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TRISTATE TOUR



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FIRST PLACE \$550 GUARANTEED
\$60 Entry Fee

All events start at 11:00 a.m. Evansville time-Check in starts at 9:45 a.m.

Format: Four games qualifying– Cut to single elimination match play

(Less than 60 entries top 16, 60-89 entries Top 24, Greater than 90 entries top 32)

Handicapped 85% of 220-Max of 40 pins

			Site Sponsor
January 8, 2023	Arc Lanes	Evansville, IN	The Dead Yeti Tattoos
February 5, 2023	Cardinal Lanes	Puducuh, KY	Elrod Appliance Repair
March 5, 2023	Blackiston Bowl	Clarksville, IN	Evansville Ironman
April 2, 2023	NU Bowl	Mt. Vernon, IL	The Bowling Guys Trivia
May 7, 2023	Vigo Bowl	Terre Haute, IN	Chaotic Creations
June 4, 2023	Franklin Lanes	Evansville, IN	Southern Indiana APA
July 2, 2023	Tell City Bowling	Tell City, IN	
August 6, 2023	Legendary Lanes	Huntingburg, IN	Schwoeppe Barbecue
September 10, 2023	Eastown Recreation	Jasper, IN	
October 1, 2023	Rivercity Recreation	Evansville, IN	Southern Indiana APA
November 5, 2023	Ross Cottom Lanes	Muddy, IL	
December 3—TOC	River City Recreation	Evansville, IN	TOC

The new bowlers must bring average verification (Call/Text, Facebook, or email with questions). First event of they year requires a \$20 registration fee. Check out tournament averages, point standings, and winners on our

Facebook page: Tri-State Tour

Preregister/questions: tristatetour@gmail.com

Tournament directors: Kurt Clement 812-319-3892 and Nick Austin 812-455-9372

2023 TRI-STATE TOUR RULES

-FOUR GAMES OF QUALIFYING; Cut to top 16 with less than 60 ENTRIES, Top 24 60-89 entries, top 32 with greater than 90 entries bowlers advance to seeded match play

OPTIONAL EVENTS—SCRATCH TOURNAMENT AND SENIOR (AGE 50+) HANDICAP TOURNAMENT EACH USING YOUR 4 GAMES OF QUALIFYING

-END OF YEAR TOURNAMENT (TOC) - FREE FOR TOP 48 QUALIFIERS AND CHECKS EARNED BY TOP 20% OF BOWLERS ON FINAL POINTS LIST-BRACKETS, ELIMINATOR, SIDE POTS, 300 GAME JACKPOT, 800

Pots: Bowlers that have not bowled at least one Tri-State Tour within one calendar year are only eligible for 50 percent of the 800, 300, Strike Pots, defend your turf pots over \$500.

