



## **Press Release 01: ETBF opens for applications for the EBT 2006**

At the ETBF Presidium meeting 18-19 February in Paphos, Cyprus the rules for the European Bowling Tour 2006 was decided.

As a consequence of the changed point system and the introduction of two categories of tournaments (EBT Tournaments and EBT Majors) there is a big difference between the European Bowling Tour 2004 and the European Bowling Tour 2005.

The same number of changes will not be introduced for the European Bowling Tour 2006, where the following few adjustments will apply.

### **Clashes between tournaments in the tour**

Possible clashes between tournaments in the tour were introduced for 2005. It was anyhow possible, during the application period, to avoid clashes and the EBT 2005 was composed with 20 tournaments and no clashes between any of these tournaments.

For the EBT 2006 clashes will in general not be accepted, though we are keeping a door open for a few clashes under special circumstances. The "clash" rule is defined as follows:

*Clashes between tournaments accepted in the EBT will in principle be avoided and if clashes is accepted it will only be in situations where the organizers with clashing tournaments agrees, where ETBF approves the clash and in a situation where the clash is evaluated as being for the benefit both for the EBT and for the organizers.*

### **Demands for prize money pools**

In the EBT 2005 the lowest possible prize money pool was € 25.000 for an EBT Tournament and € 40.000 for an EBT Major.

In the EBT 2006 the lowest prize money pool for an EBT Tournament will remain as € 25.000, while the lowest prize money pool for an EBT Major will increase to € 45.000.

### **A bit easier to become a Major**

In the 2005 rules a tournament must have been included in the previous EBT to be granted the Major status (in addition of meeting the prize money and the entry value demands).

In the 2006 rules, the demand is changed in a way, where a tournament must have been included in one of the previous EBT's to be granted the Major status (still with the additional prize money and entry value demands).



### **Result service**

The result and media service provided by each organizer will be observed systematically in 2005 and even more in 2006, with the purpose to reach a higher degree of uniformity in this area and for the benefit of the still increased internal as well as external attention on the EBT.

### **The 2006 rules**

Besides the mentioned changes and some minor text corrections, the remaining part of the content of the rules for 2006 is the same as the rules for 2005.

The rules for the EBT 2006 are available at [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) under the item Publications.

### **The application deadline and the invitation**

The deadline for tournament organizers to apply for adoption in the European Bowling Tour 2006 will be 1 July 2005, which is about a month earlier than normal.

The invitation for organizers to apply was previously distributed in May/June, while the invitation for applications to be submitted for the EBT 2006 will be issued in the second half of March.

### **The World Ranking Masters**

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the end of the EBT 2006 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2007 to be conducted in Qatar during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2007.

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