

The Book Club Invitational World Championship

Rules and Regulations

Season Format:

1. Entry to The Book Club Invitational World Championship is by invitation only. Invitees: Anthony C, Andrew S, David O, Dylan. B, Garry L, James R.
2. The tournament will consist of 25 games played over the course of 2013
3. For a bowling session to be 'official' all members must be present, correct and bowling for a minimum of 3 games.
4. If the number of games required on the final night of bowling (prior to finals beginning) is less than 3; rule 3 will become redundant and the number of games required to get to 25 will be the first games played.
5. The minimum number of games for a session must be agreed on at the beginning of the bowling.
6. Session extensions (games in addition to the number agreed on at the start of the session) may be suggested upon approval by **ALL** bowlers prior to the commencement of the final game of the agreed number of games.
7. In the event that Melbourne Central is unavailable; Strike QV will be used.
8. Each players game total will be recorded and then totalled to form the championship ladder

Ranking	Player	Total (games bowled)
1		(0) (0/25)
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

9. All players must sign off on the scores at the end of each game. A smart phone should be used at this point to photograph the score sheet as evidence.

The Finals:

1. The finals will begin on a separate evening.
2. At the completion of the 25 games the final rankings will be determined. Semi-final 1 will be 1 v 4 and semi-final 2 will be 2 v 3. 5 v 6 will play for the wooden spoon (the loser being the 'winner' of the wooden spoon)
3. The highest ranking player (at the end of 25 games) will determine who bowls first in their own final games.
4. Semi-Finals will be best 2 out of 3 (not cumulative). If A bowls 134, 150 and 90 they will beat B who bowls 132, 300 and 88 because they won 2 individual games despite having a smaller cumulative score.
5. Wooden Spoon is will be best 2 out of 3 (not cumulative(as above)) with the loser 'winning' the wooden spoon
6. 3rd place play off is a 1 off game with the highest score winning 3rd place
7. Final is a 1 off game with the highest score winning the Book Club Invitational World Championship.

8. In the event of a draw in the finals games the 2 bowlers will have a bowl off with the higher ranked bowler deciding who bowls first. This golf tournament play off style will continue until someone has a higher individual frame score (ie, if both players score a spare in the first play off and then player a) bowls 4 and 5 and player b bowls 7 and 2 (player b would have a higher score because of the spare) but only the 9 counts so this would go to a 3rd frame until a higher individual frame is found and a winner declared.
9. The winner of the final (winner of semi-final 1 vs winner of semi-final 2) will be presented with The Book Club Invitational World Championship trophy by the CEO of Strike (failing that- Liam. Failing that-Maddy. Failing that- the winner of the 3rd place playoff).

General:

10. Vuvuzelas are not permitted
11. At any time when the (agreed on) format is questioned/discussed; Cohen and Garry are instantly banned from the discussion owing to their heritage and the restructuring of the SPL.
12. As this is the Book Club invitational, all participants will have very minimal excuse for not being present at least on the evening of book club. The only plausible excuses for not being present include illness (home from work illness), an official work function or being out of Victoria/Australia. Any other excuse may be presented to the board of 6 for consideration but as it is a privilege to be invited it is expected that participants will do 'whatever it takes' to bowl. 1st guilty offence will receive a 50 point deduction; 2nd a 150 and 3rd a 300 point deduction.
13. Non book club evenings may be considered with the agreement of all bowlers. There is no penalty for not being available for non-book club evening sessions.
14. If a pin isn't set up properly/ is counted when shouldn't be, e.g. when the arm hits the pins, the player must request that the venue management adjust the score or re-stand the pins to best correct the error (this excludes gutter balls that bounce back).
15. Any statistical analysis or analysis of odds must either be confirmed with Garry or be ascertained through 'Garry's live odds' app (as pioneered by Bagg and Midfield Maestro).
16. Only the person bowling is permitted in front of the ball return chute (and associated line) unless they have just bowled and the other bowler decides to start their bowl before the other person has returned to the non-bowling area. This applies to both lanes, i.e. only one bowler at a time.
17. A signature dance is required after every strike (though a certain amount of "free-styling" will be permitted). This is essential for the additional sponsorship we have on board.
18. As this is an invitational event for the elite; the Board of Governors deems it appropriate not to have punishment for unsporting behaviour as those invited to participate should take pride in their own standing as sporting gentlemen.
19. Betting on games, whether part of the tournament score, finals, or standing, or side betting based on teams, individual frames, best of three, or even laser tag, are not only permitted but encouraged. However, where a bet needs odds to be calculated, this will need sign off by Garry to make sure said odds are fair and reasonable.