- Bowlers must be sanctioned with USBC and pay a \$20 TST membership fee annually at their first event.
- **FORMAT:** Bowl four (4) games on a house shot moving after each game. Cut to the top 16 (<60 entries) or 24 (60-89 entries) or 32 (greater than 90 entries) for match play where bowlers will be seeded by handicap pins and placed into a single elimination bracket. Ties for the last spot will be broken by match-play tiebreaker discussed below. Once the field is set, all ties for seeding will be broken by highest handicap game. Lowest 16 qualifiers will bowl each other in round one. The winners of round one will advance to bowl the bowlers who are seeded next highest 8 round two. This process will continue until top 8 bowlers are decided, then one game match play until winner is crowned (No byes for tournaments less than 60 entries). Ties in match-play will bowl a 9-10th frame tiebreaker using 20% of handicap. If still tied, continue process until winner is determined. During match play and tie-breakers a bowler who has all strikes can do no worse than tie their opponent. If bowler shoots 300 scratch in match play, they cannot lose game by handicap. If opponent shoots over 300 with handicap, it will be treated as a tie and a roll off will occur. Payout will be at least 1 in 4 with a minimum of 16 checks. First place at each event is guaranteed to be at least \$500. Max entries equal 5 bowlers per lane (accommodations can be made in emergencies to be decided by tournament director). Top handicap series after 4 games of qualifying will receive a \$50 bonus check. Youth bowlers who wish to maintain their youth status must sign a waiver form, so their earnings can be sent to the Smart Program in the form of scholarships.
- **HANDICAP** will be 85% to 220 based on the following order: (1) TST Tournament average (2) Highest 2021-2022, non-sport book average of 21+ games (3) Highest current average of 21+ games as of date of competition. (4) All others will be subject to the discretion of tournament manager. Bowlers using 2 thru 4 above will use that average for their first 3 events. Maximum handicap will be 40 pins per game. Non GEUSBCA members **MUST** bring average verification with them. Rules 319a 2 (10-pin re-rate rule if no prior year tournament average—bowler's first 3 events only), 319a 3 and 319c will be in force. Rules 319d and 319e will be waived. Management reserves the right to re-rate bowlers before start of tournament play.
- **TOURNAMENT AVERAGE:** For bowlers with 12 TST games from the prior year, a tournament average will be established and used beginning at each bowler's first event. It will be based upon 2022 and 2023 TST pins only and will be recalculated prior to each subsequent event. All others will begin using their tournament average after their third event. The tournament average will be determined by dividing total TST pins from both the 2022 and 2023 seasons by the total TST games bowled for that same time period. A bowler's tournament average may not be more than 20 pins below their highest 2022 book average (non-sport only—minimum of 21 games). End of year prize will be awarded to the highest average bowler through regular season qualifying and match-play (\$250 prize - Min 5 events).
- **ENTRY FEE:** \$60 (\$14.75 lineage, \$3.50 for TOC, \$2.50 expense fee, and \$39.25 prize fund). Prize fees returned 100%.
- **OVERALL POINTS LIST:** Bowlers will receive points for each tournament bowled. The person with the most points after the November event will be recognized as the "Bowler of the Year" and will receive a \$100 bonus on their points check. At least 80% of the paid memberships will be paid out based upon the point standings on at least a 1 in 5 ratio. Points are determined as follows: Winner—500, 2nd—450, 3rd thru 4th—400, 5th thru 8th—350, 9th thru 16th—300, 17th thru 24th—250, 25th thru 32nd—200, and 33rd or higher—100.
- **Tournament of Champions:** A TOC will be held at the end of the regular tour and will have a field of 48 people plus ties. The field will be determined as follows: the 2022 TOC winner and the winner of each 2023 event. The balance of the field will be determined by the 2023 overall points list. To be eligible to bowl in the TOC a bowler must have bowled at least 5 of the regular events. This includes the 2022 TOC winner and the winner of each 2023 event. Alternates will be allowed if the field is less than 48 at the starting time.
- Brackets, eliminator, high game pots, 300 game jackpot, and 800 series jackpot will be available. 300 game and 800 series jackpots can be won in all games of non-TOC tournaments including match-play. Multiple 300s/800s on the same day will split the jackpot. To be eligible for the full 300/800/strike pot jackpots a bowler must have bowled in at least one event prior to winning within one calendar year. If they haven't competed in one calendar year, they will only be eligible for 50% of the prize amounts above \$400. (I.e. if the jackpot is \$400, the bowler will win all \$400. If it is \$900 they will win \$450.
- Registration will start at 9:45am with the event beginning promptly at 11:00am Evansville time.
- For more information call/text Kurt Clement at 812-319-3892 (cell) or Nick Austin 812-455-9372 or at tristatetour@gmail.com.
- Events with centers of less than 20 lanes, bowlers must pre-pay to guarantee spot to be held for tournament. Payment accepted through cash/check/cash apps
- In the case of severe weather, tournament will be called off if city in which the event is to be held is currently under a state of emergency, or travel to the event is not in the best interest for most those involved. Discretion left up to tournament director.
- A bowlers compete under their own risk. By signing up and bowling the tournament they agree to waive all liability against the tournament directors, staff, and bowling alley.