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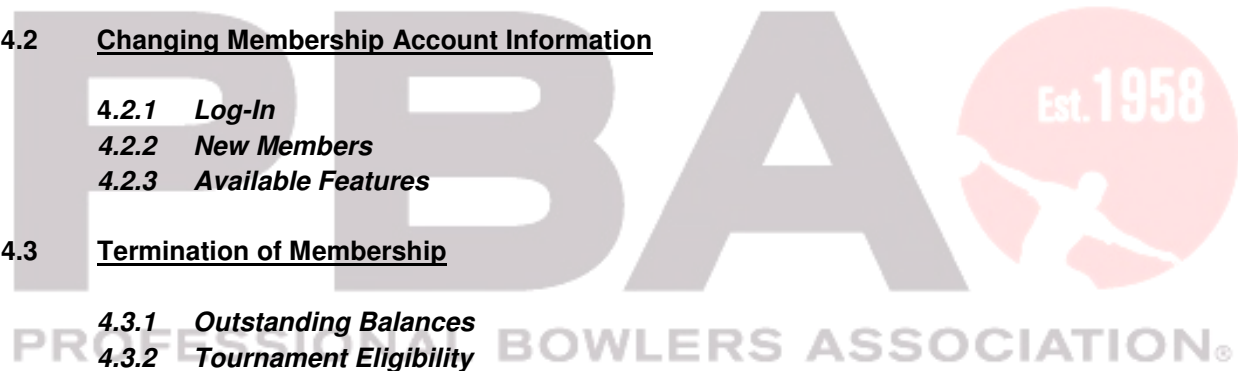
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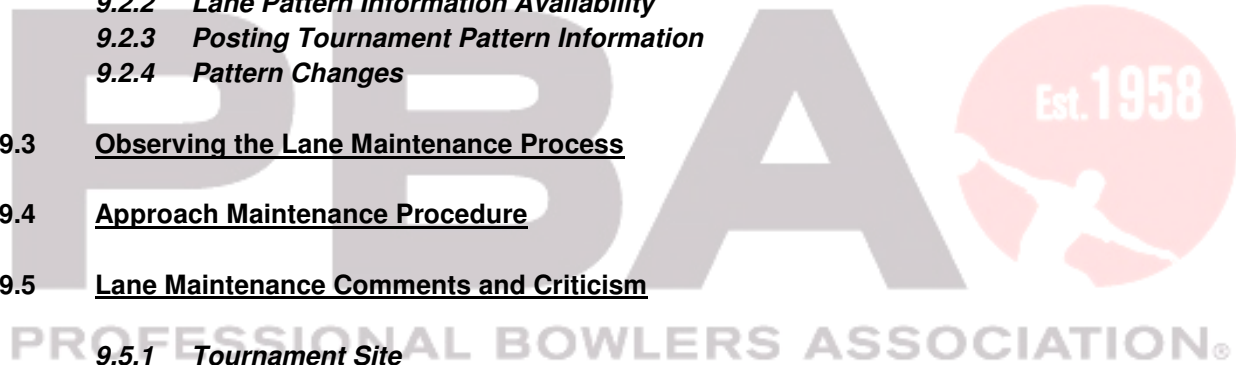
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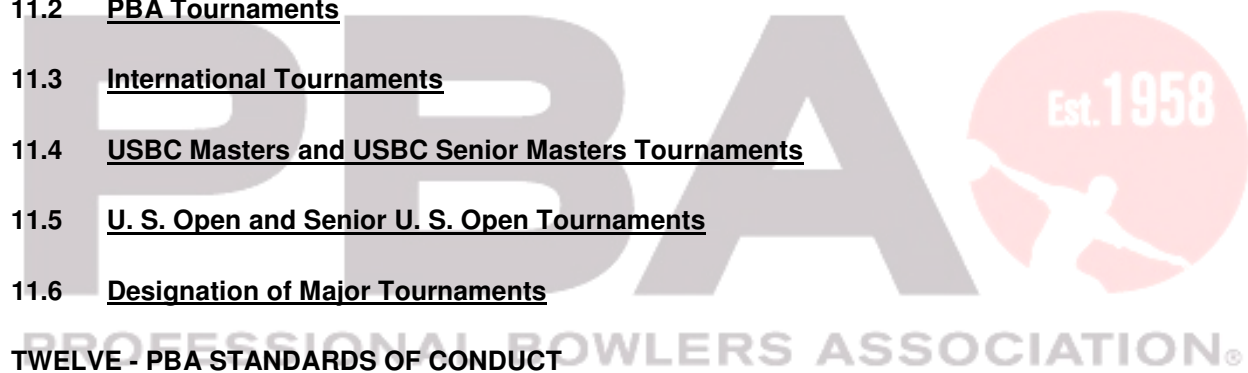
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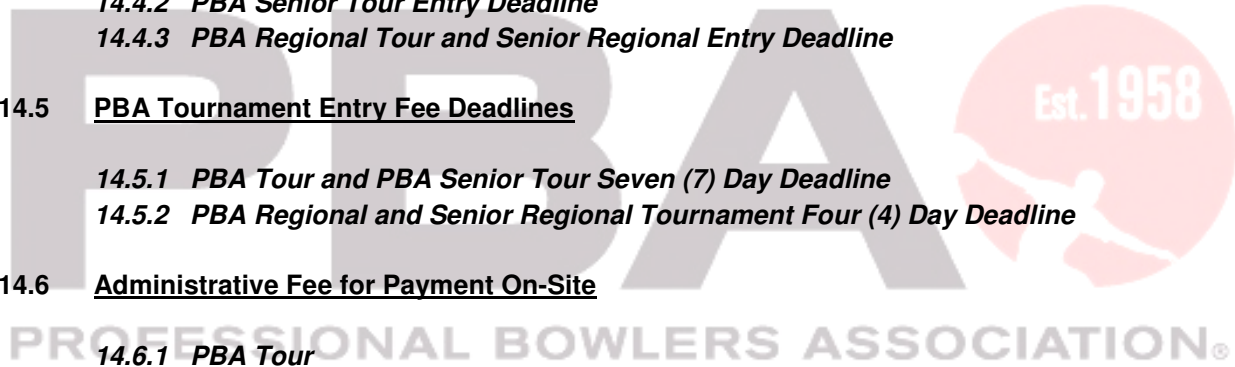
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ONE - INTRODUCTION

1.1 General. As professional athletes, PBA members are responsible for the public image of bowlers and of the PBA. At all times during competition and attendance at any PBA event or other bowling related functions, members must hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct and decorum.

1.2 Fan Relations. Fans come to PBA events primarily to see the players. No other sport offers such access to its athletes. PBA members have the opportunity to encourage greater attendance at tournaments and broader awareness of the PBA by interacting with fans; responding to greetings, signing autographs, answering questions. Young fans are particularly impressionable and PBA members have the chance to form a lasting positive image of professional bowlers through friendly interaction with young fans.

1.3 PBA Professional-Amateur Events (Pro-Ams). Pro-Am events can be the most exciting part of the tournament for hundreds of amateurs. It is extremely important that customers and fans walk away with the feeling that the most valuable aspect of the experience was the opportunity to bowl with the professionals. Members can help amateurs enjoy their experience by doing the following:

1.3.1 Shake Hands. Shake hands; make introductions, converse with the amateurs and offer encouragement. A little conversation will go a long way toward creating a fan for life.

1.3.2 Bowling Tips. Offer some helpful instructions or tips and take the time to explain technical points or terms that may be unfamiliar.

1.3.3 Trick Shots. Perform "trick shots" when the Professional's scores do not count.

1.3.4 Thank Amateurs. Thank the amateurs for the opportunity to have bowled with them when the game is over. Expressing appreciation for the host city and center will encourage fans to come back when a PBA event returns.

