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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL AMBT MEMBERS

General

1. This organization will be known as the American Masters Bowling Tour, Inc. (AMBT). The AMBT is a private membership-based business that is open to any USBC sanctioned bowler who meets all membership qualifying rules and pays the annual membership fee.
2. Non-members must agree to be governed by the rules and regulations, by-laws, and operating policies currently in effect or adopted at any future date to be eligible for membership in this organization. **(Membership can be terminated without cause).**
3. Members in good standing will be eligible for USBC special awards and honor score recognition as accomplished during tournament play, in accordance with current USBC awards program guidelines.
4. Tournament averages **will not** be reported for USBC yearbook consideration.
5. The Executive Board of Directors will consist of one Tournament director and as many Associate Directors as required. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329.
6. USBC rules will apply. The decision of the Tournament Director or Executive Board is final in all matters not covered by the USBC rules.
7. Participants must abide by all current AMBT rules and regulations. If they refuse, membership will be terminated with no reimbursement of membership fees.
8. Tournament results will be posted on the Official AMBT Website (www.americanmastersbowling.com) after each tournament. All newsletters and other special information will also be posted there. Check this website weekly for tournament information and updates.
9. The Tournament bowling season will normally begin in September of each year and end in May the following year. Special events may be held during the summer months.

Basic Eligibility

1. Bowlers must be a current season sanctioned member of the USBC. Sanction cards are required with all applications for membership verification.
2. A USBC Membership may be purchased at the tournament site.
3. All bowlers must be (18) eighteen years of age or older to become a member (or have parental consent if under the age of eighteen). A Parental Consent form must be provided if bowler is not yet 18.

Entering Average Requirements

1. **Entering average** will be determined by a **composite of ALL** USBC yearbook averages for the **past two** bowling seasons and **ALL current season** league averages of 21 games or more. Averages must be of 21 games or more to be considered. All averages at www.bowl.com must be listed and verified.
2. New members entering after January 1st, 2012 must present current league standing/average sheets for the leagues currently bowled in (must have bowled 21 games or more).
3. If a new bowler **does not** have any USBC yearbook averages for the past two bowling seasons he or she may use a verifiable average for the **current bowling season of (21) games** or more. If the league is used for verification is not USBC sanctioned, an USBC Membership needs to be purchased before bowling in competition.
4. It is the **sole responsibility** of each new member to provide the up-to-date league sheets and information for average verification prior to participation. **(USBC Rule 319a, item 2 & item 3 will apply) There will be NO Exceptions!** You will not be allowed to bowl until this process is completed. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any entry at any time for any reason.
5. **All USBC Summer League** averages of **21 games** or more must be reported for average consideration.
6. **Sport League or PBA Experience league** bowling averages are **not acceptable** for average consideration.
7. **Entering average** will be used until a **tournament average** is established. A tournament average will be established after (20) twenty games of

tournament play or winning a tournament, whichever comes first.

8. Average Adjustment: The Tournament director has the authority to adjust any entrant's average upward prior to participation in any event. If a bowler's average is adjusted, they have the right to decline the adjustment and receive a refund of any entry fees paid. **(USBC Rule 319e)**

9. Report of Prior Prize Winnings: (USBC Rule 319d) If you have qualified for a cash prize of **\$600** or more in the past 12 months you will need to include the name and date of that event, the amount of the prize won, and the actual scores bowled.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS WILL RESULT
IN A FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEE AND ANY PRIZE WINNINGS
EARNED.**

10. USBC Rule 319e has been waived.

11. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept any entry, reject any entry, or not to renew membership for any reason at anytime.

Membership Cost – Prize Fund

1. Annual Membership dues are \$30, payable at first tournament and renewable on your anniversary date each year.

*** 2. Entry fees are \$75** per tournament (Scratch Division) and **\$55** per tournament (Handicap Division). Scratch Division Breakdown is: \$65 for prize fund/lineage (\$53 Prize Fund/\$12 Lineage) and \$10 for promotions/operations. Handicap Division Breakdown is: \$45 for prize fund/lineage (\$33 Prize Fund/\$12 Lineage) and \$10 for promotions/operations. Entry Fees are subject to **change with advance notice**. A sign will be posted at the tournament check-in office of any changes prior to the start of any event.

3. Prize fund will be returned 100%. There will be **at least** one prize awarded for every four entries (1 in 4 ratio) in each division. ***The total prize fund payout breakdown for each division will be based on total entries in that division and the cost for lineage at the tournament center.***

**NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AT TOURNAMENT SITES! CASH ONLY!**

4. **Credit Cards** can be accepted for advance payment within (3) three days before the scheduled tournament event. Please call the AMBT office to make payments by phone.
5. All fees, debts & fines must be paid before participating in any event.
6. Any side-pots, brackets, or special events will be at an additional cost to AMBT members. These will be collected/disbursed by the AMBT Board of Directors.
7. **Reduced Fee** entries may be provided by the Tournament Director for special awards, prizes, incentives, and promotions.

Formats - Qualifying – Participation

- * 1. Current Format will normally be **ONE SQUAD, with practice starting at 11:00 A.M. and competition starting at 11:15 A.M.** Times may vary according to tournament venue. More squads may be added to future tournaments as entries increase. If the format consists of more than one squad, a bowler may enter and bowl in more than one squad, but will only be allowed to qualify and cash one time (1) per tournament (*AMBT Tournament Director may suspend the one time cash rule for Sweeper-Type formats*).
- * 2. **(4) games of qualifying** will be used at most tournaments. Qualifying formats and match play/elimination formats can vary.
- * 3. Check your tournament schedule for the format being used at each tournament. Head-to-Head match-play finals will be the traditional format used for most tournaments. Tournaments with less than 20 entries in that division will use a elimination-type format for finals. Formats may be changed **without notice** on the day of the tournament to allow for special conditions or tournament requirements. Any changes in formats will be posted at the tournament office and on the tournament information board. Please check posted information at each tournament for changes.
4. **Total Prize fund will be based on total entries.** At least 1-in-4 entries will cash at each tournament (in each division). Check the tournament schedule for planned formats to be used.
5. **Withdrawal from tournament:** Bowlers are not permitted to withdraw from a tournament without permission from the tournament director. Withdrawals for physical or emergency reasons may be permitted. Any bowler who withdraws with permission will normally receive a “Reduced Fee” entry into the next scheduled tournament event.

Recap Score Sheet Verification

1. The **designated bowler** on each pair of lanes is responsible to record the scores of all bowlers on that pair of lanes. This designated bowler will be announced at the beginning of practice. The designated bowler must initial all recorded scores. Failure to do so may result in a fine or disqualification of scores for both bowlers.
2. Spectators are not allowed to record any scores for any bowler.
3. All score sheets will be kept together on the clipboard provided and in clear sight of all bowlers and tournament directors. All score corrections must be approved by a tournament director *before* moving to the next pair of lanes. Any score sheet corrections not approved by a tournament director may result in a fine or disqualification of scores.
4. Each bowler is responsible for the accuracy of their own scores. Any discrepancies will be subject to disqualification and possible suspension of membership.
5. All score sheets must be signed and turned in to the tournament office by the tournament bowler. Failure to do so may result in a fine.

Check-In - Lane Assignments – Lane Play

1. Entries will be limited to a maximum of six bowlers per pair of lanes. Additional squads will be added to future tournaments if entries determine the need for expansion. The number of lanes provided by the host bowling center will determine our maximum entry limits for each tournament.
- * 2. **Check-in will normally begin at 9:30AM.** We ask that all bowlers check in promptly and help maintain our time schedule. Entries will be accepted up until competition begins. Check-in times may vary according to tournament venue.
3. **There will be no late entries.** Once tournament play has started, no additional bowlers will be added to the squad. **Please arrive on time for check-in.**
4. Squads will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All bowlers must report to the tournament check-in before practice for lane assignments. Lane assignments will be given by the tournament director for your division. *Special lane assignment requests can not be accommodated.*

5. Bowlers from both divisions may be paired together. Friends may request to bowl together if they check in early enough to be paired together without requiring other checked-in bowlers to be moved.
6. There will be **NO PRACTICING** on the designated tournament lanes. Practice will be allowed on separate lanes only if the host bowling center is large enough to accommodate this requirement. Practice lanes will be posted when available.
7. **Lane courtesy** is to be **observed and practiced** at all times. Competitors must observe one (1) pair lane courtesy at all times. Competitors may not **“Double Jump.”** Double Jumping occurs following a delivery when a competitor on the same pair of lanes delivers his or her ball before one (1) competitor from the pair to the right and one (1) competitor from the left have made a delivery, unless those competitors are not ready and they give way to you. We ask that all members learn and practice this courtesy rule. Failure to practice this rule can result in a warning and/or fine.
8. All tournament results will be posted on the AMBT Website after each tournament. All newsletters and other special information will also be posted at this location. Check this website often.
9. **Slow Bowling:** Slow bowling will not be tolerated. You must be at your lanes and ready to bowl when it is your turn. Each bowler should meet the previous bowler as he or she is coming off the approach. Any bowler not at his or her lane and ready to bowl when it is his or her turn will receive a zero (0) for each frame missed and will not be allowed to make up any missed frames.
10. Each bowler will be allowed a maximum of twenty five seconds (25) to make his or her delivery from the time they step on the approach. A bowler using too much time may be warned and or fined depending on repeated violations of this rule.

Dress Code Requirements

1. Dress code consists of dress pants and a bowling shirt. Each member must have a bowling shirt with their first and last name (or last name only) on the back. All letters must be at least 2" or larger in height. All names must be professionally printed, embroidered, or heat transferred onto the shirt. All lettering must be readable and in good condition.
2. New members are allowed to compete in two (2) tournaments without wearing a shirt with their names on the back. All new members must have an

acceptable bowling shirt with their name on the back by the **third tournament** they participate in.

3. Any bowler who does not meet our shirt dress code requirements may be fined or not allowed to bowl. See a tournament director if you need help getting a shirt.

4. Magic marker or handwritten names **are not acceptable!**

5. Airbrushed names must be in good condition. Airbrushed shirts must be of the name only and can't include any non-bowling graphic designs or logos.

6. Blue Jeans, denim "blue jean-like" pants, weightlifting pants, jogging pants, or any type of athletic apparel is not acceptable for competition.

7. Hats, caps, or head bands cannot be worn at anytime.

8. Dress shorts are acceptable to be worn all season if desired. Blue Jean shorts, Sweats, Nylon shorts, Basketball-style shorts, or Painter's-style shorts are not acceptable.

9. Bowling shirts that do not have collars will be acceptable as long as they are not T-shirts. Mock neck style shirts, bowling ball company logo shirts, and turtleneck sport shirts are acceptable.

10. T-shirts of any style or color are not acceptable. T-shirts cannot be worn over a bowling shirt at anytime.

11. All bowlers must be in compliance with all dress code requirements by the start of practice. Bowlers not in compliance may be fined or not allowed to bowl.

12. **AMBT Patch Requirements:** An AMBT logo patch **MUST BE WORN** on the sleeve area of your non-bowling arm at all times. **NO OTHER TOURNAMENT ASSOCIATION LOGOS CAN BE WORN!** Other tournament club or association logos must be removed or covered up. Patches must be permanently attached or pinned on the shirt sleeve. AMBT patches **CANNOT** be worn anywhere else on the body. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine.

13. Pro shop logos or bowling ball company logos must be confined to the left or right chest areas or the lower left or right sleeve areas of the shirt.

14. The AMBT reserves the right to limit or deny acceptance of any promotional advertisement, company logo, or pro shop logos to be worn at any tournament.

15. Electronic or music devices of any kind (e.g. Cell Phones, Pagers, I-Pods, MP3/MP4 players, Walkmans, CD Players, or Cassette Players) **cannot be worn** during tournament competition at anytime. As a courtesy to other competitors, we also ask that audible ring tones on cell phones and pagers be turned off.

16. No bowlers will be permitted to bowl, unless they meet and agree to all of these dress code requirements and specifications.

Conduct and Professionalism

1. All members will conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all times. Respect for your fellow members is a core value of the AMBT.

2. A member whose conduct is not appropriate and/or disrespectful to other members or the Tournament Directors/Staff members may be warned, fined or suspended, depending on the infraction. The Tournament Director has the right to ask any member to leave the premises of the host bowling center under this rule. ***Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated!*** Profanity, verbal or physical outbursts, fighting, or abuse of any bowling center equipment will not be tolerated. Again, fines or suspension may result.

3. We will not tolerate anyone whose conduct does not promote a positive atmosphere of competitive bowling for our members. Any conduct considered derogatory to the AMBT, its core values, or its directors/staff/members will result in a fine and membership suspension.

4. Complaining about any rules or regulations, lane conditions, average and handicap systems, or methods of operation used by the AMBT to any other members at the tournament site will not be tolerated and can result in immediate suspension of membership without any other notice or cause.

5. Non-Solicitation rule: No unapproved products, pro shops, or other tournament events may be promoted at the tournament site without the permission of the AMBT.

6. Unfair tactics will result in a fine and possible suspension.

7. All fines imposed are variable amounts. The tournament director has

the right to determine a higher amount if needed at anytime without prior warning to the member.

8. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any entry or refuse to renew any membership at any time for any reason.

Equipment Verification and Preparation

1. The American Masters Bowlers Tour Staff reserves the right to inspect any bowler's equipment at any time for compliance with USBC Rules in accordance with Chapter 7, Equipment Specifications and Certifications.

2. It is the responsibility of each bowler to ensure that his or her bowling equipment meets all requirements under these rules. Any equipment inspected and found not to be in compliance may result in that bowler being disqualified and forfeiture of any entry fees and or prize winnings. Any entrant may have their bowling equipment checked prior to bowling in any qualifying squad for USBC rule compliance.

3. Bowling Equipment will be weighed and checked at specified tournaments from time to time. You will need to allow an extra 15 minutes for checking in during these events. We may also have no-notice "spot checks" for any match-play qualifiers.

4. All bowling balls used in qualifying rounds must be listed by **manufacturer with the last (4) four digits of the serial number on your recap score sheet.**

5. All bowling balls must have a readable serial number. Any bowling ball without a serial number must be brought to the attention of the tournament director prior to use in tournament play for approval and identification.

6. Only the bowling balls listed during qualifying may be used during match-play. **No additional balls** can be added that had not been previously listed on your recap score sheet. Violation can result in disqualification and forfeiture of prize fund.

7. **All bowling balls listed on your recap score sheet must be verified and signed by another bowler on your starting lane assignment. No other bowlers or spectators can verify your equipment.**

8. Any **altering** of a bowling ball's surface once competition has started is **strictly prohibited**. This includes but not limited to: sanding, polishing, or use of any chemicals, fluids or substances **not approved** for use during USBC

sanctioned competition.

9. Use of any bowling ball cleaners that are **USBC acceptable during sanctioned competition** is permitted as long as they are used away from the bowling lanes and approach areas (as not to interfere with any other bowlers).

10. Use of any rosin, sliding compound, or gripping cream must be confined to the table areas away from the lanes and approaches. Any of these type substances will not be directly applied to the surface of any bowling ball or the bottom of shoes.

11. Failure to comply with these rules can result in a fine and or disqualification from the tournament and suspension of membership and forfeiture of any entry fees and prize fund earnings for that event.

Tournament Lane Conditions

1. Lane conditions will be provided by each host bowling center to promote competitive tournament bowling. Lane conditions will vary from tournament to tournament. It is our desire to challenge your bowling skills. We will not promote high scoring shootouts. We ask that each AMBT member understands our purpose in this area. **We ask that you come prepared to have your bowling skills challenged.** Lane conditions should be expected to be challenging at our tournaments. League play lane conditions **WILL NOT** prevail. USBC Sport or “PBA-similar” lane conditions may be used at our events.

2. The AMBT is developing its own proprietary lane conditions that will be used at many of our scheduled events. Lane conditions to be used may be posted before a tournament begins at the tournament site on the day of the scheduled event. Lane conditions may or may not be posted in advance at the AMBT website for all tournament events.

3. All lane conditions will be USBC compliant for sanction honor scores and awards.

Ad Consent and Promotional Waiver

Participants are hereby informed that portions of AMBT competitions will be photographed, broadcast, recorded, videotaped, televised, or otherwise exhibited to the public via the internet or delayed broadcast. Participants hereby consent to such exhibition and to the licensing of others to use any participant’s names, voice sketch, motion pictures, video tape, recordings, broadcast,

or other exhibition or reproduction of the AMBT tournament events for any advertisement or promotional purposes. All participants hereby release all rights, title and interest as a result of their participation in the AMBT tournaments. Each participant will forever waive any claim or right to be compensated for or other considerations on account of cash use, exhibition or reproduction in any form or method of production including but not limited to the internet, web-casting, live streaming, cable television productions, or any delayed broadcast.

Eagle's Nest Special Option

The Eagle's Nest is an optional elective progressive side event that is open to all AMBT members in good standing. Each division has its own Eagle's Nest.

1. Only AMBT members in good standing are eligible to enter this special event.
2. This event requires a fee in addition to the tournament entry fee.
3. Only the tournament winner is eligible to win the Eagle's Nest pot as long as they have paid their entry fee for this event. The amount a bowler can win is determined by the entry fee level he or she has paid.
4. The percentage that can be won is determined as follows:

\$5.00 entry has a return of 40% of the Eagle's Nest

\$10.00 entry has a return of 80% of the Eagle's Nest
5. A minimum of 20% of the Eagle's Nest is always carried over (added to the funds collected at the next scheduled tournament). If the tournament winner is NOT in this special event, the entire amount will carry over to the next tournament and continue increasing until there is a winner.

Last Man Standing Challenge

The Last Man Standing Challenge is an optional elective progressive side event that is open to all AMBT members in good standing who owns a qualified Lane #1 or Motiv bowling ball.

1. Only AMBT members in good standing are eligible to enter this special event.

2. This event requires a \$2.00 fee (100% to prize fund) in addition to the tournament entry fee.

3. Only qualified sponsor's balls that have been listed on a bowler's recap score sheet may be used. Balls not listed on your recap score sheet may not be used. Check our web site for currently qualified equipment. *This event is for those members who support/use sponsor's equipment*

4. The prize that can be won is determined as follows:

The prize fund will start at \$100 plus any money collected.

If the prize fund is not won, 100% carries over to the next tournament.

5. How does a bowler win the Last Man Standing Challenge?

Each participant will roll one ball. Roll a strike — advance to the next round.

If a bowler rolls strikes in each of the first three rounds, he/she is eligible for the prize.

If he/she is the only bowler to roll three strikes ... We have a winner!!

If there are two or more bowlers with strikes in the first three rounds, they will advance to additional rounds until we have a winner, or Last Man Standing.

If no bowler rolls a strike in each of the first three rounds, the prize fund will carry over (100%) to the next scheduled tournament.

Other Optional Events

1. Other optional events may be held in conjunction with our tournaments. Only members of the AMBT in good standing are eligible to enter these events. Rules for these events will be prominently posted.

2. Costs for these events will be in addition to the tournament entry fee and will be posted at in the tournament office.

3. Examples of possible optional events are:

High Game Scratch/Handicap

Scratch/Handicap Brackets

Performance Point System

1. Bowlers will earn points towards bowler of the year honors according to the values listed on our Performance Points page on our website.
2. Higher point values will be given for special tournament events as listed on our tournament schedule.

Bowler of the Year Award

1. **Bowler of the Year** will be determined by our **performance points system**. The bowler who earns the most points by the end of the tournament bowling season will receive this title. There will be one Bowler of the Year per division. (All ties will share equally in this special award)
2. **Bowler of the Year** will be named **after** our year-end championship tournament. We will officially honor this bowler at the start of the new tournament bowling season.
3. **Bowler of the Year** will receive a special award (to be determined by the Board of Directors).

* Recruiter of the Year Award

1. **Recruiter of the Year** will be awarded to the member who is responsible for bringing **the most new members** into our membership during the tournament bowling season.
2. A new member is anyone who has **never been a member** of the AMBT within the past **(3) three seasons**.
3. A bowler will be considered an official member of the AMBT once they have paid their \$30.00 membership fee.
4. Any bowler entering the AMBT with a promotional membership or free pass **will not** count towards this promotion until they have paid their \$30.00 annual membership fee.

5. Recruiting members must identify their newly recruited member **at the time they join** in order to receive recruitment credit. This must be listed on the recruited member's application. (No exceptions)

6. A bowler must bring in a **minimum of 15 new members** in the current season to be eligible for the Recruiter of the Year award.

AMBT Director's Award

The **AMBT Director's Award** is designed to honor the AMBT Member who gives of themselves above and beyond any normal expectations. This award will give us the opportunity to honor that member who has given of themselves in service to the tournament membership body. This award will be presented at the Year-End Championship Tournament.

Bob Straschewski Sportsmanship Award

The **AMBT Bob Straschewski Sportsmanship Award** will be given to the members who demonstrate the best qualities of being the consummate sportsman and representing the core values of the American Masters Bowlers Tour. This award will be presented at the Year-End Championship Tournament. There will be one award presented for each division. This is one of the highest honors a member can earn during the season.

AMBT Hall of Fame

The **AMBT Hall of Fame** was founded to honor those members who, through their accomplishments on the lanes and/or by their service to the membership body have exemplified themselves in an exceptionally noteworthy manner. We will have two categories for our Hall of Fame consideration -- Our **Performance** category and our **Service** category. We are proud to provide a place of high honor for those AMBT members who are able to reach this pinnacle of accomplishment in their bowling careers. The Board of Tournament Directors will consider new additions to the Hall of Fame at the end of each tournament bowling season. Any new inductees will be honored at the Year-End Championship tournament.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SPECIFIC TO THE

HANDICAP DIVISION

This is a Handicap Tournament Division. Handicap will be **100% from 210** for this division. A maximum handicap of **60 pins per game is allowed.**

Basic Eligibility

The division limit is 209 and under entering average and is open to any bowler, Male or Female, who meets average and membership requirements.

Tournament Average & Graduation

1. Entering averages will be used to determine division classification. Entering average will be used for handicap until a tournament average is established (after 20 games) or winning a tournament, whichever comes first.
2. **Sport Adjustment:** New member entering averages for the Handicap Division will be given a "Sport Adjustment" (using USBC charts) for handicap purposes for their first twenty (20) games, until a tournament average is established.
3. A tournament average will be established after (20) twenty games in tournament play (will include all qualifying and match play games). Total tournament average will be based on a (40) forty game rotating block. (i.e. the most current forty games in tournament play)
4. Once a member's tournament average reaches (1) one pin over the 209 limit (210), they will no longer be eligible to participate in the 209 handicap division. This member will graduate to the scratch division for future participation. A bowler graduated for average limits **will not** be eligible for the Handicap Division Year End Tournament. If a bowler is graduated for any reason, (1/2) one half of all performance points earned in the handicap division up to (and including) the graduation date will be transferred to the scratch Division points list for future bowler of the year award considerations.
5. A member in the handicap division will only be allowed to earn **\$7500 in total prize winnings** for the tournament season. Once this total has

been earned, he/she will no longer be eligible to enter and bowl in any remaining scheduled tournaments for the current tournament season in this division.

6. A bowler graduated for earnings is **still eligible** to bowl in the Year-End Championship Tournament provided they can meet all other requirements.

7. Any bowler graduated for reaching the earnings limit will be able to return to active membership at the start of the next tournament bowling season, provided they can still meet **all average qualification** requirements for the Handicap division. (Tournament Average will also apply)

*8. Any AMBT member who has bowled a minimum of **(20) twenty games or more** in tournament competition in the past season and has bowled in at least one of the last 8 tournament events **will not** need to **requalify** their averages for the new tournament season, provided they can meet all other average and membership requirements. All games bowled in the previous season will carryover and remain in their (40) forty game rotating block for the start of the new bowling season.

9. Any AMBT member **not competing** in a tournament for **(8) eight consecutive events** must submit all current season league and USBC yearbook averages for the past two (2) bowling seasons for requalification and average adjustment. All current tournament average block games will also be lost. A new average block must be started.

10. **Average Adjustment:** The Tournament Director has the authority to adjust any entrant's average upward prior to participation in any event. **(USBC Rule 319c)**

11. *The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any entry or refuse renewal of membership at anytime for any reason.*

12. *The Tournament director also reserves the right to graduate a bowler to the scratch division at anytime in an effort to maintain fairness and equal competition for all.*

Low Game Average Block Protection

1. All qualifying and match play games bowled will be counted in a bowler's forty (40) game average block.

2. **The maximum drop** for any game entered into a bowler's average block will be twenty (20) pins.

If a bowler's average is 175 and he/she:

Bowls a game of 155 or more , that score is counted in their block.

Bowls a game of 154 or less, a score of 155 is counted in their block.

Bonus Pin System

1. Our "**Bonus Pin**" system helps bowlers who participate on a regular basis but do not qualify for cash. They can only be earned by bowlers who have paid their membership fee and are a member in good standing.
2. Five (5) Bonus Pins will be awarded for each tournament that a member participates in but does not qualify for match play.
3. Bonus Pins will be added to the member's actual score with handicap.
4. Bonus Pins will be accumulated until a member qualifies for match play. Once a member qualifies for match play all bonus pins will be lost and the process will start over again.
5. Bonus Pins are forfeit if (6) six tournaments have passed since the last tournament entered and bowled.
6. Bonus Pins will not be **earned** or **used** at any **Doubles Event** or at the **Year End Championship Event**.
7. Any non-members that do not qualify **will not** earn any bonus pins.
8. ***Bonus Pins will not be carried over from one season to the next.***

Dual Division Participation

1. Any Handicap Division member who wishes to bowl in the Scratch Division, may do so at any time.
2. Only one average block will be maintained for each bowler. All games bowled, whether in the Handicap or Scratch Division, will be included in a member's forty (40) game average block.
3. Performance Points earned will not be combined, but kept separate in their respective divisions for any award considerations.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SPECIFIC TO THE

SCTATCH DIVISION

This is a Scratch Tournament Division. No handicap will be used.

Basic Eligibility

No division limit is used and is open to any bowler, Male or Female, who meets AMBT membership requirements.

Professional Bowlers Association Status

Any **past** PBA members who have won a **PBA Regional** or **PBA National title** (lifetime) will not be allowed to join or participate at anytime.

Tournament Average & Graduation

1. Entering averages are used to determine division classification.
2. A Tournament average will be established after (20) twenty games in tournament play (will include all qualifying and match play games).
3. Total tournament average will be based on a (40) forty game rotating block. (i.e. the most current forty games in tournament play)
4. Once a member has a tournament average of twenty (20) games or more, they must maintain their membership in accordance with all other rules, regulations and requirements for the Scratch Division.
5. A member in the scratch division will only be allowed to earn **\$8500 in total prize winnings** for the tournament season. Once this total has been earned, a member will no longer be eligible to enter and bowl in any remaining tournaments for the current season in this division.
6. A bowler graduated for earnings will **still be eligible** to enter and bowl in the Year-End Championship Tournament provided they can meet all other requirements.

7. Any bowler graduated for reaching the earnings limit will be able to return to active membership at the start of the new tournament bowling season in August, provided they can still meet **all** other requirements for the Scratch division for the new bowling season. (Tournament Average will also apply).

8. Any AMBT member who has bowled a minimum of **(20) twenty games or more** in tournament competition in the past season and has bowled in at least one of the last 8 tournament events **will not** need to **requalify** their averages for the new tournament season, provided they can meet all other average and membership requirements. All games bowled in the previous season will carry over and remain in their (40) forty game rotating block for the start of the new bowling season.

9. Any AMBT member **not competing** in a tournament for **(8) eight consecutive events** must submit all current season league and USBC yearbook averages for the past two (2) bowling seasons for requalification. All current tournament average block games will also be lost. A new average block must be started.

Scratch To Handicap Division Drop Down

1. Current or past Scratch Division member must requalify their entering averages to determine division eligibility. (Any member bowling in the Scratch Division with a requalified Entering Average of 210 or over will not be eligible to drop down to the Handicap Division).

2. The current Scratch Division tournament average block will not be used in determining Handicap Division qualification.

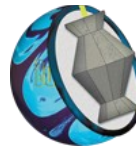
3. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any scratch member's request to bowl in the Handicap Division at any time and for any reason.



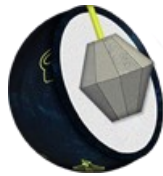
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September 25th, 2011 - Astro Lanes
October 09th, 2011 - Sunnybrook Lanes
October 23rd, 2011 - Taylor Lanes
November 6th, 2011 - Pampa Lanes ??
November 20th, 2011 - 300 Bowl
December 4th, 2011 - Merri Bowl Lanes
December 18th, 2011 - Astro Lanes
January 15th, 2012 - 300 Bowl
January 29th, 2012 - Continental Lanes
February 12th, 2012 - Taylor Lanes
February 26th, 2012 - Continental Lanes
March 11th, 2012 - Sunnybrook Lanes
March 25th, 2012 - Merri Bowl Lanes
April 1st, 2012 - 300 Bowl
April 22nd, 2012 - Astro Lanes
May 6th, 2012 - Woodland Lanes
May 20th, 2012 - TBA
(Year-End Tournament)