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# EUROPEAN BOWLING TOUR



## RULES IN EFFECT FOR 2014



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# European Bowling Tour Rules 2014

## 1 Delimitations

- 1.1 European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) organizes every calendar year a bowling tour, including a series of open bowling tournaments.
- 1.2 The name of the tour is the "European Bowling Tour" (EBT) followed by the year of the tour (in this case EBT 2014).
- 1.3 The EBT is owned, governed and administrated by the ETBF Presidium.
- 1.4 The EBT Rules are maintained by and can only be changed by the ETBF Presidium.
- 1.5 The composition of the EBT is decided exclusively by the ETBF Presidium.
- 1.6 The EBT is supervised by the EBT Director, who is a member of and appointed by the ETBF Presidium. For the EBT 2014 the EBT Director is Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, whom you can contact at [ktj@etbf.eu](mailto:ktj@etbf.eu).
- 1.7 The EBT is administered by an EBT Administrator, who is appointed by the ETBF Presidium. For the EBT 2014 the EBT Administrator is Christer Jonsson, whom you can contact at [christer.jonsson@swebowl.se](mailto:christer.jonsson@swebowl.se).

## 2 Tournaments in the tour

- 2.1 The EBT consists of tournaments owned by the tournament organisers.
- 2.2 Tournaments adopted in the EBT are in general known as EBT Tournaments.
- 2.3 EBT Tournaments are basically conducted in countries, which are falling under the jurisdiction of ETBF, but it is possible for the ETBF Presidium to adopt tournaments in the EBT, which are conducted in other zones.
- 2.4 EBT Tournaments are, without limitations, open to all players, who are a member of one of the WTBA member federations, unless the player is suspended by one of the member federations, by a zone, by WTBA or by FIQ.
- 2.5 EBT Tournaments must include at least one individual event, either conducted in separate divisions for women and men or conducted as a combined division for both genders.
- 2.6 Tournaments without individual events, tournaments where one or more places in the final stages of the tournament are based on positions in other tournaments, youth tournaments, regional championships, invitational tournaments, and tournaments with other limitations (age, geographical etc.) cannot be adopted in the EBT.



2.7 An EBT Tournament is recognized by its title or as EBT 2014 Stop XX.

### **3 Definitions**

#### 3.1 Entry value

- a. The Entry value is a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the entry fee.
- b. The Entry value is calculated as  $EV=PF/EF$ , where
  - EV = Entry Value
  - PF = Prize Fund defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament
  - EF = Maximum entry fee of the tournament

3.2 A prize fund is defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

3.3 A clash is defined as tournaments ending in the same weekend. A tournament, ending, when another tournament is beginning its first squads, is an overlap and not a clash.

### **4 Categories**

4.1 There are four categories of EBT Tournaments with the following category names: EBT Satellite, EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum.

#### 4.2 Definition of EBT Satellite Tournaments

- a. The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000
- b. The entry value must be minimum 150
- c. An EBT Satellite Tournament cannot clash with tournaments in any of the other categories
- d. EBT Satellite Tournaments can clash with each other, but normally only if they are scheduled at a suitable geographical distance and in each case after careful and complete investigations carried out by the ETBF Tournament Committee and approved by the ETBF Presidium

#### 4.3 Definition of EBT Silver Tournaments

- a. The prize fund must be minimum € 40.000
- b. The entry value must be minimum 225
- c. An EBT Silver Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament

#### 4.4 Definition of EBT Gold Tournaments

- a. The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000
- b. The entry value must be minimum 325
- c. An EBT Gold Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament

#### 4.5 Definition of EBT Platinum Tournaments

- a. The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000
- b. The entry value must be minimum 500



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- c. An EBT Platinum Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament
  - d. There must be at least 48 international prizes
  - e. Within the minimum prize fund of € 100.000, the lowest prize must be minimum € 600
  - f. It is permitted to award prizes of less than € 600, but such prizes can only be for positions with a number of 49 or higher and not within the main prize fund of the minimum € 100.000
  - g. The 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
  - h. The ETBF Presidium can demand the host tournament centre to achieve a status as an ETBF Certified Centre before the tournament is conducted.
  - i. The ETBF presidium can demand that the lane maintenance partner of ETBF (if accepted by the host) or one of the ETBF Technical Delegates is doing the lane maintenance during the conduction of the tournament, in which case meals and refreshments in the centre, travel expenses and a hotel room throughout the whole duration of the tournament (plus a maximum of two days in both ends of the stay) are paid by the organizer
  - j. The host of an EBT Platinum must pay the expenses related to the presence of an EBT Consultant during the tournament, which are meals and refreshments in the centre, travel expenses and a hotel room for a number of days agreed upon between the host and the EBT Consultant appointed for the tournament

