

## **OFFICAL TOURNAMENT SERIES RULES AND ELIGIBLTY REQUIREMENTS**

1. a.) Bowlers must be current members of the National Duckpin Bowling Congress and have proof of average if required.
  - b.) Composite average will be used for tournament for CT bowlers based on the current average book or the composite average listed in the previous 2 years books (minimum of 48 games). No listing for 3 years will require an eligibility card for 21 current league games.
  - c.) Averages for out-of-state bowlers will be computed as follows: All tournament bowlers will use their composite average comprised of all sanctioned league and sanctioned tournament games in their home area plus their sanctioned league and sanctioned tournament games in CT. (Total pinfall divided by Number of Games = Composite Average). A proprietor may choose to adjust his format for out-of-state bowlers. Any changes must be clearly noted on host center flyers.
  - d.) Tournament eligibility cards will be handled as follows: A new bowler, defined as a bowler who has not been listed in the average book for 3 or more seasons or who does not have a current composite average of 60 games minimum who bowls in a sanctioned league(s) may be issued a tournament eligibility card after 21 league games have been bowled. Verification of current average MUST be presented to receive a temporary eligibility card (good for 30 days) and must be presented at all tournaments until a total of 60 league games have been bowled. At that time a permanent tournament eligibility card will be issued for the remainder of the season, using the average based on 60 sanctioned league games. It is the bowler's responsibility to provide verification of average.
2. Bowlers must pay entry fee in advance of beginning any competition.
  3. Bowlers may re-enter as many times as they want in each event of the Tournament Series (excluding the Finals) but can only cash once.
  4. A bowler must bowl in at least three (3) Tournament Series events in order to retain their spot in the Finals. If a bowler fails to satisfy these requirements, then that bowler will lose his or her spot in the Finals.
  5. Handicap for all events will be 75% based on 160 average limit, no maximum handicap.
  6. Total pinfall plus handicap determines order of finish.
  7. A point system will be utilized for individual bowlers. A bowler will receive the following: 10 points for a win, 5 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3 points for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Upon accumulation of 15 points and at least one win, a bowler's handicap will be cut by 33%. Upon accumulation of 25 points, with or without a win, a bowler's handicap will be cut by 50% of their original handicap.
  8. For the Series Finals, all bowlers will receive full handicap.
  9. To qualify for the 08/09 series final you will need to acquire enough points to finish in the top 30 bowlers.
  10. Points will be awarded in each series stop tournament. The number of points per tournament will be determined by the number of entries in the event. Example: If there are 60 entries 1<sup>st</sup> place would earn 60 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 59, 3<sup>rd</sup> 58, and so on until last place which earns 1 point. The amount of points you earn is determined where you finish in the event. In a case where a bowler enters the tournament multiple times, they would only be awarded the highest point value achieved. Example, if you came in 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, only the points for the 8<sup>th</sup> place finish would be given.
  11. There will be no ties for points in any series stop event. High game over average or closest game to your average will determine point placement.
  12. Bowlers who withdraw from a tournament will be credited with a tournament bowled and their appropriate points where ever they finish.
  13. If necessary, to determine the last qualifying spot(s), a 2 game roll will take place off before the finals event. Roll off will be handicapped.
  14. Seeds for the final will be 1 thru 36 based on points; tiebreakers will be high tournament finish.
  15. The 36 bowlers will be broken down into 6 divisions of 6 bowlers.
  16. Seeds will be as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> division A, 2<sup>nd</sup> division B, 3<sup>rd</sup> C, 4<sup>th</sup> D, 5<sup>th</sup> E, 6<sup>th</sup> will be in division A, 7<sup>th</sup> B, 8<sup>th</sup> C, and so on through all 36 places.
  17. Finals ladder will be determined by the 6 division winners and wildcard.
  18. Wildcard winner and seed placement will be determined by win/loss record first then pin fall.
  19. Divisional play and ladders finals will be head to head format handicapped per game.
  20. Handicap for all series events and finals will be 75% from 160
  21. This format requires 36 bowlers, therefore alternates will be needed. Alternates will be asked in order in how they finished the year. In other words 37<sup>th</sup> place is the first alternate, 38<sup>th</sup> is #2, 39<sup>th</sup> is #3 and so on.
  22. Alternates will be placed in chronological order (1<sup>st</sup> alternate will be placed in first open spot), there will be no reseeding of divisions.
  23. All finalists will need to commit to bowling prior to the Final tournament. The committal date fixed by the BAC at a later date. All finalists not committing will be replaced by an alternate.