



Press Release 07: Changed EBT Masters format

After having studied the 1st EBT Masters on stage, after having discussed the format with some of the involved parties and after having evaluated the situation, the ETBF Presidium have decided to change the format of the Masters, already with effect for the EBT Masters 2009.

The format of the 1st EBT Masters 2009 was 3 X 8 games qualification on short oil, long oil and a combined dressing followed by the top 8 elimination in 3 rounds of best of 3 games matches. The duration of the 1st EBT Masters was 3 days.

The format of the 2nd EBT Masters 2009 will be 3 X 6 games qualification on short oil, long oil and a combined dressing followed by an 8 players Round Robin, including 7 one game matches (20 points for a win, 10 points for a tie) and a one game position round without bonus.

There might be a short 3 players stepladder final added to the Round Robin in some future masters, but from a starting point of view it is not expected to happen at the EBT Masters 2009.

By introducing the new EBT Masters format, it is possible to reduce the duration of the tournament to 2 days and furthermore it will end late afternoon of the 2nd day, so at least some of the participants will be able to leave already in the evening of day 2 of the tournament.

Because of a recently reduced number of stops in the European Bowling Tour, it has been necessary slightly to reduce the total prize fund for each gender at the coming two EBT Masters from 20.000 € to 18.000 €.

The reduction is 125 € per participant, which basically is compensated by the fact that each participant can shorten his/her stay at the site of the masters with 1-2 days and furthermore, if name sponsors later on are found, more money might be added to the prize pools.

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