## **5 Selection**

- 5.1 EBT Tournaments are in general applied for by an ETBF member federation, and not by a tournament organiser.
- 5.2 On special occasions the ETBF Presidium may adopt a tournament by the choice of the ETBF Presidium only.
- 5.3 Only tournaments approved by the national federation, the zone and WTBA can be adopted in the EBT.
- 5.4 The tournaments in the EBT will be selected once a year based on an invitation to federations and organizers of EBT Tournaments in the foregoing tour, followed by applications from organizers and finally followed by a selection process based on the applications and possible further evaluations or investigations.
- 5.5 Regardless if all areas of an application from a tournament, not adopted in the previous year's EBT, are meeting all criteria for adoption in the tour, it is the right of the ETBF Presidium to reject the adoption of the tournament for reasons such as:
  - a. The ETBF Presidium estimates the total number of tournaments to be too high
  - b. The tournament is fitting badly in the year schedule
  - c. The communication with the tournament organizer is very difficult etc.
- 5.6 Failure to follow rules or to provide up-to-date results and media services might lead to a refusal of adopting a tournament in coming tours.



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## 6 Fees

- 6.1 The fee for an EBT Satellite Tournament is € 1.500.
- 6.2 The fee for an EBT Silver Tournament is € 2.500.
- 6.3 The fee for an EBT Gold Tournament is € 4.000.
- 6.4 The fee for an EBT Platinum Tournament is € 5.000.
- 6.5 Latest at the moment, when an organizer is submitting an application for adoption in the tour, it is the obligation of the organizer to transfer the relevant EBT fee to the account of ETBF. The application is not valid until the full amount has been received by ETBF. If an application for adoption in the tour is rejected, 90% of the full EBT fee will be reimbursed.
- 6.6 EBT fees will, in principle, by decisions of the ETBF Presidium, be used for EBT and EBT related purposes.

## 7 Points

- 7.1 In each EBT Tournament, points will be awarded to both women and men.
- 7.2 If there is a combined division, women and men will be awarded points in relation to their final position relative to the other players of the same gender.
- 7.3 The method of points to be awarded and tie rules covering all tie situations shall be published in the application of each tournament.
- 7.4 Points in Satellite Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list in 7.8.
- 7.5 Points in EBT Silver Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list in 7.8 times two.
- 7.6 Points in EBT Gold Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list in 7.8 times three.
- 7.7 Points in EBT Platinum Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list in 7.8 times five.
- 7.8 Points table
  - No. 1 50 points
  - No. 2 40 points
  - No. 3 35 points
  - No. 4 30 points
  - No. 5 25 points
  - No. 6 24 points



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No. 7	23 points
No. 8	22 points
No. 9	21 points
No. 10	20 points
No. 11-12	15 points
No. 13-14	14 points
No. 15-16	13 points
No. 17-18	12 points
No. 19-20	11 points
No. 21-25	8 points
No. 26-30	6 points
No. 31-35	4 points
No. 36-40	3 points
No. 41-45	2 points
No. 46-50	1 point

## **8 Standings**

- 8.1 On the day of the completion of a tournament, the organiser shall submit the women's top 50 and the men's top 50 to the EBT Administrator.
- 8.2 Forms to be filled in by the tournament organiser will be sent in due time to the organiser by the EBT Administrator.
- 8.3 Based on the filled in forms, the EBT Administrator will update the women standing and the men standing.
- 8.4 The standings will be published on the ETBF Website.
- 8.5 If a tie needs to be broken for any deciding position, the player in the highest position is the one with the highest number of maximum points awarded in all tournaments, then the player with the highest number of second highest maximum points awarded in all tournaments etc.

## **9 Qualifications**

- 9.1 The primary final of an EBT is the EBT Masters, which will be conducted in the year following the conclusion of an EBT.
- 9.2 Participants in the EBT Masters are the top 12 women and the top 12 men of the standings after the last EBT tournament of the previous year has been played.
- 9.3 In cases of withdrawals from the EBT Masters, replacements will be made by inviting players on position 13 and following positions of the end standings of the last EBT.
- 9.4 The EBT might count for qualification and/or seeding in other tournaments than the EBT Masters. Rules for other qualifications and/or seeding will be announced separately in each case.



