

Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. These Championships are WTBA Approved Tournament and WTBA World Bowling Tour Tournament. [WTBA Statutes and Playing Rules](#), [WTBA World Bowling Tour Rules 2013](#) and these Rules & Regulations shall apply.

2. Playing format

Individual event - Men & Women in different divisions but in the same format.

Qualification rounds: 9 games in 3 blocks. Based on the 9 game pinfalls. the best 24 bowlers will proceed to Semifinal

Semifinal: 6 games in 2 blocks. The foregoing 15 game pinfalls will be used as the qualifying score for the TV Final Eliminator rounds.

The following five bowlers will proceed to TV Final Eliminator:

- 1) The best four(4) bowlers
- 2) The best local bowler (in this case, the final standing of the fifth best bowler should be 6th and the subsequent standings should be determined based on the total pinfalls.)

However, in case one or more local bowlers are included in the foregoing item 1), the best five bowlers based on 15 game pinfalls will proceed to TV Final Eliminator rounds and the subsequent standings including 6th should be determined based on the total pinfalls.

TV Final Eliminator: In the 1st round, the above-mentioned five bowlers will bowl one game all together in a pair of lanes and the two lowest scored will be eliminated and their final standings should be 4th and 5th based on their scores in this round. The three highest scored will proceed to the 2nd round to bowl one game all together in a pair of lanes, and the lowest scored will be eliminated and his/her final standing should be 3rd. The two highest scored will proceed to the championship round to bowl one game, and the loser should be 2nd positioned and the winner will be declared as Champion.

Trios - In baker format. Men & women in different divisions, in the same format.

Two trios will be made up of the best three local bowlers and the best three international bowlers of the Semifinalists that don't qualify for TV Final Eliminator. One game will be played between the two trios to determine the champion team.

The games are conducted in dual lane style. First bowler of each team will bowl 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th frame, second bowler will bowl 2nd, 5th and 8th frame and the third bowler will bowl 3rd, 6th and 9th frame to complete a game. The winner should be the trio with the higher

one game score. The starting lane should be decided by the toss of a coin.

3. Tie breaker: In case of a tie on the cut line of 1st, 2nd or Championship round of TV Final Eliminator, 9-10 frame roll off will be played until the tie breaks. In all these cases, the highest positioned after the Semifinal has the right to choose the lane to start at and the order to play if any.

In case of a tie on the cut line after Qualification rounds or the Semifinal, 1 game roll off will be played to break the tie. If there is still a tie, 9-10 frame roll off will be played until the tie breaks. In all these cases, the one with the highest score of the last game of Qualification rounds or the Semifinal respectively has the right to choose the lane to start at. In case of any other tie, co-winners will be declared and the prize money should be shared evenly if any.

In case of a tie in any match of Trios, one player from each team is selected to bowl a roll off. Starting lanes will be decided by the toss of a coin.

4. Ball registration: Only Balls on the USBC Approved ball list are allowed to be used. But balls manufactured and approved before 1991 are also allowed to use in these championships. Balls must be checked in accordance with WTBA playing rules and registered before being used in these championships. A bowler can register a maximum of 6 bowling balls.

5. Bowling ball, altering surface

1. Bowling ball surface adjustments by hand are acceptable between games provided they are done in the designated area and that the adjustment procedure does not delay the bowler's next turn. Any use of chemicals must be on the 'Acceptable list' as listed on WTBA website; www.worldtenpinbowling.com. It is not allowed to use anything listed in the "Products Containing Solids or Abrasives" section nor anything listed in the "Not acceptable at any time" sections. The ball must be wiped clean after any adjustments.

2. Altering the surface of the bowling ball, besides what is mentioned in 5.1, is allowed in a designated area only during the open practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round, and between competition rounds.

Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed.

If the surface is adjusted during a game the penalty is zero pinfall in that game

Competition is defined as all games in a block, as well as the practice session immediately preceding the block

6. A player is allowed a maximum of two re-racks per game .

If a player takes a third re-rack, the frame of that illegal re-rack will be set to zero

7. Bowlers preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left. They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are

clear.

A player failing to observe the above procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows

- a) A white card for the first offence (no penalty)
- b) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
- c) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games (three games). The penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame.

- 8. Dress Code: During the competition, only the bowler's name, the bowler's country name and the emblems of the bowler's national flag and/or any bowlers' association/federation/congress are allowed to appear on the bowling shirts. Any other design or character including those of any company and/or merchandise are not allowed. However, the organizer reserves the right to request bowlers to put the logos and/or badges of the tournament sponsor: DHC Corporation. For this purpose, a portion of the right breast and right sleeve of bowlers' bowling shirts should be kept for the tournament sponsor: DHC Corporation. Female bowlers are kindly requested to wear skirt or short pants.
- 9. Any player or team arriving late shall begin to play with the score count beginning with the frame then being bowled on the lane or lanes to which they are assigned. When a qualifier doesn't show up in person to the check in for Trios or TV Final Eliminator, he/she will be disqualified for the TV Final Eliminator, and the vacancy should be filled by non qualifier then available in the order of the position in the Semifinal. In this case, the final standing of the disqualified should be the one the replacement had after the Semifinal.
- 10. Smoking is not allowed during a block of games (3 games). Between the blocks, smoking is allowed in the designated area. Drinking or being under the influence of alcoholic drink is not allowed during the games.
Penalty for the violation is zero pin for the block.
- 11. Matters not covered in these Rules should be resolved by Tournament Official in accordance with other stipulations in WTBA States and Playing Rules, and its policy/stance.