1.4 Media. PBA members may be asked to speak to the media during competition or prior to PBA events. As with any professional sports coverage, representatives of the press are interested in the athlete's perspective on the competition, the challenges posed by winning or accepting defeat and expression of the athlete's personality or individual characteristics.

1.4.1 Public Persona. When speaking to the press, PBA members should be polite, personable and informative about the sport of bowling.

1.4.2 Notify the PBA PR Department. All interviews should be arranged and/or pre-approved by a member of the PBA Public Relations (PR) staff. Media should go through PR for any and all interview requests; if a member of the media approaches you about an interview, please make the PBA PR staff aware of it. Interviews should never take place in Host Center lounges or bars.

TWO - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Classes of Membership.

2.1.1 Standard Membership. Members receive all non-competitive membership benefits with the exception of the Pro Shop listing on the www.pba.com website and the Pro Shop logo benefit. In addition to the USBC Masters, Standard Members may participate in:

- a. Up to three (3) PBA Regional Tour events per calendar year.
- b. Three (3) PBA Tour Qualifying Round (TQR) tournaments per season.
- c. The PBA World Championship.
- d. The U.S. Open.
- e. The Senior U.S. Open (senior members only).
- f. The Senior World Championship (senior members only).
- g. Other designated PBA Tour open field events.

2.1.2 Full Membership. Full Members will receive all non-competitive membership benefits. In addition to the USBC Masters, Full members may compete in any PBA tournament for which they are eligible.

2.2 Average Criteria for Membership. Competitive membership in the PBA is open to any bowler who meets the following criteria:

2.2.1 Average 200. Possess at least a two hundred (200) average for a minimum of thirty-six (36) games in any USBC certified league or tournament club within the previous twelve months.

2.2.2 Average 190. Possess at least a one hundred and ninety (190) average for a minimum of thirty-six (36) games in an USBC certified Sport Bowling League within the previous twelve months.

2.2.3 Cash in a PBA Tournament. In lieu of the average requirement, an applicant may qualify for competitive membership by cashing in one (1) PBA tournament of any kind within the last two (2) years.

2.3 Conditions of Membership.

2.3.1 United States Bowling Congress (USBC). The PBA recognizes the USBC as the national governing body of bowling. PBA members who are not in good standing with the USBC shall not be permitted to compete in PBA competition.

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2.3.2 Average Verification. Applicants must provide evidence of average in one (1) of the following forms:

- a. A PBA membership application signed and dated by a league secretary or tournament club director.
- b. League sheets that clearly show the name, date, average and games.
- c. Copies made from average books that clearly show the name, date, average and games.
- d. Averages can be downloaded from bowl.com (USBC).

2.3.3 Verification of Identity. Applicants must provide identification by providing a copy of one of the following forms:

- a. Birth certificate.
- b. Driver's license.
- c. State identification card.
- d. Passport.

2.3.4 International Members. Individuals living outside of the United States may join the PBA provided they meet the following conditions:

- a. They provide verification of a two hundred (200) average from their local Federation or tournament organization.
- b. They provide a copy of at least one (1) document equivalent to those listed in Paragraph 2.3.2 of the Official Membership Guide to establish proof of residence.

2.3.5 Consent for Minors. Applicants, who have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday, must submit a letter of consent from a parent or guardian giving permission to compete in PBA tournaments. Additionally, the applicant must submit a USBC prize fund waiver form (available as a download at bowl.com).

THREE - MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

3.1 Guidelines for Discounted Practice. In select centers across the country, PBA members may practice for up to \$2 per game upon presentation of a current PBA membership card.

3.1.1 Participating Centers. For a complete list of participating centers, please visit www.pba.com and click on "PBA Centers." Cards must be presented prior to bowling. Lanes are subject to availability. Discounted practice is subject to the following restrictions:

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3.1.2 Restrictions.

- a. This benefit is for open play only (the rate does not apply for league, "Cosmic" or "Glow" bowling or tournament lineage).
- b. This benefit is non-transferable (it may only be used by the cardholder). Members must agree to give up the lane if the proprietor expects league, a tournament or heavy open play.
- c. Members must pay for lineage upon the proprietor's request.

3.2 PBA 300 Ring Program.

3.2.1 First 300 Game. Upon bowling a first perfect game in PBA competition, members will be awarded a stadium design, gold ring or pendant.

3.2.2 Additional 300 Games. For every succeeding 300 game in PBA competition, members will be rewarded with a diamond for the existing PBA 300 ring or pendant; each holds up to 14 diamonds.

3.2.3 Website Access. After bowling a 300 game in PBA competition, the member may access the 300 Ring order form by logging onto the Members site at www.pba.com or by filling out the form received from the PBA office approximately three weeks after the 300 game is bowled.

3.2.4 Processing Orders. All ring orders must be processed within six months of the date the game was bowled. After six months, the member is responsible for the cost of the ring or diamond.

NOTE: Members submitting orders for rings after the six month time period must pay full price to receive their award.

3.2.5 Ring Delivery. Once the PBA 300 ring or pendant is custom crafted, it will be sent to the member's home address and will be delivered in approximately three to six weeks.

3.3 Bowlers Journal International (BJI) Subscription. Each month, members will receive a new issue of the magazine widely regarded as the industry leader for its incisive and insightful worldwide bowling coverage, Bowlers Journal International. In addition to the most thorough tournament results and in-depth articles, Bowlers Journal International also offers a wealth of information for Host Center and pro shop operators.

3.4 The Official Member Newsletter. Members will receive a newsletter containing information on ball clearances and tournament entry information inserted into their copy of the Bowlers Journal International approximately seven times annually.

3.5 Pro Shop Listing on www.pba.com. A Full Member, who works in or owns a pro shop, may request a pro shop listing on the www.pba.com website. With millions of hits each year, exposure on the www.pba.com website can drive local customers to the business and promote the PBA members' expertise on equipment, drilling techniques and instruction.

NOTE: Members may also wear the logo of the pro shop during PBA Tour Qualifying Round, PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Tour competition, subject to PBA rules pertaining to logo size.

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3.6 Members Only Website. As a PBA Member, you will be able to access the Members Only Website at www.pba.com. Once you log on as a member, you will be able to find exclusive PBA member content, including access to the PBA oil pattern information, the latest ball reviews, 300 game jewelry, personal account information, listing of tournaments attended and online tournament entry capabilities.

FOUR - MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

4.1 General. The PBA Membership Services Department is available to provide support and service for all aspects of membership. If you wish to speak to someone in Membership Services or need assistance taking care of the procedures outlined below, contact us at:

Professional Bowlers Association, LLC

Membership Services

719 Second Ave, Suite 701

Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 332-9688

(206) 332-9722 (FAX)

4.2 Changing Membership Account Information. Members may make changes to their membership account by going to pba.com and clicking on “Members Login.”

4.2.1 Log-In. Type in your user name (PBA Number) and password; then click on account.

4.2.2 New Members. New members will be assigned and emailed a temporary password that can then be changed. This will also work when logging in to “Members Login” within 24 hours of becoming a member.

4.2.3 Available Features.

- a. Change credit card information.
- b. Change address, telephone number or email address.
- c. Update hometown.
- d. Review and pay account balances.
- e. Request a new membership card.
- f. Request a membership classification change.
- g. Request a Reinstatement of Membership. See paragraph 4.4.

4.3 Termination of Membership. Any member who wishes to resign his or her membership from the PBA must notify Membership Services in writing by letter, FAX or email.

4.3.1 Outstanding Balances. Any outstanding balances shall be paid in full at the time of the request. Additionally, if monthly dues are deducted by the 6th of each month, the member must notify Membership Services at least thirty (30) days prior to that date to insure that additional payments will not be processed.

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4.3.2 Tournament Eligibility. Any former PBA Tour or Senior Tour champion may not partner with another PBA Tour or Senior Tour champion when participating in any Member/Non-Member doubles competition.