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## 10 EBT Masters

- 10.1 The EBT Masters is the final of an EBT. It will preferably be conducted in the period February - July.
- 10.2 The host of an EBT Masters can be a federation, a tour stop organizer or a company, providing a bowling centre of at least 14 lanes is available.
- 10.3 The minimum mandatory obligations for an organizer of the EBT Masters are:
  - a. Transportation for all participants between the airport and the hotel at arrival and departure
  - b. Shuttle service hotel-bowling centre-hotel during the tournament
  - c. Normal administration of the tournament
- 10.4 The EBT Masters consists of two divisions, one for women and one for men, with 12 players in each division.
- 10.5 The EBT Masters will for each division be played as follows:
  - a. There will be two blocks of six games, in total 12 games qualification
  - b. Each block will be played over 6 or 12 lanes
  - c. The second block will be played over different lanes than the first block
  - d. Top 3 by the conclusion of the 12 games qualification will play two stepladder matches over one game; no. 3 vs. no. 2 in the first match and the winner vs. no. 1 in the second match
- 10.6 Ties will be broken as follows:
  - a. In case of a tie for position 4-12 in the qualification, the highest positioned player will be the player with the highest last game, then the player with the highest second last game etc.
  - b. In case of a tie for position 1-3 in the qualification, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken
  - c. In case of a tie in the stepladder final, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken
- 10.7 The minimum guaranteed total prize money, which will be shared equally between the two divisions, will for each EBT Masters be decided upon by the ETBF Presidium.
- 10.8 In addition to the minimum guaranteed prize money, it is an option for the EBT Masters organizer to offer additional prize money, which will be added to the total prize money.

## 11 Rules and tournament presentations

- 11.1 EBT Tournaments are governed by the following rules:
  - a. Tournament information presented in the ETBF Tournament Calendar
  - b. The rules of the tournament
  - c. The EBT Rules





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- d. The ETBF Constitution
  - e. The WTBA Playing Rules
- 11.2 Organizers of EBT Tournaments are allowed to publish tournament rules and other tournament information at tournament websites, posters, flyers and other similar media.
- 11.3 According to the ETBF Constitution, it is not allowed to publish any information about a tournament before the tournament is approved by ETBF.
- 11.4 In cases where there is a difference between tournament information published by the organizer and tournament information presented in the ETBF Tournament Calendar, the information presented in the ETBF Tournament Calendar is prevailing.
- 11.5 Any EBT tournament must open for their entry registration, latest four months before the first day of the tournament. If an organizer fails to meet this requirement, the tournament may, after a warning, be removed from the EBT, but the EBT fee must still be paid, i.e. the fee will not be reimbursed if already paid.
- 11.6 Organizers of EBT Tournaments are entitled to present a maximum of two posters and some tournament flyers at the sites of other EBT Tournaments.
- 11.7 The prize fund for each of the EBT Tournaments is decided by the respective tournament organizer, as presented at the moment when the tour is published. For EBT Platinum Tournaments, the prize list will be evaluated by and needs full approval from the ETBF Presidium (see 4.4.g).
- 11.8 It is permissible to increase the total prize fund after a tour composition has been published, as long as it is coordinated with ETBF Presidium and reflected in the ETBF Tournament Calendar.
- 11.9 If an organizer lowers the prize fund, allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament, after a tour composition has been published, the following will be in effect.
- a) The organizer is obliged to pay ETBF 20% of the difference between the changed prize fund and the prize fund listed when the tour was published
  - b) If the registration for the tournament has opened, article 8.6.5 of the ETBF Constitution, concerning changed prize funds and compensations, will apply.
- 11.10 If any national tax rule will or might influence the size of prizes to be paid to one or more players taking part, it is the obligation of the organizer to publish these rules at the ETBF Website. For tournaments, where no national tax rules are published at the ETBF Website, it is mandatory for the organizer to pay the prizes 1:1 as listed. In case of taxation, it is the obligation of the organizer to provide each affected prize winner with a copy of the filled in tax form, if such form is included in the taxation process, or provide another kind of documentation for the tax paid, if so requested by the prize winner.
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- 11.11 Tournaments not conducted according to standards as defined in these rules or conducted in conflict with other rulebooks as listed in this chapter might not be adopted in the next EBT.

