



GCU, NSS & SCS COMBINED NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

The GCU, NSS Life & Slovak Catholic Sokol Joint Bowling Tournament is fast approaching and we are pleased to offer you the following details:

Bowling... All bowling will take place at AMF Bowlero Pittsburgh Lanes 2440 Noblestown Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. The phone number is (412) 922-4622 and website is <https://www.bowlero.com/location/bowlero-pittsburgh>

Hotel... The DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Greentree located at 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 has a block of guest rooms available for \$119/night + tax for Thursday thru Saturday nights. You can reserve your room by calling **412-922-8400** and using Block Code:

Fraternal Societies Bowling Tournament. You can also scan the link on the back of this newsletter with your smartphone to go directly to the hotel reservation page for this event.

Application Format... Each society will receive applications from their own members, so that membership requirements can be verified. If you need additional applications: GCU members please contact: Basil Wahal-GCU Bowling Coordinator, 724-683-3924 or bwahal@GCUusa.com. Slovak Catholic Sokol members please contact: Kathy Watkins-Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, 412-225-8233 or kathyw323@gmail.com. NSS Life members please contact Bethany Bonnar at 724-770-2093 or bbonnar@nsslife.org. **Application deadline is April 15, 2024.**

Team Event... The format will again be 4-Bowler Teams (Mens & Womens Only-No Mixed Teams), and team members may combine and send only one application if all fees are included. If bowlers are unable to fill all 4 positions on a team, we will assist you.

Additional Actual Prize Money... In an effort to increase participation from higher average bowlers, the GCU Board of Directors has again pledged an additional \$1,000.⁰⁰ to be used to pay actual score prizes across all tournament events. This will not have any affect on the handicap prizes which will continue to be paid as in the past.

Squad Time Assignments... There will be only one squad time for both the team event. Team bowling will take place on **Friday, May 17 at 6:30 PM**. The doubles & singles squads are scheduled for **Saturday, May 18 at 9 AM AND 12:30 PM**. If there are less than 120 bowlers enter in the Singles and Doubles events, there will only be one squad bowled at 10 AM.

Friday Evening Hospitality... All bowlers (and pre-paid guests) are welcome to join in for food and fraternalism on Friday, May 17. The hospitality buffet will be served at Bowlero Pittsburgh Lanes beginning at 5 PM.

Saturday Evening Bowlers' Cocktail Reception... In the interest of fraternal camaraderie and to celebrate the GCU, NSS & SCS Combined National Bowling Tournament, a reception for bowlers and their guests will take place on Saturday evening May 18 at 5:30 PM at the DoubleTree Hilton Greentree Hotel. The evening will include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a two hour open bar. Guests are

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welcome at a fee of \$65 per guest. Bowlers must complete the enclosed Hospitality Questionnaire form if they plan to attend the reception. There is also a space to register any guests that will accompany bowlers for the reception. Payment must accompany requests.

Saturday Cocktail Reception Fee... Bowlers planning to attend the reception on Saturday, May 18 the fee is listed on their respective organization's applications and payment can be included with the bowling application. Bowlers have the option of not participating in the reception on Saturday, May 18. If you do not plan to attend, please do not pay the reception fee with your entry fees.

Food & Beverage Reservations... Must be made in advance so we can be precise in our attendance guarantees. We have enclosed a Hospitality Questionnaire to complete and return with your application no later than **April 15, 2024**. This will enable us to prepare for the proper number of attendees.

Membership Requirements... Membership requirements for each organization are available on the reverse side of the individual society bowling applications.

Forms on Each Organization's Website... Remember, if you need extra applications, all of the forms for the National Bowling Tournament are available on your organization's website: GCU— www.GCUusa.com; NSS Life—www.nsslife.org or Slovak Catholic Sokol—slovakcatholicsokol.org.

Early Departure Fee... The DoubleTree Greentree Hotel has the following policy: In the event a guest who has requested a room within your block checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, the hotel will add an early checkout fee in the amount of one room night and tax to that guest's individual account. Guests wishing to avoid an early checkout fee should advise the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay. **Individual Cancellation...** Failure to cancel a guaranteed reservation 48 hours prior to arrival date will result in a charge equal to one night's room and tax from the date of arrival.

We'll be in Touch... An additional newsletter will be forthcoming with the complete bowling and event schedule, prize list and other important information. Plan now to have a great tournament!

