



Press Release 01: Rules for the European Bowling Tour 2008

The 1st issue of the EBT 2008 Rules has been prepared by the ETBF Presidium at its meeting in October in Barcelona. The rules are made fully public and they are available at www.etbf.eu under the item Publications / European Bowling Tour Rules 2008.

In this press release we will introduce the following extract of the new rules:

- Definition of Entry Value
- Changed criteria for EBT Challengers
- Two years transition period for tournaments adopted in the EBT 2007
- Changed criteria for EBT Majors
- EBT Premier, at new third category in the tour
- Possible rejections of new tournaments to be adopted
- Payment of the organizers fee
- Invitation for organizers and the application deadline

Definition of Entry Value

A couple of years ago, the concept **Entry Value** were evolved. The concept, which is a ratio defining the value of the total prize money related to the highest entry fee, has not changed in the EBT 2008 Rules, but it is explained in this press release for easy reference.

The Entry value is calculated as $EV=PF/EF$, where EV = the entry value, PF = the prize fund, defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of a tournament, and EF = the maximum entry fee of a tournament.

Changed criteria for EBT Challengers

For tournaments, not adopted in the EBT 2007 (new tournaments), the minimum international and individual prize fund has been raised from € 25.000 to € 40.000.

The minimum Entry Value is for new tournaments changed from 175 to 225.

The maximum number of players per pair of lanes (regardless the category), is for new tournaments changed from 6 to 4.

The minimum organizers fee is for new tournaments raised from € 2.000 to € 2.500.

Two years transition period for tournaments adopted in the EBT 2007

For tournaments adopted in the EBT 2007, a two year transition period will be introduced.



In 2008, the minimum international and individual prize fund is € 30.000, the minimum Entry Value is 175, the maximum number of players per pair of lanes is 6 and the organizers fee is € 2.000.

In 2009, the minimum international and individual prize fund is € 35.000, the minimum Entry Value is 200, the maximum number of players per pair of lanes is 6 and the organizers fee is € 2.000.

All tournaments must meet the minimum criteria, as they will be defined in the EBT Rules 2010.

Changed criteria for EBT Majors

The minimum international and individual prize fund is raised from € 50.000 to € 55.000.

The minimum Entry Value is changed from 300 to 325.

The maximum number of players per pair of lanes (regardless the category) is unchanged 4.

The organizers fee is unchanged € 3.500.

The previous rule of a maximum of 2 EBT Majors from the same country is changed to a maximum of 3 tournaments from the same country, regardless of their category.

EBT Premier, at new third category in the tour

As of 2008, the ETBF Presidium introduces a third tournament category, named EBT Premier, in which the 50 highest ranked women and the 50 highest men will be awarded triple ranking points.

The minimum international and individual prize fund of an EBT Premier is € 100.000, the minimum Entry Value is 500, the maximum number of players per pair of lanes is 4 and the organizers fee is € 4.500.

In addition to the general category limits, the ETBF Presidium introduces a number of other criteria and evaluations to ensure that an EBT Premier will be a high class event in all aspects. The list of additional areas is as follows:

- There must be at least 48 international prizes, the lowest prize must not be less than € 600 and furthermore ETBF Presidium might influence the prize list as a whole, with the purpose to ensure a balanced distribution from the first to the last prize.
- The host tournament centre must have a status as an ETBF Certified Centre. The organizer must apply for the certification latest 6 months prior to the tournament and the certificate must have been received latest 3 months prior to the tournament. The concept of ETBF centre certification will be published soon.
- Latest two months before a tournament is conducted in 2007, it must apply for the EBT Premier status in 2008.



- When a tournament is applying for EBT Premier Status in 2008, an EBT Consultant will attend the tournament during the whole duration of the tournament in 2007. The EBT Consultant will continuously communicate with the organizer during the tournament in 2007 and furthermore an EBT Premier Evaluation Form will be filled.
- The outcome of the visit of the EBT Consultant might be (1) the tournament will get the EBT Premier Status in 2008 without remarks, (2) the organizer must sign a letter of necessary improvements or (3) the application for the EBT Premier status is rejected.
- When a tournament is conducted as an EBT Premier, an EBT Consultant will attend the tournament during the whole duration of the tournament in 2008 and another EBT Premier Evaluation Form will be filled.
- The lane maintenance at an EBT Premier will either be done by the official ETBF lane maintenance partner or by one of ETBF's Technical Delegates.
- Expenses related to the presence of the EBT Consultant during the tournament in 2007, expenses related to the presence of the EBT Consultant during the tournament in 2008 and expenses related to the presence of the ETBF Technical Delegate during the tournament in 2008, will, unless the organizer of the EBT Premier accepts to receive the sponsorship from the official ETBF lane maintenance partner, be paid by the organizer.

Possible rejections of new tournaments to be adopted

For reasons such as too many tournaments to be adopted, bad position in the tour calendar or a very weak and slow communication etc., the ETBF Presidium has the right to reject an application of a new tournament even if it meets all criteria for adoption.

Payment of the organizers fee

To ensure all EBT fees to be paid, even if tournaments are downgraded or cancelled at a later moment, the ETBF Presidium introduces a "pay by application" policy in two steps. For the EBT 2008, 50% of the relevant EBT fee must be paid at the moment of applying and for the EBT 2009 the full EBT fee must be paid at the moment of applying.

An application for adoption in the EBT 2008 is not valid until at least half of the EBT fee has been paid and an application for adoption in the EBT 2009 is not valid until the full EBT fee has been paid.

In cases, where an application is rejected, 10% of the full EBT fee will not be reimbursed.

Invitation for organizers and the application deadline

To ensure a better possibility for federations to adjust their national activity calendars to the tour activities, as much as possible and wanted by each federation, the deadline for applications to be received for adoption will be changed in two steps.



The deadline for applications to be received for adoption in the EBT 2008 will be 1 May 2007 and the deadline for applications to be received for adoption in the EBT 2009 will be 1 March 2008.

The official invitation for organizers to apply for adoption in the EBT 2008 will be circulated to all federations and organizers with stops in the EBT 2007, during the month of January 2007.

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