4.4 Reinstatement of Membership. Any member who was dropped, terminated or resigned from membership and elects to reinstate will be charged a reinstatement fee plus any outstanding balance. All outstanding balances must be paid in full before membership will be reinstated. Contact Membership Services to obtain the applicable fee amount for reinstatement.

4.4.1 Reinstatement Fee. A former member who reinstates must pay a reinstatement fee.

4.4.2 Rookie of the Year Eligibility. A reinstated member who has participated in more than three (3) PBA Tour tournaments in one (1) calendar year or more than seven (7) PBA Tour tournaments total during his or her previous tenure, will not be eligible for any first-year (rookie) awards.

4.5 Financial Obligations. Upon paying the initiation fee, the member agrees to abide by the terms of the Official PBA Handbook and PBA Rules and Regulations and is entitled to the privileges of PBA membership.

4.5.1 Dues Payments. Dues are billed annually or monthly. It is recommended to maintain a credit card on file to ensure uninterrupted membership and associated privileges. You will be notified via email, a month prior to your credit card expiration date. Whenever possible, please use the secure Members Website to update card information.

- a. Annual dues must be paid within 10 days of the membership expiration date. You will receive an email notice as a reminder of this due date.
- b. To qualify for monthly billing, dues must be paid with a debit or credit card.

4.5.2 Returned Checks. In the event a check is returned to the PBA from the bank, the PBA Accounting Department will send you an invoice.

- a. Member Error. If a check is returned due to an error on the member's part, it must be paid by money order, cashier's check or credit card. The total amount paid must include the amount of the check plus all additional fees and penalties.
- b. Bank Error. If a check is returned due to a bank error, the member must provide proof in the form of a letter from the bank.
- c. In the event of a returned check, an invoice will be issued and will include a \$50 administrative fee. Any member with an outstanding invoice will not be permitted to enter any tournament, either as a member or non-member, until the outstanding balance is paid in full.

4.5.3 Declined Debit Cards and Credit Cards. Any member who has a debit or credit card charge returned will be sent a statement. The member has thirty (30) days to remit a check or credit card number to pay the balance of his or her obligation. Members failing to pay this obligation within 90 days will be dropped from membership.

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4.5.4 Miscellaneous Administrative Fees. Additional fees may be charged to cover costs involved in special requests such as, but not limited to, reissuing lost checks, duplicate copies of archived tax forms, reports, credit letters, tournament entry fees deducted from prize fund checks, etc.

4.6 Membership Card Replacement. In the event that a membership card is lost or stolen, members should contact the PBA office at (206) 332-9688 and ask to speak to a Membership Services Representative.

FIVE - PBA REGIONAL TOUR

5.1 General. The PBA Regional Tour provides a unique opportunity to compete in challenging tournament competition throughout the country's seven PBA regions. This program provides a chance to face the world's greatest bowlers while gaining valuable tournament experience against a first rate field of competitors. The PBA Regional Tour also provides a training ground for the next superstars on the PBA Tour.

5.2 PBA Regional Managers. The Commissioner will appoint a Regional Manager for each of the seven (7) regions. Regional Managers will implement the policies, judgments, decisions, courses of action and all other matters performed at the regional level, as prescribed by the PBA. Regional Managers are also responsible for ensuring that the affairs of the respective regions are conducted in accordance with PBA Rules and Regulations.

5.3 Geographic Areas of the Regions. The geographical areas for the regions are as follows:

5.3.1 East Region. Washington, D. C., Maine, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Delaware, Vermont, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York & Pennsylvania.

5.3.2 Midwest Region. N. Dakota, Minnesota, S. Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri & Illinois.

5.3.3 Central Region. Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia & Ohio.

5.3.4 South Region. Mississippi, S. Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Virginia & N. Carolina.

5.3.5 Southwest Region. New Mexico, Arkansas, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas & Louisiana.

5.3.6 West Region. California, Utah, Nevada, Hawaii & Arizona.

5.3.7 Northwest Region. Oregon, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho & Alaska.

5.4 Regional Points of Contact.

Director, Regional Tour

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2968 Westborough Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301
john.weber@pba.com

West & Northwest Regions

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Midwest Region

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5.5 PBA Regional Tournament Format. PBA Regional Tour tournaments will consist of qualifying and match play rounds as determined by the Regional Managers.

SIX - PBA SENIOR TOUR

6.1 General. The PBA Senior Tour provides bowlers age 50 and over with the opportunity to continue their careers in a competitive and professional environment. Tournaments take place across the country, with multiple Major events awarding added prize money and prestige. Bowlers age 60 and over also benefit from an additional prize fund.

6.2 PBA Senior Tour Director. The Commissioner will appoint a PBA Senior Tour Director who will implement the policies, judgments, decisions, courses of action and all other matters pertaining to the PBA Senior Tour, as prescribed by the PBA. The PBA Senior Tour Director shall appoint a Senior Tour Tournament Director who shall be responsible for ensuring that PBA Senior Tour events are conducted in accordance with PBA Rules and Regulations.

6.3 Senior Tour Points of Contact.

Director, Senior Tour

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Tournament Director, Senior Tour

COREY KISTNER
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Seattle, WA 98104
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6.4 Senior Tour Schedule. The PBA Senior Tour schedule shall be set by the Senior Tour Director on an annual basis as prescribed by PBA policies and procedures.

6.5 PBA Senior Tournament Format. PBA Senior Tour standard tournaments will consist of qualifying and match play rounds as determined by the PBA Senior Tour Director.

SEVEN - PBA TOUR

7.1 General. The PBA Tour features a schedule of televised events highlighted by the prestigious World Series of Bowling and four majors culminating in the new PBA Playoffs at the end of the season. All PBA members and non-members are eligible to participate in selected PBA Tour events which take place throughout the country.

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7.2 PBA Tour, Open Field Events. Selected events on the PBA Tour schedule shall be designated as open field events. Any PBA member in good standing may compete in one or all of these events depending on membership status.

7.3 PBA Tour, Exempt Field Events. Designated exempt field events will consist of an elite field of 64 bowlers as outlined below.

7.3.1 PBA Tour Point List and Champion Exemptions. Standard event champions from the PBA Tour season will receive a one (1) season exemption.

7.3.2 Other Tournament Exemptions.

U.S. Open	- 3 season exemption
PBA World Championship	- 2 season exemption
USBC Masters	- 2 season exemption
Tournament of Champions	- 2 season exemption
PBA Playoffs	- 2 season exemption
Other events as determined	- 1 season exemption

7.3.3 PBATQR Exemption. The high point earner from the PBA Tour point list who did not otherwise earn an exemption through other means shall be awarded a 1 year exemption.

NOTE: For the 2010-11 Season, to qualify for the PBATQR Exemption, a bowler must compete in two (2) PBA Tour Qualifying Round (TQR) events.

7.3.4 Point List Exemptions. The remainder of the available PBA Tour exemptions will be awarded from the PBA Tour World Point Rankings.

NOTE: Any amateur who competes in a PBA tournament, World Series of Bowling, US Open or USBC Masters event is NOT eligible for the PBA Tour exemption associated with the event.

7.3.5 Commissioner's Exemption. Weekly PBA TQR exemptions may be withheld and awarded at the discretion of the Commissioner. These exemptions will be announced no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start date of the event.

7.3.6 PBA TQR Exemptions. Unless Commissioner's exemptions have been awarded, a minimum of twelve (12) weekly exemptions will come from the PBA Tour Qualifying Round held in conjunction with each standard event. The field of competition will be made up of both professionals and amateurs as outlined below:

- a. Both amateurs and professionals will compete concurrently in the PBA Tour Qualifying Round.
- b. Both amateurs and professionals will compete for the same PBA Tour Qualifying Round exemptions and prize fund. A payout ratio of 1 in 4 (based on the aggregate TQR field) will be used to distribute prize money to those competitors who did not advance.

NOTE: An amateur entry may only advance to the Round of 64 once per season.

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7.3.7 PBA Regional Tour Exemptions. PBA Tour exemptions that are consigned to the PBA Regional Tour will be awarded at the Regional Player's Invitational (RPI). Non-exempt PBA members must qualify in one of the seven regions to be eligible for the RPI. Any exemption that is earned at the RPI which is declined or unused for any reason prior to the next PBA Tour season will be returned to the PBA Tour point list.

7.4 PBA Tour Points of Contact.

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EIGHT - PBA PLAYER SERVICES

8.1 PBA Tour and PBA Senior Tour. At each event, PBA Player Services personnel will be available to drill bowling equipment for players entered in that week's event.

8.1.1 Drilling Specifications. Due to the large number of bowling balls drilled each week, it is important that players are knowledgeable about their personal drilling specifications to ensure that equipment is drilled quickly and correctly.

8.1.2 Span Measurement Criteria. The PBA uses 'cut-to-cut' (distance from the cut edge of each hole not to include the width of any grips used) span measurements when drilling bowling equipment.

8.1.3 Player Locker Room. The PBA will establish a weekly player locker room and provide a work-out table with tools such as disc sanders and ball spinners to aid players in fine-tuning their equipment.

8.2 PBA Regional Tour. The PBA does not provide any services at PBA Regional Tour events. However, at the discretion of the Regional Manager, some regions may provide tools such as disc sanders or ball spinners to aid players with fine-tuning their equipment.

NINE - PBA LANE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (LMP)

9.1 PBA Lane Maintenance Philosophy. The PBA Lane Maintenance Program (LMP) exists to balance the many complicated variables associated with cleaning and conditioning lanes during multi-day PBA tournaments. The LMP strives to provide the most equitable and competitive conditions for all members with heavy premiums being placed on day-to-day and squad-to-squad uniformity.

9.2 PBA Patterns. For all regular events on the PBA Tour, PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Tour, one of the PBA's basic patterns will be used at any given tournament. These patterns make up the "Official Playing Conditions of the PBA Tour."

9.2.1 Lane Pattern Information and Restrictions. PBA patterns may not be used for promotional purposes or by other bowling leagues or tournaments without the express written permission of the PBA.

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9.2.2 Lane Pattern Information Availability. Lane condition patterns for every tournament are available on www.pba.com. For technical lane pattern information please contact the PBA Office.

9.2.3 Posting Tournament Pattern Information. Basic lane maintenance information will be posted in the locker room no later than the start of the official practice session.

9.2.4 Pattern Changes. The tournament field will be immediately notified of any changes to the posted lane condition. Changes will be announced at roll call and posted in the player locker room.

9.3 Observing the Lane Maintenance Process. Any competitor may observe the lane maintenance procedure, inspect the equipment and ask questions on a not-to-interfere basis with the performance of duties by lane maintenance personnel.

9.4 Approach Maintenance Procedure. Approaches will be maintained in accordance with host center directives and the maintenance procedure will be conducted before every squad of qualifying and match play.

9.5 Lane Maintenance Comments and Criticism. The PBA recognizes the issues that can arise with the maintenance of bowling lanes for competitive purposes.

9.5.1 Tournament Site. All questions and concerns about lane conditioning should be addressed to the Tournament Director on site.

9.5.2 Public Comments. PBA members and tournament participants are prohibited from making public critical comments concerning lane conditions (proprietor, host center management and employees, spectators, fans, reporters, etc.).

9.5.3 PBA Lane Maintenance Staff. Competitors may not harass, intimidate, criticize or make defamatory public statements concerning any member of the PBA Lane Maintenance staff or its policies and conditions.

TEN - AWARDS & HONORS

10.1 Trophy. An appropriate trophy will be awarded to the champion of each tournament.

10.2 Perfect Game (300) Award. Any member who bowls a 300 game in PBA competition (excluding Pro-Ams) will receive a PBA award.

10.3 PBA Tour Awards and Honors.

10.3.1 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award. The Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Award will be determined annually by a vote consisting of selected media and the entire membership. Any member in good standing among the top ten (10) in PBA Tour earnings or points will be placed on the official ballot.

10.3.2 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Award. The Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Award will be determined annually by a vote consisting of selected media and the entire membership. Any member in good standing among the top five (5) in PBA Tour earnings and points among rookies will be placed on the official ballot. A member will be considered a rookie if he or she competes in at least three (3) PBA Tour tournaments within a PBA Tour season or the season in which he or she competes in their seventh PBA Tour tournament, whichever comes first. Participation in a PBA Tour Qualifying Round (PBATQR) event shall count as a tournament bowled. The Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year award may not be awarded at the discretion of the PBA

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10.3.3 George Young Memorial High Average Award. The George Young Memorial High Average Award will be given to the member with the highest average completing at least three hundred (300) games of PBA Tour competition.

10.3.4 Harry Smith Point Leader Award. The Harry Smith Point Leader Award will be given to the member who accumulates the most points on the PBA Tour over the course of a season.

10.3.5 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award. The Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award will be determined annually by a vote of the members who participated in at least fifty percent (50%) of the PBA Tour tournaments for that season.

10.4 PBA Regional Tour Awards and Honors.

10.4.1 PBA Regional Player of the Year Awards. The seven (7) individual PBA Regional Player of the Year awards will be chosen by a panel made up of the six (6) PBA Regional Managers and the Director of the PBA Regional Tour. All players who finished the season among the top ten (10) in earnings or average (based on a minimum number of games to be decided upon in each region) in each region will be placed on the ballot.

10.4.2 PBA Regional Rookie of the Year Awards. The seven (7), PBA Regional Rookie of the Year awards will be chosen by a panel made up of the six (6) PBA Regional Managers and the Director of the PBA Regional Tour. All rookies (a member who joins prior to January 1st will be considered a rookie for that Regional Tour season; members who join after that date but before April 1st will be considered a rookie the following Regional Tour season) who finished the season among the top ten (10) in earnings or average (based on a minimum number of games to be decided upon in each region) among rookies in each region will be placed on the ballot.

10.5 PBA Senior Tour Awards and Honors.

10.5.1 PBA Senior Player of the Year Award. The PBA Senior Player of the Year Award will be determined annually using the following point system in which bowlers will be awarded points based on their finish in all PBA Senior Tour events.

- a. Points will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers in each step ladder event and the top four (4) finishers in each single elimination event.

Finishing Position	Major Events	Standard Events
1	24	16
2	12	8
3	8	4
4	4	2
5	2	1

- b. The PBA Senior Tour Point List shall be used to break a tie.

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10.5.2 PBA Senior Rookie of the Year Award. The PBA Senior Rookie of the Year Award will be determined annually by a vote consisting of selected media and the entire membership. Any member in good standing among the top ten (10) in PBA Senior Tour earnings and points among rookies will be placed on the official ballot. A member will be considered a rookie if he or she competes in at least three (3) PBA Senior Tour tournaments within a Senior Tour season or the season in which he or she competes in their seventh Senior Tour tournament, whichever comes first.

10.5.3 PBA Senior Tour, High Average Award. The PBA Senior Tour High Average Award will be given to the member with the highest average in at least one hundred and fifty (150) games of PBA Senior Tour competition.

10.5.4 PBA Senior Tour, Point Leader Award. The PBA Senior Tour Point Leader Award will be given to the member who accumulates the most points on the PBA Senior Tour over the course of a season.

10.5.5 Dick Weber, Sportsmanship Award. The Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award will be determined annually by a vote of the members who participated in at least fifty percent (50%) of the PBA Senior Tour tournaments for that season.

10.6 Naming and Distribution of Awards and Honors. The PBA reserves the right to rename awards as well as the choice not to distribute certain awards at its discretion.

ELEVEN - OFFICIAL TITLES

11.1 General. The following guidelines provide the recommended minimum requirements for designating a tournament win as an official PBA title. The PBA reserves the right to declare any tournament title as "official" at its discretion.

11.2 PBA Tournaments. The field size for any PBA tournament including an invitational, within the United States must consist of at least twenty (20) PBA members and cover a minimum of eight (8) games (bowled by the winner) in order for an official title to be awarded.

11.3 International Tournaments. The field for an International Tournament must consist of at least eight (8) PBA members and cover a minimum of eight (8) games (bowled by the winner) in order for an official title to be awarded.

11.4 USBC Masters and USBC Senior Masters Tournaments. The USBC Masters and Senior Masters shall be considered an official PBA title for PBA members only, including recognition for points, average and earnings.

11.5 US Open and Senior US Open Tournaments. The US Open and Senior US Open shall be considered an official PBA title for PBA members only, including recognition for points, average and earnings.

11.6 Major Tournament Designation. The PBA reserves the right to designate certain tournaments as Majors and denote them as such within ninety (90) days of the tournament start date.

TWELVE - PBA STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

12.1 Code of Ethics. Members shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner commensurate with the PBA Code of Ethics. The title "Professional Bowler" must be and at all times remain synonymous with honor, service and fair dealing. Integrity, fidelity to the sport of bowling and a sense of great responsibility to employers, employees, manufacturers, clients and other professionals should transcend all thought of material gain in the motives of the true professional bowler. The conduct of each member must always be in keeping with this ongoing standard. If at any time PBA officials have reason to believe that a member is acting in violation of the PBA Code of Ethics, disciplinary action will be taken.

12.2 Code of Ethics Violations. Specific violations of the PBA Code of Ethics include, but are not limited to, the following:

12.2.1 *Defaming the Sport of Bowling.* Any member may not allow the use of his or her name or likeness in such a manner as to defame the sport of bowling and/or the PBA.

12.2.2 *Failure to Meet Obligations.* Any member failing to promptly meet his or her membership or PBA contractual obligations or otherwise acting in a manner that is reasonably likely to injure the reputation and standing of the PBA and/or its members.

12.2.3 *PBA Rules Violations.* Any member who violates PBA Rules and Regulations may be subject to a code of ethics violations if the circumstances warrant.

12.3 Disciplinary Action. In the event a member violates the PBA Code of Ethics, any provisions of these rules and regulations or whose conduct is otherwise likely to injure or affect the reputation or standing of the PBA, will be subject to disciplinary action and hereby agrees and acknowledges the right and authority of the appropriate agents to take any of the following actions pursuant to the provisions of this rule:

12.3.1 *Fines.* Assess a fine against the member.

12.3.2 *Probation.* Place the member on probation.

12.3.3 *Revocation of Participation Rights.* Revoke the right of the member to participate in PBA tournaments and/or any other membership activities.

12.3.4 *Suspension.* Suspend the member from membership.

12.3.5 *Expulsion.* Expel the member from membership.

12.4 Notification of Charges. All charges brought against a member by another member must be in written form and submitted to either the Tournament Director responsible for the conduct of the tournament in question or the Commissioner.

12.4.1 *Notification of Charges.* The Tournament Director or Commissioner will then notify the accused member of the substance of those charges.

12.4.2 *Action and Disposition of Offense.* Within ten (10) days of the date of such notification, the PBA will issue a ruling on the situation and notify the member of any penalties to be imposed against him or her.

12.5 Classes of Penalties.

12.5.1 *Minor Penalties.* A Minor Penalty is a fine of no more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

12.5.2 *Intermediate Penalties.* An Intermediate Penalty is a fine of between five hundred and one dollars (\$501) and one thousand dollars (\$1000) and/or probation (with a specific time limit) or suspension from participation in up to three (3) tournaments, including the tournament in progress.

12.5.3 *Major Penalties.* A Major Penalty is a fine in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000) and/or probation (no time limit) or suspension from participation in more than three (3) tournaments and/or expulsion from the PBA. Only the Commissioner may impose a Major Penalty.

12.6 Forms of Violation.

12.6.1 *Bowling Conduct Violations.* Members judged guilty of Bowling Conduct Violations will be penalized as follows; penalties will be assessed per season:

1st Offense: \$ 100

**2nd Offense: \$ 200 (Senior and Regional Tour)
\$ 500 (PBA Tour)**

**3rd Offense: One (1) year probation and a fine of:
\$500 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)
\$1000 (PBA Tour)**

12.6.2 *Non-Bowling Conduct Violations.* Unless otherwise specified in the PBA Rules and Regulations Handbook, the Commissioner will determine the appropriate penalty for any Non-Bowling Conduct Violation. Members judged guilty of violations designated as Non-Bowling Conduct Violations, if they do not result in the imposition of an Intermediate or Major Penalty, will result in a fine of between one hundred dollars (\$100) and five hundred dollars (\$500), the amount to be determined by rule or the Commissioner, as appropriate.

12.6.3 *Conduct Fine While on Probation.* Any conduct offense while on probation will result in a fine and suspension, the length and/or amount to be determined by the Commissioner.

12.7 Removal of Violation from Permanent Record. Any conduct violations received during a season will be removed from the member's record one year from the imposition of the penalty. All conduct violations that lead to a member being placed on probation will be removed from his or her record upon the successful completion of probation.

12.8 Appeal Process.

12.8.1 *Time Limit to File an Appeal.* The Commissioner must receive an appeal within ten (10) days from the date of the written notification of the imposition of the penalty. Failure to make an appeal in a timely manner will preclude the member from any later attempt to contest the charges brought and the penalty imposed against him or her.

12.8.2 *Appeal Review Process and Member Notification.* The Commissioner will notify the member of the decision on the initial appeal within ten (10) days of its receipt.

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12.8.3 Exhausting the Appeals Process. After exhausting the appeals process, the member must pay all fines and/or serve the full term of suspension or expulsion. Additionally, if at the conclusion of the appeals process the original penalty is upheld, the member will be required to pay for all expenses incurred by the PBA during the appeals process.

12.8.4 Eligibility to Compete. A member who files an appeal may compete in tournaments pending the outcome provided the appeal is in writing and includes all defenses or mitigating circumstances claimed. The member may include signed statements of witnesses.

12.8.5 Hold Harmless. All members agree to release and hold harmless all employees of the Professional Bowlers Association, LLC, any Appeals Committee formed, any individual member thereof, and all officers, employees, agents and other PBA representatives, for so long as they are acting as a delegate with the authority of the PBA, in their official and individual capacities, from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising in connection with any charges brought and/or penalties imposed against him or her.

THIRTEEN - TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

13.1 Member Entries.

13.1.1 PBA Tour Tournament Eligibility.

- a. Full Member. Any member in good standing who holds full membership is eligible to compete in any PBA Tour event in which he or she is eligible.
- b. Standard Member. Any member in good standing who holds standard membership is eligible to compete in up to three (3) PBA TQR events and any other tournaments in which he or she is eligible.

NOTE: Refer to Paragraph 2.1 for detailed tournament eligibility information.

13.1.2 PBA Senior Tour Tournament Eligibility.

- a. Full Member. Any member in good standing, who holds full membership and is at least fifty (50) years of age (prior to the tournament start date), is eligible to compete in all PBA Senior Tour events.
- b. Standard Member. Any member in good standing, who holds standard membership and is at least fifty (50) years of age (prior to the tournament start date), is eligible to compete in the Senior World Championship, Senior US Open and the USBC Senior Masters only and may not compete in any regular PBA Senior Tour event.

13.1.3 PBA Regional Tour Tournament Eligibility.

- a. Full Member. Any member in good standing who holds full membership is eligible to compete in any PBA Regional Tour event in which he or she is eligible.
- b. Standard Member. Any member in good standing who holds standard membership is eligible to compete in up to three (3) PBA Regional Tour events in which he or she is eligible.

13.1.4 PBA Senior Regional Tour Tournament Eligibility.

- a. Full Member. Any member in good standing who holds full membership and is at least fifty (50) years of age (prior to the tournament start date), is eligible to compete in any PBA Regional Tour or Senior Regional event.
- b. Standard Member. Any member in good standing who holds standard membership and is at least fifty (50) years of age (prior to the tournament start date), is eligible to compete in any combination of three (3) PBA Regional Tour or PBA Senior Regional Tour events.

13.1.5 PBA Super Senior Meta Tournaments. Any PBA member in good standing who is at least sixty (60) years of age (prior to the tournament start date) is eligible to compete in any Super Senior competition held in conjunction with a PBA Senior Tour or PBA Senior Regional Tour event.

13.1.6 Invitational Tournaments. The PBA reserves the right to determine eligibility for Invitational Tournaments. Eligibility requirements for Invitational Tournaments will be posted no less than sixty (60) days prior to the tournament start date.

13.2 Amateur Entries. Amateurs may be permitted to bowl in selected PBA Regional Tour, PBA Senior Regional Tour, PBA Senior Tour and limited PBA Tour tournaments on the following conditions:

13.2.1 Proof of Average. When requested, an amateur must provide proof in the form of a letter from a league secretary or tournament director, a current league sheet or a copy of an average book.

13.2.2 Minimum Average Requirement. *Competing amateurs must have a two hundred (200) average or a one hundred and ninety (190) average in an USBC-Certified Sport League for twenty-one (21) games within the last calendar year.*

13.2.3 Amateur Conduct. *Amateurs shall abide by all PBA Rules and Regulations while competing in PBA events.*

13.2.4 Amateur Cash Rule. An amateur may cash in two (2) PBA Regional Tour events and one (1) PBA Senior Tour event per season.

- a. If an amateur has cashed in two (2) PBA Regional Tour events or one (1) PBA Senior Tour event in a season and wishes to participate in another event, he or she must declare prior to the tournament that if he or she cashes he or she will not be allowed to accept the prize money unless he or she becomes a member.
- b. If an amateur chooses to accept the prize money, an application for membership must be completed and the initiation fee and dues for a full year will be deducted from the prize money won.
- c. Whenever a region conducts a Member/Non-Member doubles event, this event shall not count toward the two cash rule.
- d. Participation in PBA TQR events shall not count toward the PBA Regional/Senior Tour, two cash rule.

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13.2.5 Restrictions Pertaining to Former Members. Any former PBA Tour or Senior Tour champion may not partner with another PBA Tour or Senior Tour champion when participating in any Member/Non Member doubles competition.

13.2.6 PBA Tour Exemption Eligibility. Any tournament entrant who competes as an amateur in any portion of a PBA tournament, the US Open or USBC Masters event is NOT eligible for the PBA Tour exemption associated with winning the event.

13.2.7 Permission to Compete as a Minor. Any amateur under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to compete as an amateur provided a letter of parental consent to compete for prize money is furnished.

NOTE: The Commissioner has the discretion to waive any rules concerning amateur participation in PBA events.

FOURTEEN - TOURNAMENT ENTRY

14.1 General. This section provides information and procedures for the proper way to enter PBA Tour, PBA Senior Tour, PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Regional Tour tournaments.

14.2 Transfer of Fees, Dues or Funds.

14.2.1 Transfer Authority. Only PBA members or their designated representatives can transfer fees, dues or funds. All requests must be in writing and submitted to either the appropriate Regional Manager or Membership Services for the PBA Tour and Senior Tour.

14.2.2 Permission to Compete. Members will not be allowed to compete in any phase of the tournament until their entry fees are paid.

14.3 PBA Tournament Starting Date.

14.3.1 PBA Tour Standard Tournaments. The official starting date shall be the day of the PBA Tour Qualifying Round (PBATQR).

14.3.2 PBA Tour Major Tournaments. The official starting date shall be the day of the formal practice session.

14.3.3 PBA Senior Tour Tournaments. The official starting date shall be the day of the formal practice session.

14.3.4 PBA Regional/Senior Regional Tour Tournaments. The official starting date for all PBA Regional Tour events shall be the day of the formal practice session.

14.4 PBA Tournament Entry Deadlines. All established deadlines will be determined by using the official start date of each respective event as a base reference.

14.4.1 PBA Tour Entry Deadline. The deadline for entering a PBA Tour tournament is seven (7) days prior to the official starting date (practice day) of each event.

14.4.2 PBA Senior Tour Entry Deadline. The deadline for entering a PBA Senior Tour tournament is seven (7) days prior to the official starting date (practice day) of each event.

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14.4.3 PBA Regional Tour and Senior Regional Entry Deadline. The deadline for entering a PBA Regional Tour or Senior Regional tournament is seven (7) days prior to the official starting date of each event.

14.5 PBA Tournament Entry Fee Deadlines.

14.5.1 PBA Tour and PBA Senior Tour Seven (7) Day Deadline. Entry fees shall be considered late if received at the PBA office after the seven (7) day deadline but prior to the official start date of the tournament.

Administrative Fee: \$50

14.5.2 PBA Regional and Senior Regional Tournament Four (4) Day Deadline. Entry fees shall be considered late if received by the appropriate Regional Manager no later than four (4) days prior to the scheduled tournament start date.

Administrative Fee: \$20

14.6 Administrative Fee for Payment On-Site.

14.6.1 PBA Tour.

a. Exempt professionals will be automatically entered into all standard events. Payment can be made on-line, by check or credit card. If Entry fees are not paid prior to the seven day deadline, the entry fee will be deducted from the prize fund check as well as an administrative fee.

Administrative Fee: \$50

b. Any competitor whose entry fee is received on-site at a PBA Tour event after the entry fee deadline seven (7) days prior to the tournament start date] but prior to the tournament start date must pay an additional fee.

Administrative Fee: \$50

c. Any competitor whose entry fee is received on-site at a PBA event on or after the start date of the current tournament must pay an additional fee.

Administrative Fee: \$100

14.6.2 PBA Senior Tour.

a. Any competitor whose entry fee is received on-site at a PBA Senior Tour event more than seven (7) days prior to the tournament start date must pay an additional processing fee.

Administrative Fee: \$25

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- b. Any competitor whose entry fee is received on-site at a PBA Senior Tour event after the entry fee deadline seven (7) days prior to the tournament start date but prior to the tournament start date must pay an additional fee.

Administrative Fee: \$50

- c. Any competitor whose entry fee is received on-site at a PBA Senior Tour event on or after the start date of the current tournament must pay an additional fee.

Administrative Fee: \$100

14.7 On-Line Tournament Entry Procedures.

14.7.1 Members. Members may enter a PBA event at **ANY** level by going to pba.com, click on “Members Login”, enter your user name (PBA Number), password and then click on “Tournaments”.

14.7.2 New Members. New members will be assigned and emailed a temporary password that can then be changed. This password will also allow access the Members Login within 24 hours of becoming a member. Additionally, the entry site may be accessed by going to the schedule page on pba.com, selecting the desired tournament and then clicking on “Enter on Line.”

14.8 Alternative Tournament Entry Procedures.

14.8.1 PBA Tour and Senior Tour. In the event you do not have access to a computer, entry information can Faxed or mailed to:

Professional Bowlers Association, LLC
ATTN: Entry Processing
719 Second Avenue, Suite 701
Seattle, WA 98104
FAX: (206) 332-9722

14.8.2 PBA Regional Tour. Send all regional tournament entries to the appropriate Regional Manager.

14.9 Tournament Entry Priority.

14.9.1 PBA Tour, Open Field Events. Members who submit entries prior to the seven (7) day entry deadline will be confirmed into the tournament on a first come, first served basis.

14.9.2 PBA Tour Qualifying Round (PBATQR). Competitors who submit their entries for the PBA Tour Qualifying Round will be placed into the tournament field on a first come, first served basis. Entries that are postmarked the same day will be placed in order based on length of continuous membership.

