



HOUSE SHOT SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

4 SQUADS: FRIDAY: 7PM & 9PM/SUNDAY: NOON & 2PM

HOSTED BY

AMF GARDEN CITY

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**\$2,500-1ST/\$1,500-2ND/\$1,000
3RD/\$750-4TH/\$500-5TH**

ALL GUARANTEED WITH 200 ENTRIES

YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$4,000 BY BOWLING BOTH SCRATCH & HANDICAP EVENTS

ENTRY FEE : \$80 TO \$150 PER SQUAD

(BASED ON THE # OF HOUSE SHOT SERIES EVENTS YOU BOWLED!)

3 SEPARATE SINGLES EVENTS

SCRATCH - 49 & UNDER HANDICAP • SENIOR (50+) HANDICAP

3-GAMES ACROSS 6 LANES

1 IN 8 ADVANCE / 1 IN 4 CASH EACH SQUAD

HANDICAP SQUAD LEADERS & HIGH DAILY SCRATCH SERIES EARN A BYE (MIN. \$250)

MULTIPLE CASHING ALLOWED!

SEPARATE FINALS FOR EACH EVENT LEADS TO A COMBINED FINAL SHOOTOUT

**ALL FINALISTS
GUARANTEED
MIN. \$150!**

**DAILY
HANDICAP
WILDCARD
BONUS!**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & TO PRE-REGISTER
PLEASE VISIT WWW.LIGBTOUR.COM OR CALL 516.637.5955**

LIGHT HOUSE SHOT SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND FORMAT (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Welcome to The LGBT House Shot Series Championship hosted by AMF Garden City. This 2-day/4-squad event is the culmination of LGBT's 12-event House Shot Series. Over \$4,000 will be added to the main event prize fund plus another \$2,500 paid out in a special invitation only event for bowlers competing in 8 or more House Shot Series Season 16 tournaments.

ENTRY FEE: Everyone's FIRST entry fee is based on the # of House Shot Series events you competed in. ALL RE-ENTRIES ARE \$80! If you did not bowl any House Shot Series tournaments your first entry is \$150. If you bowled in 1 or 2 House Shot events this season your first entry is \$125. Bowlers competing in 3, 4, or 5 House Shot Series events pay \$100 for their first entry. All bowlers that competed in 6 or more tournaments pay the lowest entry fee of \$80 per squad. Entry Fee Breakdown: \$15 lineage, \$10 expenses & \$5 escrow with remaining entry fee returned 100% to the prize fund. The LGBT occasionally offers the host center and sponsors complimentary entries.

HOW TO PRE-REGISTER: Bowlers can pre-register for the House Shot Series Championship by visiting www.lighttour.com and clicking "ENTER TOURNAMENT." Since entry fees vary per bowler prepaid entries cannot be accepted...you must pay for your entries on site. You can also call the LGBT office and pre-register by phone; 516.637.5955. If you don't want to pre-register you can still bowl by walking into AMF E. Meadow the days of the tournament. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your desired squad.

REFUNDS: Anyone prepaying & doesn't bowl is entitled to a full refund (minus fees) as long as the tournament director is notified prior to the start of the tournament. Once a bowler starts scoring no refunds will be issued.

GUARANTEES: GUARANTEED TOP PRIZES OF \$2,500-\$1,500-\$1,000-\$750-\$500 will be paid with just 200 entries. Minimum top prizes, regardless of entries, will pay \$2,000-\$1,000-\$750-\$600-\$500. All finalists are guaranteed to earn a minimum of \$150, regardless of entries, all 4 handicap squad leaders and the 2 daily scratch leaders are guaranteed a minimum of \$250. All 1 in 4 cashers will earn \$80 regardless of entries.

ELIGIBILITY: The Scratch event has no eligibility restrictions- anyone can bowl. The two handicap events are amateur only. Exceptions to the "NO PBA Rule" may be made if the competitive balance is not affected. All bowlers with a composite average of 231 or higher the past 2 years can only compete in the scratch event. Youth bowlers are welcomed and can earn SMART money in lieu of cash as long as a parent's waiver is signed (available at the tournament.) All youth bowlers cashing will receive a scholarship certificate, for the amount they won, at the event site. All winnings by a youth bowler will be deposited in their SMART account within 24 hours of completion of the event.

