



FIRST PLACE \$500 GUARANTEED

All events start at 11:00am Evansville time – check in starts at 9:45AM

2015 Monthly Tour Stops

January 4, 2015	Arc Lanes	Evansville, IN	812-476-3003
February 8, 2015	Echo Lanes	Henderson, KY	270-826-2793
March 15, 2015	Eastown Recreation	Jasper, IN	812-481-2695
April 19, 2015	Diamond Lanes	Evansville, IN	812-424-4677
May 17, 2015	Laurel Lanes	Washington, IN	812-254-0632
June 7, 2015	Franklin Lanes	Evansville, IN	812-423-6204
July 12, 2015	Diamond Lanes South	Owensboro, KY	270-685-2695
August 2, 2015	Breakaway Lanes	Huntingburg, IN	812-683-2754
September 13, 2015	Gibson Lanes	Princeton, IN	812-385-5281
October 4, 2015	River City Recreation	Evansville, IN	812-477-5323
November 1, 2015	Ross Cottom Lanes	Harrisburg, IL	618-253-8417
December 13, 2015	Arc Lanes – TOC	Evansville, IN	812-476-3003

New Bowlers MUST bring Average Verification (Call us, Facebook or email with questions)

Check out Tournament Averages, Points Standings and Winners at

www.evansvillebowling.org (Tournaments Link and then Tri-State Tour Link)

Email Pre-Register/Questions to: tristatetour@gmail.com

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2015 TRI-STATE TOUR RULES

- FOUR GAMES OF QUALIFYING TOP 32 BOWLERS ADVANCE TO SEEDED MATCH-PLAY BRACKET
- 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 CHECKS EARNED BY TOP 20% OF BOWLERS ON FINAL POINTS LIST
- BRACKETS, ELIMINATOR, SIDEPOTS, 300 GAME JACKPOT, 800 SERIES JACKPOT, HIGH AVERAGE AWARD

- Bowlers must be sanctioned with USBC and also 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 32 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. Bowlers seeded 17 thru 32 will bowl each other in round one. The winners of round one will advance to bowl the bowlers who are seeded 9 thru 16 in round two. Winners of round two will bowl the bowlers who are seeded 1 thru 8 in round 3. The match-play handicap game advancing. Ties in match-play will bowl a four frame tiebreaker (frames 7 thru 10) using 40% (rounded down) of their one-game handicap. If still tied, bowlers will bowl a 9th and 10th frame tiebreaker using 20% (rounded down) until a winner is determined. During match play and tie-breakers a bowler who has all strikes can do no worse than tie their opponent. Payout will be at least 1 in 4 with a minimum of 32 checks. First place at each event is guaranteed to be at least \$500. Max entries equal 6 bowlers per lane. 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 2013-2014 winter, 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 prior to each event.
- **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 2014 and 2015 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 2014 and 2015 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 2013-2014 book average (winter league, non-sport only—minimum of 21 games). End of year prize will be awarded to the highest average bowler through qualifying and match-play (Min 6 events – based on entries min. \$250).
- **ENTRY FEE:** \$50 (\$13.50 lineage, \$3.00 for TOC, \$2.50 expense fee, and \$31.00 prize fund). Prize fees returned 100%.
- **OPTIONAL SCRATCH EVENT:** For an additional \$25 entry fee bowlers may enter a scratch side pot within the regular event. Payout will be at least 1 in 5 (rounded). Winners will be determined by total scratch pins from the 4-game sweeper. 100% of the additional entry fee will be returned as prize money. \$250 estimated for first based on 20 entries.
- **OPTIONAL SENIOR (AGE 50+) HANDICAP EVENT:** For an additional \$25 entry fee bowlers age 50 & over may enter a senior division handicap side pot within the regular event. Payout will be at least 1 in 5 (rounded). Winners will be determined by total handicap pins from the 4-game sweeper. 100% of the additional entry fee will be returned as prize money. \$250 estimated for first based on 20 entries.
- **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 2014 TOC winner (Lee Correll) and the winner of each 2015 event. The balance of the field will be determined by the 2015 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 2014 TOC winner and the winner of each 2015 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.
- Registration will start at 9:45am with the event beginning promptly at 11:00am Evansville time.
- For more information call Jimmy Casteel at 812-499-6398 (cell) or at tristatetour@gmail.com.