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14.9.3 PBA Senior Tour. Entries will be accepted for PBA Senior Tour tournaments on a first-come, first-served basis unless the tournament is filled at the thirty (30) day entry deadline date. In these cases, the following entry priority list shall be used:

- a. Defending champion.
- b. Competitors who receive spots from the tournament sponsor, host center or PBA management.
- c. The winner of any PBA Senior Tour tournament for one (1) year from the date he or she won the championship.
- d. All cashers from the previous tournament (only applies within the season).

NOTE: This entry priority must be claimed within thirty (30) minutes after the official final qualifying standings have been finalized and the claimant must have been previously entered in the tournament.

- e. The PBA Senior Tour top sixty-four (64) point earners from the previous season will receive this entry priority in all tournaments for which they are eligible. Refer to the appropriate point list appendices.
- f. Any member named PBA Senior Player of the Year within the last five (5) calendar years or seasons shall receive this entry priority in all tournaments for which he or she is eligible.
- g. PBA Hall of Fame Cardholders (Performance Category).
- h. Any member named PBA Senior Rookie of the Year within the last two (2) calendar years/seasons shall receive this entry priority in all tournaments for which he or she is eligible.
- i. The current top five (5) players on the Career Senior Point List, sliding scale down to the top one hundred (100)]: (See Appendix A).
- j. Past champions of the tournament the last three (3) years (city).
- k. PBA Tour Champions Cardholders.
- l. Full Member Cardholders. Entry will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Members whose entries are postmarked on the same day will be placed in order based on length of membership tenure.

NOTE: After the entry deadline date, the field will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

14.9.4 PBA Regional Tour (and Senior Regional). Members shall have entry priority over non-members up until four (4) days prior to the scheduled tournament start date. Beginning three (3) days prior to the scheduled tournament start date, all entries will be processed on a first come, first served basis, regardless of membership classification.

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14.10 Tournament Entry Confirmation. Entry confirmations or denials will be sent out prior to the tournament start date.

14.10.1 *PBA Tour.* Upon entering a tournament, members will be sent an entry confirmation for either the tournament proper or the PBA Tour Qualifying Round (PBATQR).

- a. Once confirmed into the tournament, the member is obligated to compete unless he or she submits a written withdraw request to the PBA Office no later than one (1) day prior to the start of the tournament.
- b. If the PBA Tour Qualifying Round is filled, members will be sent an entry denial and their entry fees will be refunded.

14.10.2 *PBA Senior Tour.* Upon entering a PBA Senior Tour tournament, members will be sent an entry confirmation for either the tournament proper or tournament stand-by.

14.10.3 *PBA Regional Tour (and Senior Regional).*

- a. Confirmation is automatic upon receipt of entry unless otherwise notified by the Regional Manager. If the tournament is filled, the entry fee will be refunded as soon as possible.
- b. Once confirmed into the tournament, the member is obligated to compete unless he or she submits a written withdraw request to the Regional Manager no later than one (1) day prior to the start of the tournament.

14.11 Tournament Standby Priority.

14.11.1 *PBA Tour.* Any PBA Tour Exempt Professional who wishes to enter a filled PBA Tour major tournament will be placed at the top of the standby list provided he or she enters by midnight, two (2) days prior to the tournament start date. If the member enters after that time, he or she will be placed on the standby list based on the postmark date of his or her entry.

14.11.2 *PBA Senior Tour.* Any PBA Senior Tour top sixty-four (64) point earner from the previous calendar year who wishes to enter a filled PBA Senior Tour tournament will be placed at the top of the standby list, provided he or she enters by midnight, two (2) days prior to the tournament start date. If the member enters after that time, he or she will be placed on the standby list based on the postmark date of his or her entry.

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Administrative Fee: \$20

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14.12.2 PBA Tour and Senior Tour. If a member withdraws from a tournament, it must be confirmed in writing to the PBA Office. Additionally, if it is after the seven (7) day deadline, the appropriate Tournament Director must be notified via phone, Fax or email.

Administrative Fee: \$25

14.12.3 Withdrawing While Tournament is in Progress.

a. Any competitor who wishes to withdraw while the tournament is in progress must notify the bowlers on his or her pair and then receive permission from the Tournament Director. Failure to comply will result in the following penalty:

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

b. Any competitor who withdraws from a standard event during the qualifying portion of the competition shall receive points as specified in Rule 6.3.3 and prize money as specified in Rule 7.2.7.

FIFTEEN – DEFERMENT OF EXEMPTION

15.1 Requests for Deferment of Exemption. When an injury or hardship affects the player's ability to compete during the current season for which he or she is exempt and as a result, impedes the player's ability to vie for continued exempt status, the player may submit a request for deferment of exemption due to hardship or injury.

15.1.1 *During the Season.* If the request for deferment is submitted after the season has started, standard tournament vacancies created as a result of the approval of the deferment request shall be filled from the PBA Tour Qualifying Round (TQR).