QUALIFYING FORMAT: Each squad consists of 3 games across 6 lanes. Handicap entrants receive handicap based on 90% of 220. For all 3 tournaments, each squad is its own qualifier and advances the top 1 in 8 (minimum \$150) and cashes 1 in 4 (\$80.) When determining the # of bowlers advancing in a squad the fraction must be greater than half to advance an additional person. In the 2 handicap events the 4 squad leaders (8 total), will earn a bye and a minimum of \$250. The highest daily series in the scratch event will also earn a bye (min. \$250.) The handicap events also award 2 wildcard bonuses: one on Friday night and one on Sunday. This bonus awards the highest 6-game series each day by a non-finalist a spot in the finals. **NEW:** A wildcard bonus will be awarded in the scratch division if the first squad either day has 20 or more scratch entries. Note: Handicap bowlers with less than 12 LGBT house shot games prior to the Championship are not eligible to earn a bye or wildcard.

FINALS FORMAT: There will be 3 separate finals going on at the same time. Each final uses an elimination (beat half-the-field) format. All final rounds are 1 game with the top 50% per round, in each event, advancing to the next round. Each round increases in payout so the more rounds you advance the more money you earn. Handicap squad leaders and daily scratch leaders enter the finals in Round 2 (minimum \$250.) The number of final rounds for each event depends on the # of finalists but is maxed at 3 rounds plus shootout. If there is an odd # of bowlers in a round, the smaller # will advance and the larger # will be eliminated and cash. If there is a tie in any final round all ties are broken with a 9th/10th frame roll off. The LGBT reserves the right to adjust the # of advancers in a round and will notify the field prior to that round. **NEW: ALL HANDICAP FINALISTS MUST USE THEIR "TRUE" LGBT HOUSE SHOT AVERAGE. PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FINALS ALL BOWLERS THAT USED AN ADJUSTED AVERAGE IN QUALIFYING WILL BE INFORMED OF THEIR REAL AVERAGE/HANDICAP.**

FINAL SHOOTOUT: The last remaining bowler in the scratch event, and the 2 remaining bowlers from each handicap event, will join together on the same pair to determine the champion. All 5 bowlers roll 1 game (handicap finalists receive their single game handicap) to determine the final 5 positions. The final 5 shootout is video-taped & shown on YouTube and WON television.

AVERAGES/HANDICAP: In the 2 handicap finals all bowlers use the same average as they did in qualifying unless they have bowled in 3 or fewer LGBT house shot events prior to the Championship. These finalists will have their average adjusted in the finals based on the games bowled thus far in LGBT house shot events. All bowlers will be informed prior to the start of the finals if their average/handicap has been adjusted. The tournament director reserves the right to adjust a finalist's average if the person is using an average that does not truly represent their ability.

DOUBLE FINALIST: If a bowler advances in both handicap & scratch their games bowled in the finals count twice to see if they advanced in either event. If a bowler advances to the shootout from both scratch and handicap events, they cash twice in the shootout using their handicap game for one prize and scratch game for the other prize. Bowlers advancing in both scratch and handicap bowl on the same lanes as the other scratch finalists.

TIES: If there is a tie for the cut score to advance to the finals the bowler with the higher handicap game advances (higher scratch game for the scratch event.) The same is true if there is a tie for the bye (handicap events only.) If there is a tie for the wildcard spot the bowler with the higher 3-game handicap series advances. If there is a tie in the final shootout all prizes are split evenly by the tied bowlers except if the tie is for first place where a 9th/10th frame roll off breaks the tie.

HOW HANDICAP IS DETERMINED: Bowlers with an LGBT house shot average use that average for handicapping. Bowlers without a LGBT house shot average, including new bowlers or anyone that has not bowled in an LGBT house shot event in the past 12 months, use their highest composite average from the past 2 years. Bowlers without a sanctioned average can still bowl but must show proof (league sheet or league secretary) of 21 games or more. The tournament director reserves the right to re-rate any bowler, at any time, if they feel the bowler has an unfair advantage.

ADDITIONAL RULES: The LGBT has a complete set of rules posted on LIGBTOUR.com. USBC rules apply when not covered by LGBT rules. All bowling balls will be permitted for use in this competition. Tournament director reserves all rights with all decisions final.

CODE OF CONDUCT: All entrants are required to act "professionally" when competing in LGBT events. Offensive language and apparel are not allowed and can be a cause for suspension from future tournaments. Anyone that is not "sober" will be asked to leave the bowling center. Any LGBT member speaking negatively about the LGBT on any social media platform will be barred for life from future LGBT events.

LANE PATTERN: Lanes will be stripped & oiled with the house shot prior to the 1st squad each day. Lanes will not be re-oiled for finals.