



Press Release 10: Standardised handicap for women in tour stops

The handicap awarded to women in EBT Tournaments with mixed divisions has over the years been discussed many times. The handicap has until now varied from tournament to tournament, but in the last few years most tournaments has adopted 8 pins per game as the most common used handicap.

Various calculations made by various individuals have proven that 8 - at least in these years - is the most accurate handicap when the number of women in tournaments is compared with the number of women qualified for the first final stage.

With the purpose of equalising the conditions for all players entering tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour, the size of the handicap has been discussed by the ETBF Presidium and the decision is to adopt 8 pins per game in handicap for women in tournaments with mixed divisions as a uniformed rule for the European Bowling Tour.

The handicap is described in a new EBT Rule 14.5 as follows:

14.5 Women handicap

- a) In case of a mixed women and men division, women will be awarded 8 pins per game in handicap in all whole games played in the tournament.
- b) A handicap is counted as a pin fall.
- c) No handicap will be awarded in roll-off shots and roll-off frames.

The rule will be in effect as of the European Bowling Tour 2006.

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