



Press Release 07: Changes in the EBT Rules

The ETBF Presidium has decided to implement two changes in the EBT 2011 Rules, one concerning the length of the practice and the other concerning consequences in case of violations of the ball rule.

Practice

Previously 5 minutes practice sessions before certain qualification squads and some final stages was allowed, but in many situations 5 minutes are not sufficient and many organizers have already adopted 10 minutes as a normal time frame for practice.

To avoid misunderstandings and different interpretations from tournament to tournament in the tour, 10 minutes practise will be standard for all qualification squads and a majority of all final stages as of the EBT 2011. It demands changes in two existing articles as follows:

EBT Rules 2011, Article 18.7:

Irrespectively of the number of players per pair of lanes in a qualification or a desperado squad, the practice time is 10 minutes.

EBT Rules 2011, Article 19.2:

The practise time prior to any final stage is 10 minutes, unless a variation is specified in the Tournament Application and approved by the EBT Director.

Violation of the ball rule

When the bowling ball rule was introduced in the EBT Rules 2010 (Chapter 30) for about a year ago, no following consequences for a violation of the rules was introduced. As of the EBT 2011, the following new article 30.5 will apply.

EBT Rules 2011, Article 30.5 (Violation of the bowling ball rule)

- a. At a player's first violation in a tournament, the frame, in which an illegally cleaned, adjusted or altered bowling ball is found to be in use, will be set to zero and the player will be given 1 penalty point.
- b. At a player's second violation of the bowling ball rule in a tournament, the player will be given 2 penalty points and the score in the squad or final stage, where the violation takes place, will be null and void.
- c. At a player's third violation of the bowling ball rule in a tournament, the player will be given 3 penalty points, the score in the squad or final stage, where the violation takes place, will be null and void and the player will be suspended from the rest of the tournament.

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