winnings/placement will be based on the submitted average.
12. As of the beginning date of the GAGME 2027 Tournament, any bowler who has qualified for a cash prize of three hundred dollars ($300 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 loss of all winnings. No refunds will be issued for bowlers disqualified. (USBC Rule 319d).
13. The Tournament Directors have the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler before participation in any event. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a refund for that event (USBC Rule 319c).
14. Handicap will be based at 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average and 230 scratch. Negative handicap will **NOT** apply.
15. All cash awards shall be based on the Total Pins **PLUS** assigned handicap for each event (with exception of the Optional Scratch and Scratch Masters Divisions).
16. Awards will be given in the Handicap Division for the best Singles, Doubles, Teams, and Individual All Events. Individual All Events is defined as the nine (9) game total including handicap of an individual bowler.
17. The award ratio for the Handicap Division shall be a minimum of 1:10.
18. Prizes will be distributed via check payable 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 tie positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that placing.
19. Check-in time for all bowlers is thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled shift time. 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.
20. Bowlers will be allowed ten (10) minutes of practice before the start of the Singles, Doubles, and Team events. Should a lane change be required after the start of an event, no additional practice-time will be granted.
21. Substitutes may be used at the discretion of the Tournament Directors provided they are in compliance with entering average rules as previously stated.
22. **Registration is not Guaranteed until payment is received; we are limited to 72 teams to fill the house. If we reach 72 team's registrants that have paid will receive first priority.**

23. Entry fee for GAGME 2027 will be **$140.00**:

Prize Fund	$48.00
Lineage	$27.00
Banquet	$58.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	$7.00
Total	**$140.00**

24. Only online entries will be accepted. (A 4% service charge will be applied.) Once an entry is received there will be **NO REFUNDS** except as stated in Rule 13. Entries will be limited to a maximum of 288 bowlers. GAGME 2027 will sell at 72 teams and entries will be accepted on a first come first saved basis. Entry deadline is January 1, 2027.
25. Partial team entries will be accepted, and the Tournament Directors will make every effort to fill vacancies.
26. Non-Bowler banquet Fee is $60.00.
27. Any person attending requiring special needs MUST notify the Tournament Directors in writing when the application is submitted.
28. By submitting an entry application online, the team captain is acknowledging he/she has read and understands the rules.
29. Any claims of error or dispute **must be submitted in writing** to the Tournament Directors **within three (3) hours** after the bowler or team has completed bowling that event. The Tournament Directors shall settle the dispute according to GAGME 2027 and USBC Tournament rules.
30. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification of a bowler, their removal from the bowling center and forfeiture of any winnings they may have earned. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as actions which other may find abusive, including language, hand gestures or damage to the bowling center's equipment (ball returns, computer consoles, displays, walls, floors etc.).
31. **GAGME** has zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes but is not limited to:
    a. Actions which are unbecoming to an ethical, fail or honorable individual, consisting of acts of deceit, abuse, disrespect, vulgarity or taunting.
    b. Improper tactics in connection with the sport of bowling, including but not limited to; physical abuse of house, equipment, or physical and verbal abuse towards others.

    Anyone engaging in the above may face immediate removal from the premises and is subject to disqualification from all **GAGME** events including any brackets or optional events. **NO REFUNDS**!

OPTIONAL SCRATCH DIVISIONS

32. Optional Scratch Divisions will be offered to all participants using 5 divisions as determined by the entering tournament average. The Optional Scratch Divisions shall be as follows:

Division	Average
A	0 to 154
B	155 to 174
C	175 to 194
D	195 to 214
E	215 and above

33. Entry Fee is $25.00 for ALL Divisions.

34. Scores for the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be comprised from the nine (9) game scores (without handicap) bowled during the Singles, Doubles, and Team events.

35. Cash prizes in the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be given for the Best Single Game from any of the events, Best Three (3) Game Series from any of the events, and Best ALL Events (nine game totals).

36. 100% of the prize fund from each division in the Optional Scratch shall be returned to that division. The award ratio for the Optional Scratch Divisions shall be a minimum of 1:15 per division.

OPTIONAL SCRATCH MASTERS

37. Optional Scratch Masters will be offered to all participants using 5 divisions as determined by the entering tournament average. The Optional Scratch Masters Divisions and entry fees shall be as follows:

Division	Average	Entry Fee
A	0 to 154	$25.00
B	155 to 174	$30.00
C	175 to 194	$35.00
D	195 to 214	$40.00
E	215 and above	$45.00

38. The six (6) game scratch Singles/Doubles totals will be used to determine the top six (6) qualifiers in each division. Scores do not carry over into Scratch Masters. In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be bowled. If a tie remains, sudden death (one ball/high count) will determine which bowler(s) qualifies for the Scratch Masters.

39. The top six (6) qualifiers in each division will bowl step-ladder format starting with 6th and 5th place with the winner moving on. The higher ranked player chooses to finish first or last which will also determine bowlers' starting lanes.

40. Two (2) practice balls will be allowed per lane before each game for the two (2) bowlers competing in that game. A warm-up lane will be provided for the higher seeds waiting to bowl.

41. A lane schedule will be given to each division prior to the start of the competition. Bowlers are responsible for checking if they have qualified. Sheets listing qualifiers will be posted at the Bowling Center, Host Hotel, and GAGME website.

42. The match game competition will begin promptly after Team event is completed. Bowlers must check-in fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the event. A bowler who is not available to bowl at the scheduled time will be disqualified and the alternate will replace him/her.
43. 100% of the prize fund from each division in the Optional Scratch Masters shall be returned to that division.
44. By participating in GAGME 2027, each participant acknowledges and, at the start of their first event, herby waives and releases all claims against GAGME 2027, its sponsors, affiliates, organizers, tournament officials, and representatives for any injury, loss, or damages that may be sustained in connection with participation in the event.

    Participants grant full permission to the organizers to use photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, and/or statements made by them for legitimate promotional, marketing, and event-related purposes.

    Any participant who does not grant such permission must notify the Tournament Director in writing prior to the start of their first event.

ANY RULES NOT COVERED HERE OR COVERED BY USBC TOURNAMENT RULES WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS.