



EUROPEAN BOWLING TOUR



RULES IN EFFECT FOR 2005



European Bowling Tour Rules 2005

1 World Ranking System

- 1.1 The World Ranking System (WRS) is a World wide ranking system for tenpin bowling effective as of 1 January 2000.
- 1.2 The WRS is owned by the World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA).
- 1.3 The purpose of the WRS is to attract top players, sponsors, television companies and other media to important tournaments and by publishing ranking lists to ensure that media all over the world are continuously familiar with the actual ranking of top players.
- 1.4 The WRS is divided into three different tours, one for each of the three Zones: the American Zone, the Asian Zone and the European Zone.
- 1.5 Both the WRS calendar period and the calendar period for each of the Zone tours are identical to the calendar year.
- 1.6 The World Ranking Masters (WRM), conducted once a year by a host selected by the WTBA Presidium, is the combined final of each of the three Zone tours.
- 1.7 Participants in the WRM are the top 8 women and the top 8 men of the tour standings of each Zone from the past calendar year.
- 1.8 In case of withdrawals from the WRM, replacements may be made by inviting players on position 9 and following positions of the Zone standings of the withdrawn players.

2 European Bowling Tour introduction

- 2.1 The name of the yearly tour under the jurisdiction of ETBF is the European Bowling Tour (EBT).
- 2.2 The EBT is owned and governed by ETBF.
- 2.3 Each tournament accepted in the EBT is recognized by its title and by an addition e.g.: EBT 2005 Stop 1.
- 2.4 Tournaments accepted in the EBT are owned by the tournament organisers.
- 2.5 The composition of the EBT is solely decided by the ETBF Presidium.



3 Responsibilities

- 3.1 The ETBF Presidium has the overall responsibility for the EBT.
- 3.2 The EBT is supervised either by a member of the ETBF Presidium, by an administrator appointed by the ETBF Presidium or by a partner recognized by the ETBF Presidium with whom a written agreement exists.
- 3.3 The EBT Rules are maintained by and can only be changed by the ETBF Presidium.

4 General rules for tournaments accepted in the EBT

- 4.1 Tournaments accepted in the EBT must be open to all players eligible for the WRM following the calendar year of the EBT. Tournaments accepted in the EBT must furthermore include at least one individual event, either conducted in separate divisions for women and men or conducted as a combined division for both sexes.
- 4.2 Tournaments without individual events, tournaments where one or more places in the final steps of the tournament are based on positions in other tournaments, youth tournaments, regional championships, invitational tournaments, and tournaments with other limitations (age, geographical etc.) cannot be accepted in the EBT.
- 4.3 Only tournaments approved by the national federation and ETBF, as specified in the ETBF Rules Chapter 5, Rules for ETBF Approved International Tournaments, can be accepted in the EBT.
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- 4.5 If a tournament is cancelled, entering players must be compensated in full for any incurred loss or damage, meaning for example that non refundable tickets for air and/or surface transportation must be reimbursed by the organizer upon receipt of proven documentation from the player.
- 4.6 To be eligible to participate in tournaments accepted in the EBT, players must be registered as member of a WTBA member federation.
- 4.7 There are two categories of tournaments in the EBT: EBT Majors and EBT Tournaments, as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of these rules.
- 4.8 A maximum of three tournaments in the EBT from each federation is allowed.
- 4.9 The Entry value (as referred to in paragraph 5 and paragraph 6) is defined as the total prize money of the individual and international part of a tournament divided by the maximum entry fee of the tournament.



5 Definition of EBT Majors

- 5.1 The total prize money of the international part of the tournament must not be less than € 40.000.
- 5.2 The Entry Value must not be less than 275.
- 5.3 The tournament must have been accepted in the previous EBT.
- 5.4 A maximum of two EBT Majors from each member federation is allowed.
- 5.5 An EBT Major cannot clash with another EBT Major.
- 5.6 An EBT Major cannot clash with the World Championships, the World Ranking Masters or the European Championships.

6 Definition of EBT Tournaments

- 6.1 The total prize money of the international part of the tournament must not be less than € 25.000.
- 6.2 The Entry Value must not be less than 175.
- 6.3 A maximum of three EBT Tournaments from each federation is allowed, unless an EBT Major is accepted from the federation as well, in which case the number of EBT Tournaments will be reduced.
- 6.4 An EBT Tournament can clash with another EBT Tournament and with an EBT Major.
- 6.5 An EBT Tournament cannot clash with the World Championships, the World Ranking Masters or the European Championships.

7 Selection of tournaments to be accepted in the EBT

- 7.1 While selecting the tournaments for an EBT, the ETBF Presidium will evaluate the previous observance of the EBT Rules of each tournament, the distribution of tournaments over the calendar year and the distribution of tournaments geographically.
- 7.2 Tournaments to be accepted in the EBT are always proposed by an ETBF member federation, not by a tournament organiser.
- 7.3 On special occasions the ETBF Presidium may ask an ETBF member federation to propose one or more of their tournaments to be adopted in the EBT.



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- 7.4 The tournaments in the EBT will be selected once a year, basically in accordance with the following procedure (deadlines to be announced by the ETBF Presidium):
- The ETBF member federations will receive an invitation for the coming EBT
 - Applications for the coming EBT, including the rules of the tournament, will be submitted by the ETBF member federations to ETBF Presidium
 - Based on the incoming applications the ETBF Presidium will decide the composition of the coming EBT
 - ETBF member federations and tournament organizers, whom have submitted applications, will receive an answer whether or not their tournaments are accepted in the coming EBT
 - The composition of the EBT will be published on the ETBF Website
- 7.5 Once accepted in the EBT it is not possible to change the date of the last day of the tournament. If the tournament still wants to change the date of the last day, the tournament will be removed from the EBT.

8 EBT fees

- 8.1 The fee for an EBT Major is €3.000.
- 8.2 The fee for an EBT Tournament is €2.000.
- 8.3 Latest 6 months prior to the start of the tournament, the ETBF Presidium will invoice the tournament organiser through the ETBF member federation.
- 8.4 Once an EBT fee has been collected there will be no refund in case of a later cancellation of the tournament.
- 8.5 The EBT fee will be distributed as follows:
- To pay the fee of the ETBF to the WRM
 - To cover the administration expenses of the EBT
 - To pay an EBT prize money as decided from year to year
 - To (partially) pay the expenses of the European players participating in the WRM

9 EBT ranking points

- 9.1 EBT ranking points will be awarded to both women and men.
- 9.2 If there is a combined division, the women and men will be awarded points in relation to their final position relative to the other players of the same sex.
- 9.3 The method for EBT ranking points to be awarded and tie rules covering all tie situations shall occur in the approved application of each tournament.

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- 9.4 Ranking points in EBT Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each sex according to the presented list in 9.6.
- 9.5 Ranking points in EBT Majors will be awarded to the top 50 of each sex according to the presented list in 9.6 times two.
- 9.6 EBT points table
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| - No. 1 | 50 points |
| - No. 2 | 40 points |
| - No. 3 | 35 points |
| - No. 4 | 30 points |
| - No. 5 | 25 points |
| - No. 6 | 24 points |
| - No. 7 | 23 points |
| - No. 8 | 22 points |
| - No. 9 | 21 points |
| - No. 10 | 20 points |
| - No. 11-12 | 15 points |
| - No. 13-14 | 14 points |
| - No. 15-16 | 13 points |
| - No. 17-18 | 12 points |
| - No. 19-20 | 11 points |
| - No. 21-25 | 8 points |
| - No. 26-30 | 6 points |
| - No. 31-35 | 4 points |
| - No. 36-40 | 3 points |
| - No. 41-45 | 2 points |
| - No. 46-50 | 1 point |

10 EBT standings

- 10.1 On the day of the completion of a tournament, the organiser shall submit the women's top 50 and the men's top 50 to the EBT administrator.
- 10.2 Forms to be filled in by the tournament organiser will be distributed in due time to the organiser by the EBT Administrator.
- 10.3 Based on the filled in form, the EBT Administrator will update the EBT women standing and the EBT men standing.
- 10.4 The EBT standings will be published on the ETBF Website.
- 10.5 If a tie needs to be broken, either for position 8 after the last EBT Stop or for one of the EBT prize money positions, the player in the highest position is the one with the highest



number of maximum points awarded in all tournaments, then the player with the highest number of second highest maximum points awarded in all tournaments etc.

11 EBT prize money

11.1 The prize money for the EBT 2005 will for each sex be distributed as follows

- a) No. 1 €5.000
- b) No. 2 €3.000
- c) No. 3 €2.000

11.2 In case of a tie between two or more players at a prize position, the tie will be broken as specified in 10.5

11.3 Prize money in each of the tour stops is decided by the tournament organizer as announced in tournament posters, websites and other tournament information.

11.4 Prize money for the WRM will be decided by WTBA.

12 Number of players per pair of lanes and lane changes

12.1 It is the obligation of each tournament organizer to decide the number of players per pair of lanes in each qualifying squad.

12.2 The number of players per pair of lanes may vary from one to another qualifying squad. However, within the same squad no variations are permitted.

12.3 All players in a qualifying squad must change lanes either after each game or after every second game.

12.4 Players who have already played on one pair of lanes may not return to the same pair of lanes in the same qualifying squad. However, this may be permitted when lane pairs are changed after each game and the number of lane pairs in the bowling centre is less than the number of games of the qualifying squad.

12.5 It is the privilege of each tournament organizer to decide whether all players are moving to the right pair of lanes, whether the players at the left lane are moving left and the players at the right lane are moving right or the players are moving more than one pair of lanes left, right or all in the same direction.

13 Special playing rules in effect for the EBT

13.1 A player is allowed maximum 2 re-racks per game without asking the tournament management for permission. Additional re-racks in the game can only be granted by the

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tournament management and should be limited to situations where it is obvious that the pin setting is clearly out of spots. If a player violates this rule the frame following the illegal re-rack will be set to zero.

- 13.2 If a player, without permission from the tournament management, leaves a qualification squad or a final stage before he/she has completed all games in the squad/stage, all previous scores of the player will be counted as zero and the player can not enter the tournament again at any later squad or final stage. In such cases eventually pre-paid entry fees for later squads will not be reimbursed.