

Tournament Rules for the TX Ironman

- Format is 6 games on 1 pattern, break for lunch (provided by Platinum Ford) and re-oil, 6 games on another pattern. Top 12 will move onto single elimination match play.
- Pattern WILL NOT be announced until the week of the event (Monday). Will hold a Friday night 4 game sweeper for anyone wanting some competitive practice after the bowlers meeting, Chris Turner with Victory Bowlers will be hosting the 4 game sweeper at Cityview. The 4 game sweeper will be bowled on the tournament patterns. Center **WILL NOT** put the pattern out for any bowler before the tourney.
- Entries are max at the first 78 paid.
- **Refunds will be given with at least 2 week notice (8/12/2023 or before), afterwards refunds will only be allowed once the spot has been filled.**
- Payout is 1:3.2, with \$5000 guaranteed (regardless of entries).
- This is a scratch tournament.
- **Practice will start promptly at 9am and finish at 9:15am. Any bowler arriving late will receive zeros for their frames when up if not ready to bowl.**
- In an event of a tie for the final match play spot (12th) we will have a one game roll-off to determine who claims that last match play spot. If a multiple tie all will have a one game roll-off on same pair chosen by tournament director with high score securing the 12th spot or if for example 11-13th are tied the two highest scores would move on as the 11th and 12th seed.
- **The highest seed each round will get to select the pair they want to have their match on.**
- **New this year, top seed will get to choose the pattern for the match play portion.**
- Top 12 for the bracket finals will be one game matches with the pair being both patterns. Higher seed will get choice of starting lane and will bowl the lowest remaining seed. Left lane will start the match. Seeds 3-12 will bowl immediately following the completion of the tournament and oiling of the pairs. Seed 2 will get a 1 round bye. The 1 seed will get a 2-round bye.
- Any tie for a cash spot out of the top 12 will split the 2 prize funds evenly. If ties for the last cash spot we will use **the highest low game** for the tie break. (example bowler A low game for the 16 games is 160 and bowler B is 150, bowler A will get the last cash spot)
- Highest non-cashing senior, lady, or youth bowler will receive \$250. If all senior, lady, or youth bowlers' cash, then we will add to the prize fund and pay another spot of last cash at \$250.
- **All youth bowlers will receive funds into their SMART fund.**
- Bowlers who do not buy themselves in the Calcutta, are allowed to buy half back, up until the start of practice. After practice begins they are not guaranteed to get half at that point.
- The dress code for the tournament is shorts are allowed for the bowlers and they must wear bowling jersey or collared shirt.
- As of August 1, 2020, no ball may have an extra hole. All holes in the ball must be used for the delivery. Any violation of this rule will result for first offense in the game being a zero and second offense is disqualification from the tournament.
- The USBC ruling for banned balls as of March 31st, 2022, those balls will be allowed in competition as this is not a USBC tournament.
- Any rules not covered will be governed by USBC rules and tournament director has final say.