

# BLFC 2019 “Couerasa Classic” Bowling Tournament

## Official Rules/Regulations

Get ready to “roll for initiative” at the 2019 BLFC Bowling Tournament, the **Couerasa Classic!** Show your skills and wind down the con weekend with some pin-smashing fun and friendly competition. This year, the stakes are higher as the **Top 4 finishers** will receive complimentary memberships for BLFC 2020, with the winner earning a Patron membership valued at \$180! Fursuiters are welcome and receive bonus pins every game of the tournament (details below). Last year we had a fursuiter (Eaite) make it all the way to the finals, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>... could it happen again this year?

Registration for the tournament will begin at **8pm on Sunday, May 19** at the Grand Sierra Resort Bowling Center, after Closing Ceremonies. The tournament is scheduled to begin at **8:30pm**.

### Entry Fee and Prize Distribution

Entry Fee: \$6 (100% goes towards Prize Fund, includes minimum 2 games + shoe rental)  
Optional \$2 High Game Pot (for qualifying round, \$1 per game)  
Optional \$2 Brackets (3 players in opening round, payout is \$8 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$4 for 2<sup>nd</sup> if full)

Prizes: (rounded to nearest whole dollar)

**1st: 40% of Prize Fund + Curtain Call Open Trophy + Patron Membership to BLFC 2019**  
**2nd: 30% of Prize Fund + Sponsor Membership to BLFC 2019**  
**3rd: 20% of Prize Fund + Attending Membership to BLFC 2019**  
**4th: 10% of Prize Fund + Attending Membership to BLFC 2019**

### Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration is allowed and encouraged for the tournament! Contact Kijani at [timwa4@hotmail.com](mailto:timwa4@hotmail.com) or on Telegram @kijani\_lion to reserve your spot today! You may PayPal your entry/side pot fees at any time to lion\_king\_300@hotmail.com (please include your Furry name so we can get you on the roster).

### Fursuiter Bonus

Any fursuiters competing will receive +20 or +30 pins of handicap per game, for the entire tournament! To qualify as a fursuiter and the +20 pin bonus, you must, at minimum, wear a costume head, paws, and tail at all times while bowling. You may remove the handpaw of your bowling hand to bowl if desired.

To qualify for the +30 bonus pins, you must ***not remove the handpaw of your bowling hand while competing***. Perhaps we will see a fuzzy critter or two in the finals this year! Fursuiters may

opt to bowl regular at any point in the tournament, if they do so they forfeit any bonus pins for that game.

### **High Game Pot (optional)**

The High Game Pot (\$2 total entry, \$1 for each game) is awarded to highest scores in each qualifying game. The fursuiter handicap counts towards the High Game Pot. The payout for the High Game Pot will be approximately 60% for 1<sup>st</sup> and 30% for 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 3<sup>rd</sup> place receiving \$2 (may be adjusted depending on entries).

### **Curtain Call Open Tournament Rules**

1. Registration for the tournament will run from 8-8:30pm at the GSR Bowling Center. All entry fees will be collected at this time and participants will get their lane assignments. At 8:30pm, the lanes will turn on for 10 minutes of warm-up. Late entries will be allowed up to the end of the practice session.
2. Each entrant will bowl 2 games of qualifying. For the qualifying session, an equal amount of bowlers (or as close as possible) will be placed on each of the qualifying lanes, and both games will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
3. The tournament will be run via the rules stated in the United States Bowling Congress Rule Book. Any disputes (scoring, etc.) will be handled by the tournament director. All bowling will be "league" style (crossing lanes each frame) and be scratch scoring (no handicap, except in the case of the fursuiter bonus stated above).
- 4. After the first game is completed, the Tournament Director (Kijani) must verify all written scores. Do not start the second game until this has been done.**
5. At the end of the qualifying session, each player's totals will be added up and seeded according to finish. The top 8 qualifying scores will advance to the head-to-head bracket finals.
6. In the event of a tie for any seeded position after qualifying, the tie will be broken by the competitor with the highest single game score during qualifying receiving the higher seed.

### **BRACKET FINALS**

1. The finals will consist of one-game, total pinfall matches with the highest score advancing.
2. The quarterfinals will feature the following matchups in a traditional 8-player seeded bracket:  
#1 vs. #8  
#4 vs. #5  
#3 vs. #6  
#2 vs. #7  
The highest seed, starting with #1, will get to choose which pair of lanes to bowl their match on, as well as their starting lane.

3. Ties will be resolved with a one-ball, sudden-death rolloff. The higher seed will choose the starting lane and order. The rolloff will continue, switching lanes, until the tie is broken.

4. The semifinals will feature the following matchups:

Semifinal #1: Winner of #1/#8 vs. Winner of #4/#5

Semifinal #2: Winner of #3/#6 vs. Winner of #2/#7

5. The Championship Match will feature the winner of Semifinal #1 and Semifinal #2. The losers of Semifinal #1 and Semifinal #2 will face each other in a final match for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place.

6. The higher seed for the Championship will choose which pair of lanes the match will be contested on as well as which lane he/she will start on. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place finals will be contested on the other pair.

Good luck and thanks for participating in the 5th annual BLFC Bowling Tournament!