



Press Release 13: Platinum status in Qatar

Qatar Bowling Federation, the organizer of the 10th Qatar Bowling Open, which as Stop 21 is the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2010, announces four changes in the tournament.

1. Category

The Qatar Bowling Federation entered their tournament in the EBT 2010, which have four categories (EBT Satellite, EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum), in the EBT Gold category. However, since the tournament (having a prize pool of 120.000 €) meets both the 100.000 € minimum demand and all other requirements for being positioned in the highest category, QBF have decided to upgrade the status of the tournament in 2010 to EBT Platinum.

2. Tournament name

For easy reference, the number in front of the tournament name will be removed as of 2010, where after the official name of the tournament will be **Qatar Bowling Open**.

3. Period

The tournament was originally scheduled to be conducted on 11-18 December 2010, but because of difficulties to attract media on 18 December, which is the National Day of Qatar, the tournament is extended with one day, so the changed duration will be 11-19 December 2010.

4. Composing top 48

2 X 3 final spots, awarded to the three highest ranked players in separate standings, each of the first two days in the tournament (11 and 12 December), has been changed to 3 X 2 final spots, awarded to the two highest ranked players in separate standings, each of the first three days in the tournament (11, 12 and 13 December).

Brunswick Ballmaster Open 2-10 January 2010 in Helsinki, Finland

Concerning the magnitude of prize pools, the tournament in Qatar will in 2010 be closely followed by Brunswick Ballmaster Open, the first tournament to be conducted in 2010 with the new EBT Platinum status, and the only tournament with that status in 2010 besides the just upgraded Qatar Bowling Open.

The well known top player and tour stop organizer, Kimmo Lehtonen, offers as much as 105.000 € in total for the fantastic 40 years jubilee of the tournament in Helsinki, and so far it seems to pay back, since it is expected that close to 500 players will find their way to Helsinki in January. If that's going to be the case, we will face a new high record of entering players in a tour stop since the very beginning of the tour in 2000.

A revised list presenting all stops in the EBT 2010 is presented at the following page.

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Tournaments included in the European Bowling Tour 2010				
Stop	Date	Federation	Tournament	Category
01	02.01-10.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Platinum
02	07.02-14.02	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament	Silver
03	15.02-21.02	Poland	4 th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer	Satellite
04	23.02-28.02	Catalonia	VIII Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa	Silver
05	05.03-14.03	France	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Gold
06	15.03-21.03	Luxembourg	Ebonite International Luxembourg Open	Satellite
07	13.04-18.04	Slovenia	4 th Qubica/AMF Open 2010	Silver
08	28.04-02.05	Austria	1 st Ebonite Austria Challenge	Silver
09	10.05-16.05	Turkey	7 th Istanbul Bowling Open	Gold
10	24.05-30.05	Denmark	Bowltech Aalborg International 2010	Gold
11	27.06-04.07	Germany	1 st Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2010	Silver
12	03.07-11.07	San Marino	6 th San Marino Open	Gold
13	13.07-18.07	Catalonia	32 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona	Gold
14	23.08-29.08	Slovakia	BNC Bratislava Open	Silver
15	11.09-19.09	Italy	1 st Torneo Internazionale di Roma	Satellite
16	14.09-19.09	Russia	1 st Pavlovskiy Posad Open	Satellite
17	18.09-26.09	Turkey	Ankara Open	Gold
18	28.09-03.10	Austria	8 th Columbia 300 Vienna Open	Gold
19	09.10-17.10	Finland	Lahti Open	Silver
20	06.12-12.12	England	Ebonite English Open	Silver
21	11.12-19.12	Qatar	Qatar Bowling Open	Platinum