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**G.R.I.T.S. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, June 5, 2009**

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration & Southern Hospitality  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm 9-Pin No-Tap  
 10:00 pm - 12:00 am Southern Hospitality

**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

9:15 am - 9:45 am Check-In at AMF-Sunset Lanes  
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Singles Event  
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch Break  
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Doubles Event  
 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Southern Hospitality

**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

9:15 am - 9:45 am Check in at AMF-Sunset Lanes  
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Team Event  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Southern Hospitality  
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Reception/Awards  
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Southern Hospitality

**TOURNAMENT CONTACTS**

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**June 5 - 7, 2009**  
**Richmond, VA**



IGBO & USBC Sanctioned Tournament  
 Benefiting the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation

# G.R.I.T.S. 2009 PLAYING RULES

## SANCTIONING

1. GRITS 2009 is an invitation only women's handicap tournament sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). The GRITS Planning Committee reserves the right to refuse any application.
2. All bowlers must be members of the USBC, and be able to provide proof of their membership (current sanction card or signed statement from the league secretary verifying membership). If any participant is not a member, she must pay a participation fee of \$5.00 (USBC Rule 300c.1.b) and become concurrently subject to the USBC rules and jurisdiction for the tournament.

## EVENT PARTICIPATION

3. The tournament events shall be handicap events and are as follows: Singles, Doubles and Team.
4. Each participant shall bowl three (3) games per event and must enter all three events. Teams will consist of four (4) women.
5. Each participant may bowl only once per event.

## OPTIONAL SCRATCH COMPETITION

6. Optional Scratch Competition will be offered to all participants using five (5) divisions as determined by entering average (see Rule 15). An additional fee is required.
7. The Optional Scratch divisions shall be as follows:  

<b>Division A:</b> Averages 129 and below	<b>Division D:</b> Averages 170 to 189
<b>Division B:</b> Averages 130 to 149	<b>Division E:</b> Averages 190 and above
<b>Division C:</b> Averages 150 to 169	
8. Scores used for the Optional Scratch Competition shall be those games (without handicap) as bowled in the handicap events of the tournament.

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

9. All cash awards shall be based on the total pins plus assigned handicap for each event with exception of the Optional Scratch events.
10. Awards will be given, in the handicap division, for the best singles, doubles, team, and individual all events. Individual all events is defined as the nine game total plus handicap of an individual bowler.
11. The award ratio for the singles, doubles, team and all events handicap events shall be a minimum of 1:10.
12. The award ratio for the Optional Scratch divisions shall be at a minimum of at least 1:10 per division.
13. Prizes will be distributed via check payable in US currency within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament, barring any protest. A tie in any position will result in the sum of the prizes being aggregated for the tied positions and divided equally by the number of ties for that place.
14. 100% of the prize fund in the Optional Scratch divisions shall be returned to that division.

## ENTERING AVERAGES - Review USBC Rule 319b

15. Any bowler entering GRITS 2009 must establish a ten-pin average acceptable to USBC. The following rules shall be used to determine the entering average:
  - a) The highest league average as of December 31, 2008 with a minimum of 21 games. If competing in more than one league, the bowler MUST submit the HIGHEST AVERAGE of all leagues bowled.
  - b) If no December 31, 2008 average is available, use highest 2007-08 season book average, minimum 21 games.
  - c) If the above is not available, use the highest 2008 summer league final average, minimum 21 games, providing the summer league meets USBC criteria.
  - d) If none of the above is available, use the highest 2009 season average as of April 1, 2009, minimum of 21 games.
  - e) If none of the above is available, entering average shall be 210.

16. The above averages must be verified by the use of:
  - a) League standing sheet, signed and dated by a league officer, or
  - b) Letter from league president or secretary, or
  - c) Photocopy of book average, (with year noted) signed and dated by officer.
17. As of the beginning date of GRITS 2009, any bowler who has a 21 game tournament average during the period of May 28, 2008 through May 29, 2009 must report all tournament scores during that period to the Tournament Director no later than the time of registration for possible re-rating. Such re-rating must be done before the entrant bowls (USBC rules). **Failure to report this information shall result in automatic disqualification and loss of winnings.** (USBC Rule 319e is enforced and applies in its entirety).
18. Bowlers whose tournament average (21 games or more) is higher than their entering average will be re-rated to their tournament average.
19. USBC Rule 319a.2, regarding the 10-pin increase in average from 2007-08 season, and USBC Rule 319d, regarding reporting of prize winnings, shall **not** apply.
20. The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust the entering average of any bowler.
21. Average adjustments will be applied as set forth under USBC rules. All average adjustments will be completed prior to the start of the tournament. A bowler unwilling to accept an average adjustment is entitled to a full refund of their entry fee, within 30 days.
22. USBC rules regarding the bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of her entering average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or other, applies to all bowlers. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average.
23. The handicap for the tournament shall be 90% of the difference between the bowler's entering average (as determined above) and 210. Negative handicaps shall not apply.

