



GEORGIA GAMES

## 2016 GEORGIA GAMES BOWLING QUALIFIER RULES

1. This scratch tournament will be certified by the United States Bowling Congress "USBC" and will be governed by the rules of the Georgia Games and USBC, Tournament Average Divisions are listed below:

<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>ADULT</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>SENIORS</b>	<b>Average</b>
Division 01	99 and below	Division 08	149 and below	Division 13	149 and below
Division 02	100 to 115	Division 09	150 to 164	Division 14	150 to 164
Division 03	116 to 131	Division 10	165 to 179	Division 15	165 to 179
Division 04	132 to 147	Division 11	180 to 193	Division 16	180 to 193
Division 05	148 to 163	Division 12A	194 to 206	Division 17A	194 to 206
Division 06	164 to 179	Division 12B	207 and above	Division 17B	207 and above
Division 07	180 and above	<b><u>if your age is 60 or Greater on January 1, 2016, you are in the SENIOR Division</u></b>			

2. All bowlers will enter through a Certified Local or State qualifier. Entering Average at League level will be based on 21 games or more at the time of qualifying. Entering Tournament Average will be governed by Tournament Rules.
3. You must be a member of USBC, Certified through a Georgia Bowling Association and be considered an amateur to be eligible to enter this tournament. See amateur status Rule # 4.
4. An individual in any of following categories is not considered to be an amateur and is not eligible for this tournament.
  - No **PBA , PWBT, or GBT** members of any classification last 3 years (2013, 2015, 2016)
  - A bowler who is subsidized by a bowling sponsor, manufacture or any other agency so that He/She may devote his/her primary attention to the practice or participation in bowling.
  - A bowler who devotes half or more of his/her working time as a paid bowling instructor.
  - A bowler who earns a major portion of his/her income as an exhibition bowler.
5. Certified Qualifiers will be conducted during League, City and State Level Tournaments.
  - A) **Certified League Level** - Normal Qualifying: March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. *Qualifiers prior to March will be allowed if Games Manager is notified.* League rules apply. Multiple participation allowed. Record your three (3) games bowled in league using current league average to determine Division. A \$3.00 entry fee must be paid to the league coordinator prior to bowling. Scores bowled on the date the fee was paid will count.
  - B) **City (Association) and State Tournament Level** - Qualifying to be held during the current season through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Tournament Rules apply. Qualifying must be accomplished prior to the above dates, or tournament must be in progress by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Multiple participation allowed: may enter Team, Singles, and Doubles Events. A \$3.00 entry fee for each Event will be paid to the Games coordinator of the tournament prior to bowling. Scores bowled on the date the fee was paid will count. Your tournament average will determine Division Classification.
6. Average adjustment may be required when submitting state level entry – if current league or end of season average is higher than your qualifying average - Must use your highest average.
7. Qualifying for the Georgia Games will end on May 20<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of any Association or State Level Tournament which are in progress prior to May 20<sup>th</sup>.
8. All entries will advance to the State Level Competition on a ratio of at least one (1) for every four entries. State Level will be held at **Brunswick Zone Lilburn** in Lawrenceville Ga. with 1<sup>st</sup> Round Cuts on Saturday - July 9<sup>th</sup>, Bowlers that advance will compete in additional rounds on Sunday - July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016
9. Bowlers may be reclassified to another Division if the total bowlers in a Class Division are under 3 competitors.
10. **State Games Format:** All bowlers will bowl 3 games on Saturday; Divisions with more than 10 entries will cut their field to the top10; Divisions with 10 entries or less will cut their field to the top 5. Sunday Rounds; the top 10 in each Division will bowl 2 games to cut their field to 5. The top 5 or less in each division will bowl 1 game to determine the winner of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals.

Entry Fee Paid by June 1st is **\$20.00 which includes shirt**; after June 1st is \$25.00. *Note: a \$20.00 fee will be charged on all returned checks. No refunds will be made after entries have been accepted in compliance with USBC rules.*

**Dead line for State Level Competition Entries is June 15th; no entry will be accepted after this date.**