2020 Guam Senior Bowlers Association (GSBA)
Senior Bowler of the Month (GSBOTM)
Rules & Regulations

General Tournament Description: This is a monthly open bowling tournament with both a gender and age handicap. Participants will qualify to make the "Top Twelve Shootout" participants on the basis of a "points over average" format based on series performance on the Friday Night Senior League. ONLY series scores from this league shall be accepted as an entry to the monthly tournament on the month it is bowled in. Participants can submit more than one entry to better their position for the Top Twelve shootout to be bowled on the last Sunday of each month. Men and women will bowl in one division with monetary prizes based on entries paid in. Tournament will be held at a set time Sunday once a month at Central Lanes unless otherwise noted on the Senior Tournament bulletin. Monthly reminders will be sent out via e-mail, phone message via What's App, or announced and/or posted bulletin update at the Central Lanes prior to the event. See Senior Bowlers Bulletin Board, bowling counter, or the senior web page under the Guam Bowling Congress for the tournament schedule start times.

Eligibility: Open to all bowlers 50 years of age and above or will be 50 no later than December 31, 2020. Please bring proof of age for tournament eligibility verification, (i.e. passport or driver's license). Tournament chairperson shall record age and contact information to ensure proper communication of tournament shootout rankings and shootout times. GSBA reserves the right to refuse entrance to this tournament if there are questions regarding eligibility status and/or entering average of participant.

Waiver: All participants shall sign a waiver of liability to the Guam Senior Bowlers Association and to Unity Development Corporation (UDC dba Central Lanes) upon their first participation in this tournament good for the year 2020. Participants hereby acknowledge that they are assuming all risks and hold the GSBA and UDC free from litigation for any injuries resulting from accidents or incidents during competition.

Dress Code (For Grand Finals Participation ONLY): This is a tournament with only one dress code: Bowlers are to wear preferably **ANY** recognizable bowling shirt or a shirt **WITH** a collar. Men are required to wear dark black or blue slacks. Women may use skirts, skorts, or slacks. ***No denim fabric clothing shall be allowed***. Please follow aforesaid instructions for proper tournament dress decorum.

Tournament Format:

1.) Bowlers shall use their three game Friday Night Senior League series using a "point over average" (POA) per game basis plus bonus points of five (5) points for every ten pins over average is bowled. These points will be combined with age and gender handicap to determine ranking for the "Top Twelve" shootout. Example: Bowler with 150 average bowls three game series of 160, 175, and 140. Bowler is also a 57 year old woman. Entry points earned is calculated as follows: 10 points for 160 game, 25 points for second game, and -10 points for a combined points over average earned of 25 points (10+25-10).

2.) Bonus points of 5 for the first game (+10 POA), 10 for the second game (+20 POA), and none for the third (-10) for a total of 15 bonus points.

3.) Total qualifier points earned is 25 points for POA league series, 15 bonus points, 3 points for age, and 5 points for gender for a total of 48 points for the qualifier.

Handicap(s): The Shootout handicap for this tournament shall be based on 80% of 200 scratch average. The Shootout average shall be based on the higher of your Friday Night League average or your tournament average based on a minimum of twelve games and shall be re-rated for each twelve games thereafter.

Additional handicap based on **AGE** shall be as follows:

50-54	**0 Pin handicap**	**65-69**	**7 Pin handicap**
55-59	**3 Pin handicap**	**70-74**	**10 Pin handicap**
60-64	**5 Pin handicap**	**75 & up**	**15 Pin handicap**

Women shall be granted an additional five (5) pins handicap for gender.

*Bowlers must bowl a minimum of six (6) of the <mark>12 Monthly Qualifier Rounds</mark> (MQR) to be eligible for the bowler of the year grand championship finals in January 2021. This requirement shall be for ALL participants INCLUDING the defending champion from the previous year.

<mark>Monthly Shoot-out Rules:</mark>

TOP TWELVE ranked bowlers for the shootout must check-in with shootout fee (to pay for lineage) 15min. before schedule time of competition or face disqualification. Reserves will be called as soon as scheduled sign-in time has elapsed. Tardiness will not be tolerated.

