



## Press Release 01: ETBF opens for applications for the EBT 2007

After two very successful application periods for the EBT 2005 and the EBT 2006, where 20 tournaments in both cases applied and the total prize money in the tour passed 1.000.000 €, the ETBF presidium has decided to open the EBT 2007 for organizers to apply for adoption. We do indeed expect to see another row of strong tournaments forming the European Bowling Tour 2007, which will be the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive ranking year in Europe.

### Changed name of one of the categories

The expression "EBT Tournament" is often used for any tournament adopted in the EBT, but it has also been the name of one of the tournament categories. As of 2007 the expression "EBT Tournament" will therefore be used only as a general reference to all tournaments adopted in the tour, while the two categories of tournaments will be named **EBT Challenger** and **EBT Major**.

### Category definitions

The definition of an EBT Challenger (in 2006 EBT Tournament) is unchanged while the definition of an EBT Major is changed. Both definitions are presented below.

#### EBT Challenger

The total prize fund minimum, defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament, is 25.000

The Entry Value minimum is 175

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-6

The fee for an EBT Challenger is € 2.000

#### EBT Majors

The total prize fund minimum, defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament, is changed from 45.000 € to € 50.000

The Entry Value minimum is changed from 275 to 300

The tournament must have been accepted in a previous EBT (unchanged)

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-4 (new)

The fee for an EBT Major is changed from € 3.000 to € 3.500

### Other changes

Besides the changed category name (EBT Challenger) and the changed definition of an EBT Major, a number of other changes will be introduced for the European Bowling Tour 2007.



A few of the other changes will be presented below, but in general we will recommend you to study the EBT 2007 Rules, which can be found on [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) under the item Publications, to get a complete overview of the EBT 2007 concept.

### **Result services and media facilities**

Detailed specifications for presentation of standings and results are implemented in the rules to improve the visibility and the uniformity of presentations. Working in the same direction is a new rule chapter introducing minimum requirements for media and VIP facilities during the stops.

### **Entry policy**

A two entry policy for pre-orders (one entry and one re-entry) will be in effect for all stops in 2007 and the same will be a two entry policy during tournaments, meaning that another re-entry can't be ordered before the first of the two ordered entries in "the bank" is played.

### **Standardised squad times**

Standardised squad times are implemented in the rules to ensure an equalized tour standard and squads running on time.

### **Lane assignments and lane movements**

Players must be assigned to lanes by a draw in due time before each squad/final stage. The draw might be manual or computerized, but in all cases witnessed by a neutral person or notary public.

In EBT Majors there must never be more than 4 players per pair of lanes in qualification squads, while until 6 players per pair of lanes will be permitted in EBT Challengers or though there is a clear recommendation not to have more than 4 players per pair of lanes also in challengers.

In all stops, lanes must be changed after each game, moving left/right (if the centre score system supports such movements) and over as big a part of the house as possible.

### **Standardised tie rules**

Tie rules for the most common formats will be standardised as of 2007, meaning (1) the size of the last game in the qualification/final stages will break ties and (2) one ball roll offs will break ties in head to head matches.

### **Tour prize money and players support**

The tour prize pool is 20.000 €, distributed as 5.000 €, 3.000 € and 2.000 € for the first three tour positions in each division at the end of 2007. Each of the 16 players qualified for the



World Ranking Masters 2007 will be supported by 1.000 € each.

**Deadline for applying for adoption in the EBT 2007**

The deadline for tournament organizers to apply for adoption in the European Bowling Tour 2007 will be 30 June 2006 and shortly after the composition of the EBT 2007 will be published.

**The World Ranking Masters 2008**

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the end of the EBT 2007 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2008 to be conducted at Kegels place in Lake Wales, Florida in the period of 28 April to 4 May 2008.

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