

## 2026 Tournament Rules

The Capital Area Pride Invitational Tournament ("CAPIT") is not a USBC certified tournament\*. The Capital Area Pride Invitational Tournament will adapt the USBC rule book as a guideline for all operational / bowling rules, however it will not follow their current stance against transgender athletes. The Capital Area Pride Invitational Tournament is an invitational mixed handicapped competition open to all adult bowlers, regardless of self-identification. This aligns with IGBO's mission:

*IGBO seeks to promote the sport of bowling and enrich the lives of individuals through league building and tournaments around the world. IGBO is guided by the principles of community, inclusion, and solidarity as we:*

- *provide educational opportunities to local communities about bowling, LGBTQ+ history, and other topics of importance;*
- *build communication avenues between member leagues, joining LGBTQ+ communities together in solidarity;*
- *and plan social opportunities to promote the sport of bowling and to enrich the lives of individual athletes through leagues and tournaments*

*IGBO recognizes access to sport as a human right. Community is a primary pillar of IGBO and cannot be fulfilled if any member of our community is intentionally or unintentionally excluded. We strive to continually listen, learn, and adapt to ensure every member of IGBO has a sense of belonging in our community. IGBO promotes gender inclusion by recognizing an individual player's self-identified gender; and avoiding gender-based distinctions or divisions in sporting activities, while considering member countries' cultures. IGBO is committed to celebrating each athlete's accomplishments and skill, regardless of gender identity.*

\*USBC Certification subject to change

- 1) Capital Area Pride Invitational Tournament (CAPIT) is a mixed handicapped competition open to all gender identities and is by invitation only. The tournament will be held at Sportsman's Bowl in Schenectady, NY between Friday August 7, 2026 and Saturday August 9, 2026.
- 2) The tournament will be bowled on a Modified House Pattern. Only registered bowlers or tournament/alley officials are permitted beyond the settee area.

- 3) The Tournament will not be USBC sanctioned.
- 4) All participants must be members of IGBO. Any participants not currently a member of IGBO must fill out the application for associate membership and submit to tournament secretary along with \$25 fee.
- 5) CAPIT will consist of Team, Doubles and Singles competitions. Each set will consist of three (3) games. Team competition will consist of four (4) bowlers (any combination of men and women). Each bowler may only participate once in each event.
- 6) All applications will be completed online through the tournament's website. The entry fee is \$145 which covers lineage, prize fund, awards banquet and other tournament expenses.

*\*Expenses include trophies, the \$3 dollar per bowler IGBO fee, PayPal fees and supplies needed to run the tournament. Any unused expense funds will be added to the prize fund.*

- 7) Entry closing date is July 26, 2026, unless the tournament sells out sooner. CAPIT has a capacity of 26 teams or 104 bowlers.
- 8) This is a handicapped tournament. Handicap will be calculated at 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 250. If a bowler enters with an average of over 250, they will be assigned a handicap of ZERO. No negative handicap will apply.
- 9) Your average will be determined in the order below (If you do not qualify for the first move to the second, and so on):
  - a) Current IGBO tournament average (TAD - 18 games).
  - b) Composite 2025-2026 average, based on a minimum of 21 games.
  - c) Composite 2024-2025 average with a minimum of 21 games.
  - d) Current League average with 21 games.
  - e) If none of the above applies, an average of 250 will be assigned.

- 10) The above averages must be verified by one or more of the following methods:
  - a) Using a league standing sheet, signed and dated by a league officer or a letter from the league president or secretary.
  - b) It will also be acceptable to submit bowler abstracts from bowl.com and/or provide league numbers/standing sheets from bowl.com, leaguesecretary.com, league pals, or a league's official website.
  - c) If a bowler's average is not posted on one of the websites above or a league's official website, or the bowler has chosen not to allow public access to their bowl.com profile, all average paperwork including any tournament results must be received by the tournament secretary within one week after application is received or by the July 26, 2026 deadline (whichever comes first), or the application is subject to rejection or the assignment of an average of 250.
  - d) It is the bowler's responsibility to provide accurate and complete average information. The tournament will do their due diligence on each submitted average, but it is not our responsibility to do exhaustive research if the bowler does not provide the information that is required.
  - e) If a bowler purposely provides false or misleading information to secure a lower average for the tournament, the application will be rejected, the bowler will be disqualified, and that person will not be permitted to bowl in CAPIT or any future CAPIT tournaments.
  - f) All average verification documents, both league and tournament, should be emailed to [Capareaprideinv@gmail.com](mailto:Capareaprideinv@gmail.com) for secretarial purposes. They should be received by the tournament secretary no later than the July 26, 2026 entry close date.
- 11) The tournament management reserves the right to re-rate any entrant prior to bowling for reasons other than those set forth in Rules 10.
- 12) The following additional optional events will be offered at CAPIT with 100% of the costs paid back as prize fund at a minimum ratio of 1 in 10.
  - a) No-Tap held Friday August 7, 2026
  - b) Handicap Events
    - 1) Best 3 of 6: \$10 (Team and Doubles Events)
    - 2) Best 3 of 9: \$10
    - 3) Dark Horse Doubles: \$10 per entry (multiple entries allowed)
    - 4) Mystery game: \$15 (\$5 per squad)
    - 5) Chase the Rabbit: \$15 (\$5 per squad)

c) Scratch Events

1) Optional Scratch Divisions (Paying Game and series) as follows: \$15 per entry

(1) Division E – 0 to 159

(2) Division D – 160 to 179

(3) Division C – 180 to 194

(4) Division B – 195 to 209

(5) Division A – 210 to 300

13) Substitutes meeting CAPIT rules may bowl at the discretion of the tournament's executive committee.

14) Bowlers will be given ten (10) minutes of practice before each event.

15) Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready with prior frames scored a zero (0) up until the completion of the 5th frame. It is the bowler's responsibility to be at the lanes when bowling begins.

16) No substitutions in the Doubles or Team event lineup can be made after a series has started without sufficient cause at the discretion of the tournament management. Changes to Doubles pairings must be made before the completion of the tournament registration period.

17) After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there has been an obvious error in scoring or calculation. 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 the appropriate action will be decided by tournament management.

18) A protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with the tournament management within 24 hours and before tournament prizes are paid. The protest or appeal must be in writing and the grounds for the protest or appeal briefly stated.

19) All official results will be posted, and monetary prizes will be calculated within the 30-day window following the conclusion of the tournament. All financials and scores will be reported as necessary to IGBO and any other necessary governing body.

20) All cash awards shall be based on the total pins with handicap for the Team and Doubles events. The prize ratio is a minimum of 1 in 10 for all tournament events unless otherwise noted. A tie in any position will result in an equal division of the prizes.