Top twelve bowlers shall be divided into two brackets as follows:
   Bracket 1) Seeds 12, 10, 8, 6   Bracket 2) Seeds 11, 9, 7, 5

Shoot-out Rd.1 & Rd.2: Bowlers 12 vs. 6, 10 vs. 8 (Bracket 1) and Bowlers 11 vs 5 and 9 vs. 7 (Bracket 2) shall roll one game with tournament handicap together. Bowlers with highest pinfall including handicap in each bracket shall move to the second round.
- Example: If the winners of the first round are 12, 8, 9, and 5, then Seed 5 shall meet Seed 9 from Bracket 2 and Seed 8 shall meet Seed 12 from Bracket 1 on a pre-determined lane schedule to determine who advances to the quarterfinal round.

Quarterfinal Round:
Lowest seed winner vs. 3rd seed
Second lowest seed winner vs. 4th seed

Semi-Final Round:
Lowest seed winner of the quarterfinal round vs. #1 seed
Second lowest seed winner of the quarterfinal round vs. #2 seed
- Note: Lower seeds must beat the higher seeds twice to advance to the Championship Round.

Championship Round: Semi-Final winners will meet for the championship.

<mark>Tie-Breaking Procedure:</mark>
In the event of a tie during the qualifiers, the bowler with the highest number of games shall be the higher seed. In the event a tie still occurs, the bowler with the higher average shall be the higher seed. In the Shoot-out, semi-final, or championship rounds, each bowler shall roll one ball until the tie is broken and will move on to the next round or declared the winner of the match.

Protests:
Any protest or question regarding tournament infractions and/or procedures shall be brought to the attention of the tournament chairperson for a ruling. The decision of the tournament chairperson is final.

Entry Fee and Prize Fund Payout:
Tournament Entry Fee – $20 for GSBA members and $25 for non-members per three game league series payable by the end of the first game of the entrant's series on the Friday Night League. This fee shall be enforced by QR01 for the month of February. The first month tournaments shall be $20 per person to allow entrants to become members by paying the $60 annual fee. Tournament Chairperson shall collect the fees and submit to the GSBA Treasurer for accountability. Top Twelve Entrants names and scores shall be posted at the bowling counter and sent via electronic media (i.e. What's App) for ranking information to participants. Monthly Finalist Shootout Entry fee shall be $15.

MONTHLY NO. QR	≥ 25	≥ 35	≥ 45	≥ 55	≥ 65	≥ 75	≥ 85	≥ 95	≥ 105
MONTHLY PRIZE	$250	$350	$450	$550	$650	$750	$850	$950	$1,050
1ST	$ 80	$120	$150	$200	$230	$260	$300	$340	$ 380
2ND	$ 70	$ 95	$125	$135	$175	$210	$230	$250	$ 270
3RD	$ 60	$ 75	$100	$115	$130	$150	$170	$190	$ 210
4TH	$ 40	$ 60	$ 75	$100	$115	$130	$150	$170	$ 190

GRAND FINALS:
Tournament Entry Fee – $125 for GSBA Bowler of the Year Finalist. The top bowlers for the Grand finals for the GSBA Senior Bowler of the Year shall be composed of the defending champion from 2019 and the participants who have achieved the highest points based on GSBOTM points system from January to December of 2020*. Total Finalists shall be based on the number of entries paid during the monthly tournaments. All grand finalists shall have their rated average be the higher of the current Friday Night League average or the best one month tournament performance. Format for the championship tournament shall be determined by the tournament committee.

GSBOTM points system:

Weekly Tournament Participation:
Each weekly QR entry: 1 point

Monthly Tournament Participation:
Non-qualifier for the Monthly Shootout Round (13th Place finish and below): 5 points

Monthly Shoot-out Round:
Bowlers will be awarded points based on their monthly placements as follows:

1st Place finish: 100 points   7th Place finish: 40 points
2nd Place finish: 90 points   8th Place finish: 30 points
3rd Place finish: 80 points   9th Place finish: 25 points
4th Place finish: 70 points   10th Place finish: 20 points
5th Place finish: 60 points   11th Place finish: 15 points
6th Place finish: 50 points   12th Place finish: 10 points