



## **Press Release 01: Categories in the EBT 2010**

The ETBF Presidium has made two important decisions for the European Bowling Tour, which both will be in effect for the EBT 2010.

First of all we want to give more organizers, regions and federations opportunities to be visible in the EBT, because we believe that many tournaments can grow and develop better inside than outside the tour. We are therefore opening the tour for tournaments with a minimum prize pool of € 20.000.

Furthermore we have followed the debate and the use of the category names, and we have found that especially Majors often are misunderstood and associated with intentions and developments which never will materialize.

These misunderstandings and expectations most certainly exist because of the use of the name in other sports, where the history, the financial situation and the premises in general are completely different from the conditions for the sport of bowling.

Because the intention for the introduction of categories in the EBT was to establish various groups of tournaments with various characteristics, and not just to copy other sports or create unrealistic expectations, the ETBF Presidium has decided both to re-name all categories and to introduce another 4<sup>th</sup> category as of the EBT 2010.

Definitions in use in the category presentations:

**Entry Value:**

Sometimes the entry value is misunderstood as the entry fee, but its not. The entry value is a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the entry fee. It is calculated as the total prize fund divided with the maximum primary entry fee.

**Prize fund:**

All prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

**Clash:**

Tournaments ending at the same dates. A tournament, ending in for instance the same week-end when another tournament is beginning its first squads, is an overlap and not a clash.

**EBT Satellite Tournaments (new category)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000

The entry value must be minimum 150

An EBT Satellite Tournament cannot clash with tournaments in any of the other categories



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EBT Satellite Tournaments can clash with each other, but normally only if they are scheduled with a suitable geographical distance and in each case after careful and complete investigations carried out by the ETBF Tournament Committee.

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 1

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 1.500

**EBT Silver Tournaments (previously Challengers)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225

An EBT Silver Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 2

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 2.500

**EBT Gold Tournaments (previously Majors)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000

The entry value must be minimum 325

An EBT Gold Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 4.000

**EBT Platinum Tournaments (previously Premiers)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000

The entry value must be minimum 500

An EBT Platinum Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 5

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 5.000

A tournament can enter for the first time in the tour only in the categories EBT Satellite or EBT Silver.

To achieve the EBT Gold or the EBT Platinum status, the tournament must have been adopted at least once in a previous EBT.

There will be a maximum of 3 tournaments from a federation in total for the categories EBT Platinum, EBT Gold and EBT Silver.

There is in principle no limit of the number of EBT Satellites from the same federation in the tour, but the number will, with considerations for the general tour calendar, be regulated by the ETBF Presidium from year to year.

The above presented characteristics will be implemented in the EBT 2010 Rules, which, together with the invitation for 2010 applications, will be published mid February 2009.

The composition of the EBT 2010 will be published around 1 July 2009.

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