## ATTENDANCE AND SUBSTITUTES

24. It is the bowler's responsibility to be present at the assigned lanes at the time of bowling. Mechanical failures, transportation irregularities, improper directions and related reasons do not alter the application of rules 25 and 26 below. (USBC rules will apply.)
25. Team entrants, to include doubles, must be present for bowling each event. If a team member is not present, the team may use an authorized substitute (Rule 27). If no substitute is available, a zero score will be used for the missing bowler(s).
26. Late bowlers will begin bowling in the frame in which they are ready, with prior frames being scored as zero. No practice balls will be allowed for late bowlers.
27. Substitutes may bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s). Their entering averages must comply with Rules 15 and 18. Substitutes must complete a substitute entry form. USBC fees must be paid if applicable.
28. Participants will be allowed to practice ten (10) minutes prior to each event.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

29. All entries and corresponding payments must be received by May 15, 2009. The entry fee is payable in US funds by **money order or certified check and made payable to GRITS.** Applications may be accepted after May 15, 2009 if space permits and will be accepted on first received, first accommodated basis. **All** entries must be mailed to the GRITS 2009 address:  
**GRITS, 9214 Silverbush Drive, Richmond, VA, 23228.**
30. Entries shall be limited to a maximum of 112 bowlers. Acceptance of entries will be based on the order in which received. Once an entry has been accepted, no refunds will be issued, except as stated above in Rule 21.
31. Partial team entries will be accepted and the Director(s) will make every effort to fill vacancies.

## PROTESTS

32. Any claims of errors or disputes must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or appointed representative(s) before the tournament prize payments are made. The protesting bowler(s) or team and the Director shall settle the dispute according to GRITS 2009 and USBC tournament rules.

## OTHER

33. All other USBC rules will apply.
34. Any person attending and having special needs must notify the Tournament Director in writing, by May 15, 2009.
35. Bowlers must provide their own transportation to all GRITS 2009 events.

# G.R.I.T.S. Entry Form (Please Print)

**EARLY BIRD ENTRY – POSTMARK BEFORE April 15th  
DRAWING FOR FREE ENTRY TO G.R.I.T.S. 2010!**

**Non-Bowling Participants:**  
Friends of G.R.I.T.S. can join us by entering as a non-bowler. It includes the awards reception and other complimentary events.

**Singles/Doubles: 10am  
Saturday, June 6, 2009**

**Team: 10am  
Sunday, June 7, 2009**

**Team Name:**

**Team Captain:**

Team Order	Name:	Nickname:	<b>Tournament Data</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Do you have a 21-game Tournament average since 5/28/2008? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (See Rule 17) Birth date (mm/dd): _____	<b>Entering Average</b> <i>(See Rule 15)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 12/31/08 Avg _____ <i>if none, then</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 07/08 Book Avg _____ <i>if none, then</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 2008 Summer Avg _____ <i>if none, then</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 2009 Avg _____ <i>if none, then</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 will be the average	
	Address:				
	City:	ST/Prov:			Zip:
	Phone:	E-mail:			
Doubles <b>1A</b>	League:	USBC #:			
	Secretary:	Sec'y Phone:			
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	City:	ST/Prov:			Zip:
	Phone:	E-mail:			
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	Secretary:	Sec'y Phone:			
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	City:	ST/Prov:			Zip:
	Phone:	E-mail:			
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	Secretary:	Sec'y Phone:			
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	City:	ST/Prov:			Zip:
	Phone:	E-mail:			
Doubles <b>2B</b>	League:	USBC #:			
	Secretary:	Sec'y Phone:			

## Non-Bowling Participant (1G)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Non-Bowling Participant (2G)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Use:

Entry #: \_\_\_\_\_

Postmarked: \_\_\_\_\_

CC/Mo Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY BIRD ENTRY – POSTMARK BEFORE April 15th**  
**DRAWING AT RECEPTION FOR FREE ENTRY TO G.R.I.T.S. 2010!**

**Entry Fee**  
**\$90.00**

**Optional Scratch**  
**Division**  
**\$20.00**

Lineage \$20.25  
 Prize Fund \$35.00  
 Awards \$32.00  
 Admin \$ 2.75

A Division 0 – 129  
 B Division 130 - 149  
 C Division 150 - 169  
 D Division 170 - 189  
 E Division 190 - 300

**GRITS DuJour**  
**9-Pin No-Tap**  
**Friday 8:00 pm**  
**Cost \$15.00 (\$20 @ registration)**

**Payout - Minimum 1:10**  
**Singles, Doubles, Team and All Events**  
**Max 112 Bowlers**



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**BE SAFE - HAVE FUN!**  
**DON'T DRINK & DRIVE !!!**

## G.R.I.T.S. 2009 Fee Worksheet

Bowler/Guest		1A	1B	2A	2B	1G	2G
Entry Fee	\$90						
USBC Participation Fee (See Rule 2)	\$5						
Optional Scratch: Division A, B, C, D, E	\$20						
	Div.						
Non-Bowling Guest	\$35						
GRITS DuJour - No-Tap	\$15						
Total US \$							

## Entry Form Instructions

- 1) Complete the application in its entirety. Remember to include the full address, postal code, phone numbers and birthdays for entrants.
- 2) It is the responsibility of each bowler to read the tournament rules and to submit **all** information requested. This includes, but is not limited to, average verification, and information about previous tournaments, if applicable.
- 3) Mail completed signed entries and full payment of all applicable fees in US Funds by cashier's check or money order, payable to GRITS, via certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

**GRITS**  
**9214 Silverbush Drive**  
**Richmond, VA 23228**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: May 15, 2009**