## **12 Tournament standings and results**

- 12.1 Standings must be presented for the following result categories:
- Squad standings
  - Qualification standing
  - Desperado standing
  - List of qualified players for the final
  - Each final step
  - Final tournament ranking including all entered players
  - Top 50 of the women's ranking
  - Top 50 of the men's ranking
- 12.2 For each of the result categories (12.1 a, b, c and e) the following must be presented
- Position number
  - Full name of the player
  - The club of the player
  - The country of the player
  - Each game score
  - A total of the game scores (not for head to head matches)
  - The handicap
  - A total of the game scores including the handicap (not for head to head matches)
- 12.3 For each of the result categories (12.1 d, f, g and h) the following must be presented
- Position number
  - Full name of the player
  - The club of the player
  - The country of the player
  - Ranking points (only for 12.1 g and h)
- 12.4 The text in all result presentations must be presented as a combination of capital letters and lower-case letters. To use lower-case letters or capital letters only is not permitted. Names are presented in the order first name, middle name and last name.
- 12.5 Each of the result categories must as a minimum be presented at a board in the centre and at the tournament website. In addition other media as wide screens or extra monitors should be considered.
- 12.6 The pages from all result categories must be combined in one PDF file, which is forming the final and official list of results from the tournament. This list must also be available at the tournament website.



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- 12.7 Standings and results must be available in the centre and on the tournament website not more than half an hour after the conclusion of a squad or a final step.
  - 12.8 In cases where the score system provides a result export facility, it should be considered to establish an import to the tournament result software, with the purpose to reduce as much as possible the time gap between a completed squad/stage and the presentation of the results.

### **13 Guest and media services**

- 13.1 Guests can for instance be media representatives, ETBF representatives, external lane maintenance staff and sponsor representatives.
- 13.2 If possible a separate room for guests should be available. If no separate room is available then at least a dedicated and shielded area of the centre must be provided.
- 13.3 Sufficient space, a dedicated table and a chair for each guest present must be available.
- 13.4 A fast Internet connection (preferably wireless) must be available for guests as specified in 13.1.
- 13.5 It is recommendable to consider free refreshments for guests and other similar conditions, as long as sponsorship and resources to provide such facilities are available.

### **14 Tournament cancellations**

- 14.1 If a tournament is cancelled, after its adoption in the EBT and after the composition of a tour has been published, the organizer is still obliged to pay the EBT fee equivalent to the category of the tournament. An already paid EBT fee will not be reimbursed.
- 14.2 If the registration for the tournament has opened, article 8.6.5 of the ETBF Constitution, concerning cancellations and compensations, will apply.

### **15 Tournament dates**

- 15.1 An EBT Tournament must end minimum two days prior to the first day of the World Championships, the World Women Championships, the World Men Championships, the European Women Championships or the European Men Championships.
- 15.2 Any change in the duration or period of an EBT Tournament must be approved by the EBT Director.



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- 15.3 If the period of a tournament is changed, other than adding days to the beginning of the tournament, and if the registration for the tournament has opened, article 8.6.5 of the ETBF Constitution, concerning changes in tournament periods and compensations, will apply.

## **16 Women handicap**

- 16.1 In case of a mixed women and men division, women will be awarded 8 pins per game handicap in all whole games played in the tournament.
- 16.2 A handicap is counted as a pin fall.
- 16.3 No handicap will be awarded in roll-off shots and roll-off frames.
- 16.4 When a handicap of 8 pins is added to a scratch game score, the maximum scratch score of the game is 292; i.e. a game score higher than 292 will be reduced to 292.

## **17 Booking policy**

- 17.1 The total number of possible bookings per player in a tournament is in principle unlimited, but each organizer is allowed to define a limitation on the total number of bookings per player, if agreed upon with the EBT Director.
- 17.2 In the period before the tournament, each player is allowed to pre-order a maximum of three bookings, one primary entry and two re-entries. Maximum two of the pre-ordered bookings can be placed on the last two qualification days in the tournament.
- 17.3 Each organizer is entitled to specify a maximum number of bookings, a player can make during a tournament; regardless what the bookings are for: squad lists, waiting lists or priority lists.
- 17.4 Before as well as during the tournament, players are signed up for squads by using the first-come-first-served method.
- 17.5 A player can always, without consequences, cancel a re-entry during a tournament.
- 17.6 It is the obligation of the organizer to publish a deadline, which can be maximum 30 minutes before a scheduled squad time, before which any player booked for the squad must register and pay the entry fee. If a player fails to meet this requirement, the player's booking may be removed.
- 17.7 For tournaments with various sizes of team events added to their singles event(s), it is possible to open for entries where a player is listed in more than 3 teams, as long as the player him/her selves does not pre-order more than 3 squads. This extended entry possibility must, if introduced by the organizer, not begin before at the earliest the first day of the penalty period (see. 28.2a).



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- 17.8 In general all bookings must have the name of the individual players specified. However, if the organizer has the full confidence that all booked squads will be used, then bookings (often in groups) from a federation, club or individual may be permitted. In such cases it is recommended that a deadline be specified for submitting the names of the players. Such deadline should be set to minimum of one month prior to the first day of the tournament.
- 17.9 A player cannot, regardless the moment of cancellation, cancel a booking on behalf of another player, i.e. a player must cancel any booking in person.
- 17.10 A player cannot forward pre-ordered bookings to another player, since a player not coming is a player cancelling. Any player, not previously booked for squads in a tournament, must be considered as a new player and will be positioned as the last signed up player in booked squads. The only exception from this rule is in cases, where an organizer has accepted a group booking from a national team and the national team exchanges a player.

## **18 Qualification squads**

- 18.1 A limited number of qualification squads might be open only for a dedicated group of players, such as youth players or senior players, but in general qualification squads are open to all eligible players, who want to participate in the tournament.
- 18.2 The number of games in qualification squads is minimum 6; however, if the number of lanes in the centre ensures capacity for a sufficient number of players to participate in the tournament the number of games in qualification squads might be 8.
- 18.3 The playing time in 6 games qualification squads must be scheduled as follows:
- 2,0 hours for 2 players per pair of lanes
  - 2,5 hours for 3 players per pair of lanes
  - 3,0 hours for 4 players per pair of lanes
  - 4,0 hours for 5 players per pair of lanes (not in qualification squads)
  - 4,5 hours for 6 players per pair of lanes (not in qualification squads)
- 18.4 The playing time in 8 games qualification squads must be scheduled as follows:
- 3,0 hours for 2 players per pair of lanes
  - 3,5 hours for 3 players per pair of lanes
  - 4,0 hours for 4 players per pair of lanes
  - 5,0 hours for 5 players per pair of lanes (not in qualification squads)
  - 5,5 hours for 6 players per pair of lanes (not in qualification squads)
- 18.5 The lanes must be stripped and re-dressed before each qualification squad.
- 18.6 The dressing time for qualification squads will normally be scheduled as one hour, but in certain situations, such as a limited number of lanes available or more than one dressing machine available, a different time for dressing might be permitted.



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- 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.
  - 18.8 For all stages of the tournament, referees must be available, at least one for each 8 lanes. The referees must be positioned in such a way, that they have a good overview of the lanes and are clearly visible to the players.
  - 18.9 For all stages of the tournament, only players, tournament officials and relevant centre staff members may be present in the player's area, which means that no coaching in the player's area may take place. It is the obligation of the organizer, if not physically obvious, to ensure that the player's area is properly marked out.
  - 18.10 During the final steps of the tournament open bowling is not permitted in the centre. It is also strongly recommended not to have open bowling during the qualification squads. Open bowling and/or other normal daily activities in the centre are permitted outside the periods of qualification squads and final steps.

## **19 Final stages**

- 19.1 The number of players and the number of games to be played in each final stage are defined by the organizer, but the number of players to qualify can never be less than 32 and must in each case be approved by the ETBF Presidium.
- 19.2 The practice time prior to any final stage, except matches in a stepladder final, is 10 minutes, unless a variation is specified in the Tournament Application and approved by the EBT Director.
- 19.3 The practice time in stepladder finals will be as follows:
  - a. All players in the final can practise 10 minutes at the lane pair in use
  - b. Players, who will play in later matches, can continue their practise an another lane pair, dedicated by the Tournament Management
  - c. Before each match, both players can practise additionally two minutes at the lane pair in use
- 19.4 The lanes must be stripped and re-dressed a reasonable number of times in between stages in the final, basically depending on the number of games played on each lane in a stage and the format.

## **20 Lane assignments**

- 20.1 In due time before a squad or a final stage, the players must be assigned to their starting lane by a manual or computerized draw witnessed by a neutral person or notary public. The starting lane must be printed on a score sheet or similar document. The starting lane is relative and may be changed (see 20.2).
- 20.2 In case of absent players or cancelled re-entries after the draw has been made, it is the right of the organizer to move players, normally from lanes with high



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numbers, to other lanes with free lane positions to limit the number of pacers needed.

- 20.3 In cases where a player is signing up for a squad after the draw has been made, the player will be assigned to the first free lane position in the squad.
- 20.4 The number of players per pair of lanes may vary from one to another squad. However, within the same squad no variations are permitted.
- 20.5 When needed, pacers must be used to ensure the same number of players per pair of lanes in a squad.
- 20.6 The number of players per pair of lanes must never be higher than 4 in qualification squads.

## **21 Lane movements**

- 21.1 With the exception of head to head matches, players have to change lanes after each game.
- 21.2 If the score system provides the possibility, then players positioned at the left lanes move left and players positioned at the right lane move right.
- 21.3 The players should be moved over as big a part of the centre as possible by skipping pairs (one or more) in the movement.
- 21.4 Players, who have already played on a pair of lanes, can in principle not return to the same pair of lanes in the same squad, with the exception as specified in 21.5.
- 21.5 A squad or final stage must be kept within a specific part of the centre. In squads, where the number of lane pairs in use is lower than the number of games to be played, the players can return to the same pair of lanes later in the squad.

## **22 Tie rules**

- 22.1 Squads and final stages, except head to head matches, where a total of a multiple number of games is counting
  - a. In case of a tie the highest positioned will be the player/team with the highest last game score
  - b. If a tie still exist the highest positioned will be the player/team with the highest second last game score etc
  - c. In case of a non broken tie, then the procedure is continued by comparing games from the previous stage in the tournament
- 22.2 In case of a tie in the desperado squad, the highest positioned player will be the player with the highest position after the qualification.



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- 22.3 Head to head matches
- a. The final result of a head to head match can be based either on number of games won, or on the total pin fall of multiple games. In case of a tie in a game when the number of games won count, or a tie in a match when total pin fall counts, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken
  - b. When a game is played on a pair of lanes, the players will, for the first roll off delivery, be positioned on the lanes where they ended the game. The highest ranked player after the qualification will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery the players will switch lanes and the order of deliveries will be opposite to the first one etc.
  - c. When a game is played on one lane, all roll of shots will be delivered on the lane, where the tied game was played. The highest ranked player after the qualification will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery the order of deliveries will be opposite to the first one etc.
  - d. There will be no handicap included in roll off deliveries of head-to-head matches
- 22.4 If a tie in one or more stages of a tournament cannot be broken by using the general tie rules presented in these rules, then it is the obligation of the organizer to specify the tie rules for these specific stages.

## **23 Deciding the final tournament standing**

- 23.1 By the conclusion of a tournament a final tournament standing must be provided, in which all ties are broken and all positions are unique in a relation 1:1 between players and positions.
- 23.2 Players will be positioned in the following order
- a. The winner of the tournament
  - b. The runner-up of the tournament
  - c. Players leaving after the second last final stage, players leaving after the third final stage before that etc.
  - d. Players not qualified for the final (except players qualified from a desperado squad) in the order of the qualification standing
- 23.3 In final stages, where a pin fall is deciding the positions, players leaving the final stage are positioned according to their score in the stage.
- 23.4 In a final stage with head to head matches, players leaving the final stage are positioned according to their positions in the previous stage not including head to head matches.
- 23.5 If positions in one or more stages of a tournament cannot be decided by using the general position definitions presented in these rules, then it is the obligation of the organizer to specify the position rules for these specific stages.





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## 24 Penalty points and numbers

- 24.1 Penalty points are points given to players with inappropriate actions before or during a tournament, as specified in these rules.
- 24.2 Penalty numbers are numbers given, when a penalty is imposed to a player, where 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> penalty, 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> penalty etc. (see also 24.6).
- 24.3 After the conclusion of each tournament, the organizer will submit a list to the EBT Administrator including players with penalty points in the actual tournament.
- 24.4 The EBT Administrator will keep a list of accumulated penalty points and penalty numbers. The list will be published at the ETBF Website after each update.
- 24.5 Each time new penalty points are added to the list of penalty points the EBT Administrator will notify the federations about players getting new penalty points.
- 24.6 When a sum of penalty points for a player is equal to or higher than 4, a penalty will be imposed and the following actions will be taken by the EBT Administrator:
- The penalty number will be set to 1 higher than the previous number.
  - The 4 penalty points with the oldest date stamp will be removed.
  - A letter will be issued to the player and to all EBT organizers that the player is suspended from coming stops in the EBT (see 24.7 for the length of the suspension).
  - The ETBF President will be notified if the penalty includes a penalty fee (see 24.7 for the size of an eventual penalty fee).
  - An invoice will be issued to the federation, of which the player is a member, if (d) is in effect.
- 24.7 Penalties
- If the penalty number is 1, the player will be suspended from participation in 4 EBT stops
  - If the penalty number is 2, the player will be suspended from participation in 6 EBT stops and in addition the player will, through his federation, pay a penalty fee of € 300 to ETBF
  - For each time the penalty number is higher than 2, the number of EBT stops, the player will be suspended from, is 2 higher than the number of stops of the previous penalty number. In addition the penalty fee to be paid to ETBF will be € 300 higher than the penalty fee of the previous penalty number
  - The federation of a suspended player will be notified by a letter of suspension, in which the stops, from which the player is suspended, are listed
  - Players cannot be suspended from participation in stops, conducted within the appeal period, which is a 14 days period after the letter of suspension has been issued (see 28.9 and 28.10)
  - A suspension of a player from the EBT will not end until the player's federation has paid the full penalty fee to ETBF
- 24.8 Yearly modifications in the list of penalty points and penalty numbers
- Penalty points and penalty numbers are valid for three years, which is the actual year plus the foregoing two years



- b. The list of penalty points and penalty numbers will be modified each year during the first 7 days of January (first time in January 2009)
- c. Penalty points given in the first of the previous counting years will be deducted from the total number of penalty points a player has accumulated during the three year counting period
- d. The number of penalties will, when no actual suspension is in effect, be reduced to a number corresponding with the number of remaining penalty points

## **25 Re-racks**

- 25.1 A player is allowed maximum two re-racks per game without asking the tournament management for permission. Unless permission for another re-rack in the game is granted such a re-rack is illegal.
- 25.2 Additional re-racks in the game can only be granted by the tournament management and should be limited to situations where it is obvious that the pin setting is clearly off spot.
- 25.3 If a player violates this rule, the frame following the illegal re-rack will be set to zero.

## **26 Machine break downs**

- 26.1 The Tournament Manager will make all decisions regarding the continuation or rescheduling of games in the event of a mechanical breakdown.
- 26.2 If a breakdown requires players to move to an alternate pair, not previously used in the squad or final stage, each player required to move will be allowed two warm-up shots on each lane.

## **27 Players pull outs**

- 27.1 If a player, without permission from the tournament management, leaves a qualification squad or a final stage before he has completed all games in the squad/stage (illegal pull out), all previous scores of the player will be counted as zero and the player cannot enter the tournament again at any later squad or final stage.
- 27.2 In case of an illegal pull out, pre-paid entry fees for later squads will not be reimbursed.
- 27.3 In case of an illegal pull out, the player will be given 1 penalty point and the pull out will be reported to the EBT Administrator.
- 27.4 In case of a legal pull out (permitted by the tournament management) the player is not permitted to play in any qualification or desperado squad the same day and until 11.00 o'clock the next day.



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## 28 Improper behavior

- 28.1 The tournament management can decide on miss-behaviour, if a player abuses equipment, abuses tournament officials (verbally or physically), abuses other players (verbally or physically), abuses other coaches, abuses spectators or in general presents a behaviour far from acceptable on or off the lanes of the tournament site.
- 28.2 The tournament management will decide if the miss-behaviour will lead to an exclusion from the tournament.
- 28.3 The tournament management will decide if the miss-behaviour of a player is of a nature, where it should lead to an international penalty. In this case a report must be prepared by the tournament organizer and submitted to the EBT Administrator not later than 3 days after the last day of the tournament.
- 28.4 The report will be evaluated by the ETBF Tournament Committee, and within 14 days after receipt of the report the player will be informed in writing about the decision. Based on the evaluation the player will be given a maximum of 4 penalty points, depending on the nature of the miss-behaviour. The player has the right to appeal the decision to the ETBF Presidium no later than 30 days after the announcement of the original decision. The appeal procedure shall be in accordance with the ETBF Constitution.

## 29 Late cancellations by players

- 29.1 If a cancellation of participation is received within a period of 30 days prior to the first day of or during a tournament, it will be considered as a late cancellation.
- 29.2 There are three types of late cancellations
- Type A means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 30 days before the first day of the tournament until 8 days before the first day of the tournament
  - Type B means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 7 days before the first day of the tournament until and including the last qualification day of the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered
  - Type C is defined as a "No Show", which means that a player fails to appear without having notified the organizer or if the player notifies the organizer after the start of the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered
- 29.3 Penalties for Cancellation Type A
- The player will be given 1 penalty point
  - The organizer may issue a penalty invoice to the player with an amount of not more than half of the maximum fee for a primary entry



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- 29.4 Penalties for Cancellation Type B
- The player will be given 2 penalty points
  - The organizer may issue a penalty invoice to the player with an amount of not more than the maximum fee for a primary entry
- 29.5 Penalties for Cancellation Type C
- The player will be given 3 penalty points
  - The organizer may issue a penalty invoice to the player with an amount of not more than the maximum fee for a primary entry plus the maximum fee for a re-entry
- 29.6 Penalty invoices for late cancellations must be issued latest 7 days after the last day of the tournament.
- 29.7 When a valid penalty invoice is issued and the full amount is received by the organizer latest 30 days after the invoice was issued, the organizer must notify the EBT Administrator and all given penalty points for that tournament will be removed.
- 29.8 When a valid penalty invoice is issued and the full amount is not received by the organizer latest 30 days after the invoice was issued, it is the right of the organizer to notify the EBT Administrator and the player will be given 1 additional penalty point even if the invoice is paid at a later moment.
- 29.9 Before submitting a list of players with penalty points to the EBT Administrator, the organizer has the right to exclude players from the list, if the organizer has full documentation or at least a full confidence that illness or injury (in special occasions also other serious reasons) were the reason for the cancellations.
- 29.10 Player's claims of an entry not ordered
- A player can, through his federation and to the EBT Administrator, for an entry in a tournament, where he is given penalty points, claim that he never applied for an entry
  - Such a claim must be received by the EBT Administrator not later than 14 days after the federation was notified about the penalty points given
  - In that situation the organizer has the obligation to show proof in form of a filled in entry form, an email including the entry order or another kind of written documentation
  - In situations where a player claims that no entry was ordered and the organizer is unable to document the order, the EBT Director might decide to remove the penalty points given to the player in that specific tournament
- 29.11 Player's claims of illness or injury
- A player can, through his federation and to the EBT Administrator, for a tournament where he is given penalty points, claim illness or injury as the reason for the cancellation
  - Such a claim must be received by the EBT Administrator not later than 14 days after the federation was notified about the penalty points given
  - In that situation the player has the obligation to show documented evidence that illness or injury was the cause
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- d. If an illness or injury is documented by a medical certificate the documentation is counted as full documentation, while a supporting letter from the federation is counted as partial documentation
- e. In case of a full documentation the EBT Administrator will remove the penalty points for the player in the specific tournament, while the EBT Director might decide to remove the penalty points in case of a partial documentation
- f. Claims directly from players about illness or injury without full or partial documentation will not be taken in consideration

### **30 Bowling balls**

- 30.1 Players participating in tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour can enter with an unlimited number of bowling balls.
- 30.2 Cleaning of the surface of the bowling ball is permissible prior to any delivery during a game. Any cloth product that is non-abrasive, and contains no chemical additives that would modify the surface finish of the ball, would be acceptable to use. Cleaners, which are products meant to clean the ball surface without changing the surface roughness, may be used, provided they are on the list of approved products published at [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com)
- 30.3 Adjusting of the surface of the bowling ball, by means of scrub sponges, scoring pads, and polish that are on the list of approved products, may be done only in between qualification squads and final steps, before qualification squads and final steps and during practice sessions before qualification squads and final steps.
- 30.4 Altering the surface of the bowling ball by means of bonded or coated abrasives, may be done only in between qualification squads and final steps, before qualification squads and final steps and during practice sessions before qualification squads and final steps.
- 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.

### **31 Appeal procedures**

- 31.1 Any appeal from the decision of the tournament management shall, within two weeks, be directed to the EBT Director.



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- 31.2 The EBT Director shall, within two weeks, review the appeal and make his decision. Copies of the decision shall be sent to the appellant, the appellant's national federation, and to the ETBF Secretary General.
- 31.3 An appeal of that decision may be directed to the ETBF Presidium within two weeks. The appellant and the appellant's national federation will be notified by ETBF of the decision within 30 days.
- 31.4 An appeal of that decision may be directed to the WTBA Presidium within two weeks, and its decision shall be final. The appellant, the appellant's national federation and ETBF will be notified by WTBA of the decision within 30 days.