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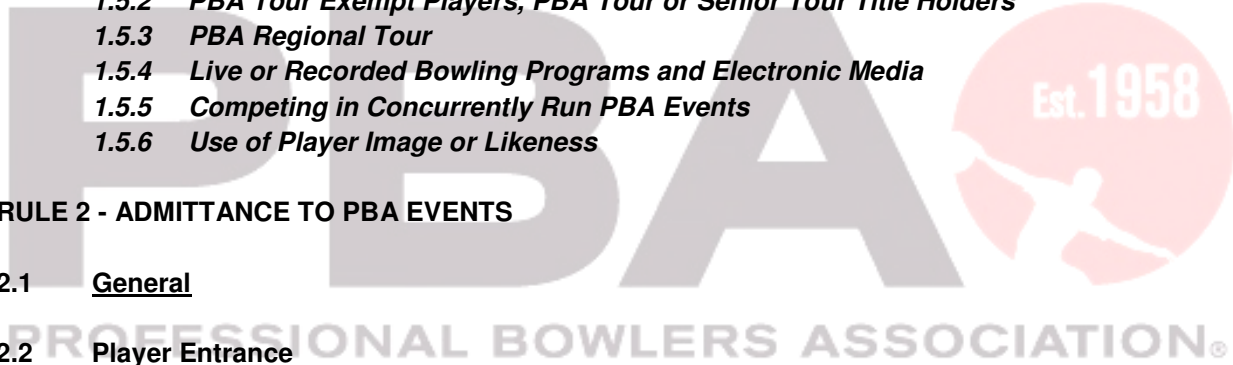
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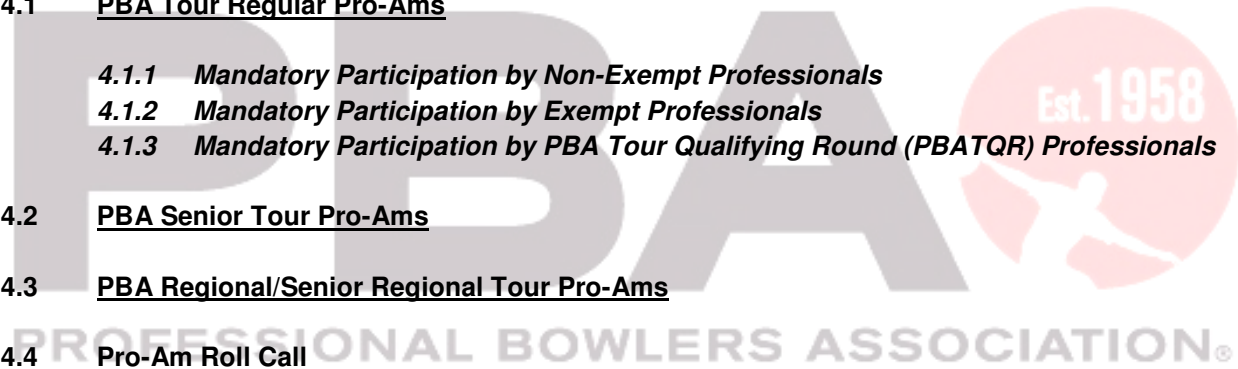
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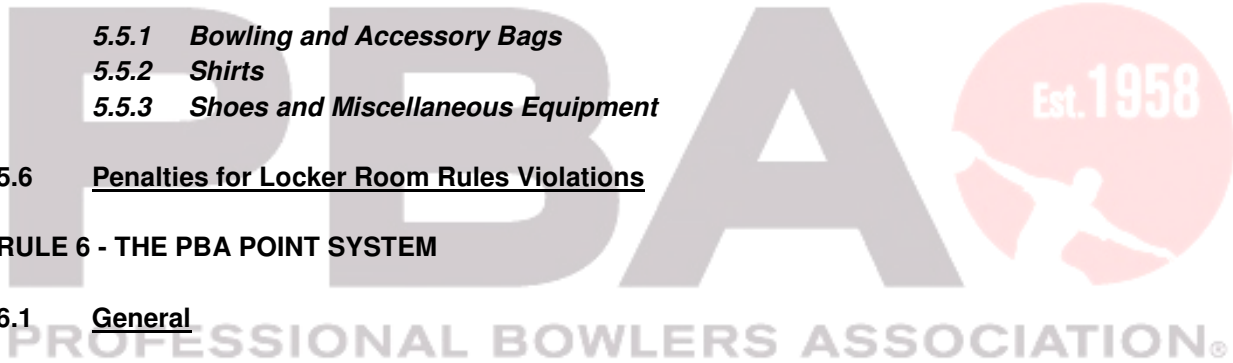
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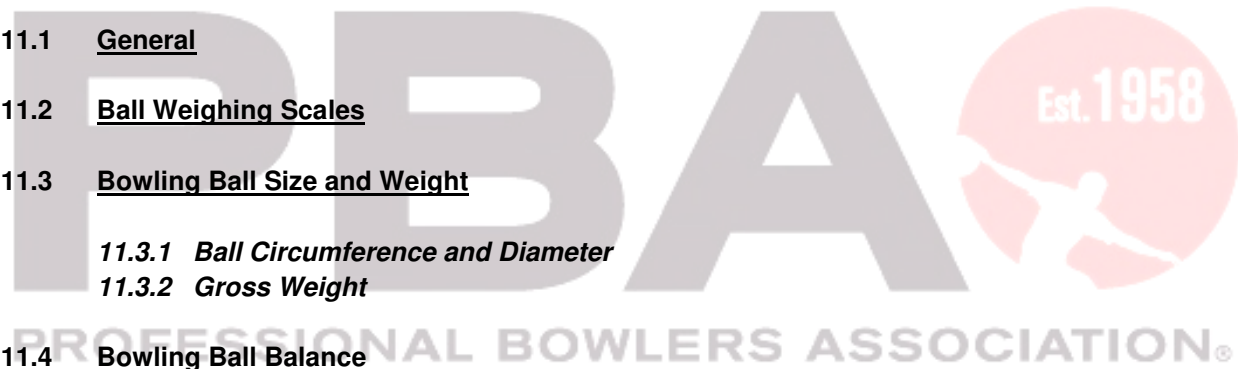
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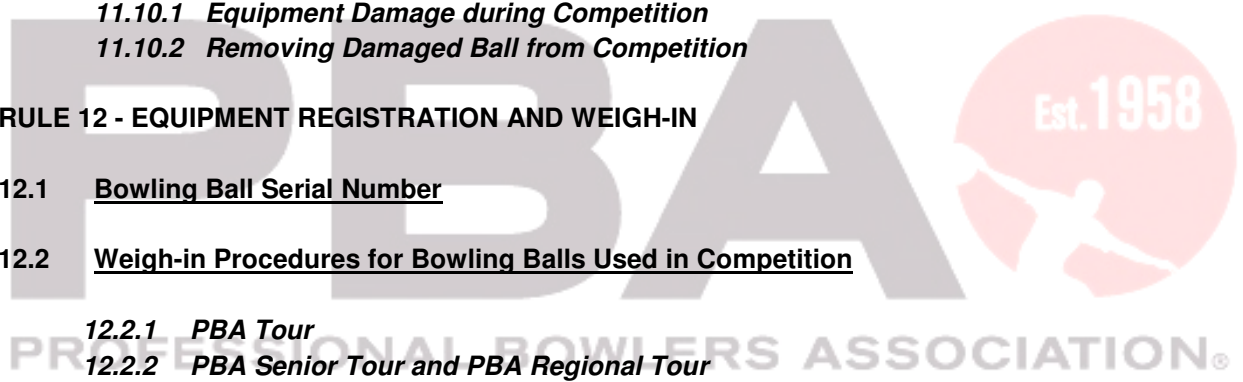
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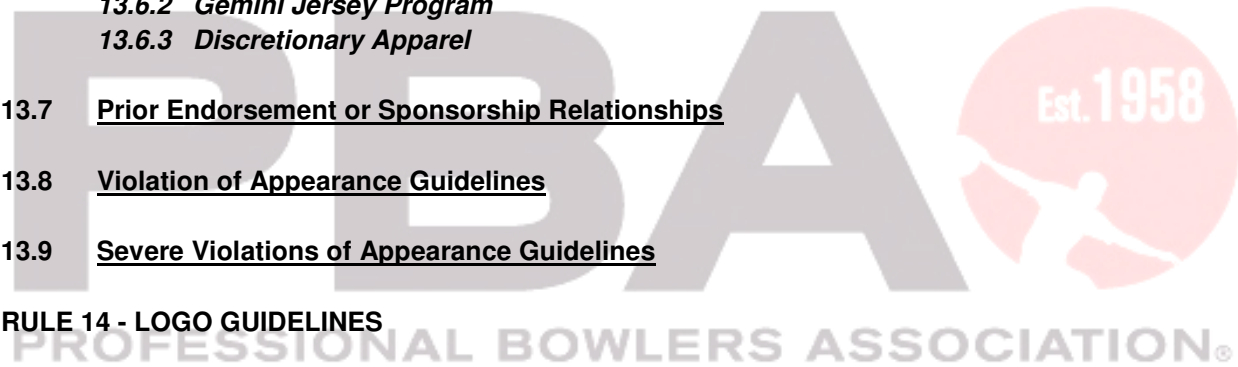
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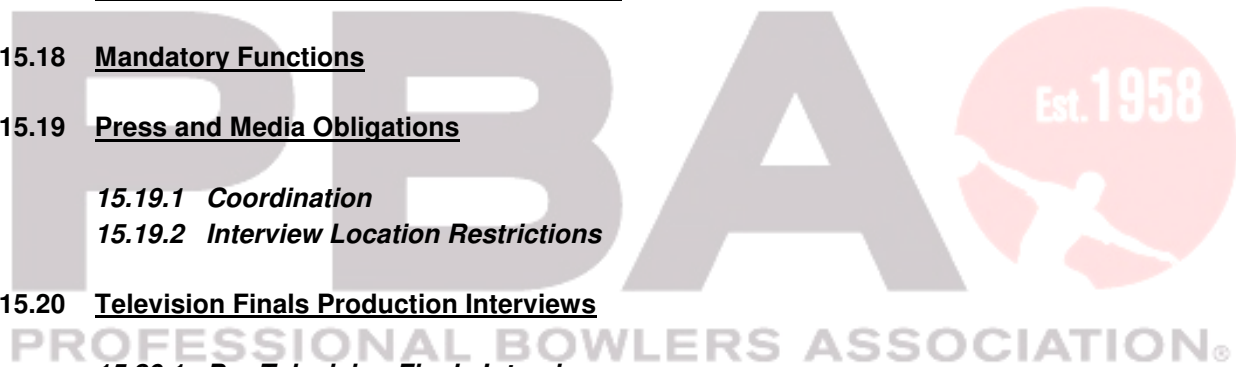
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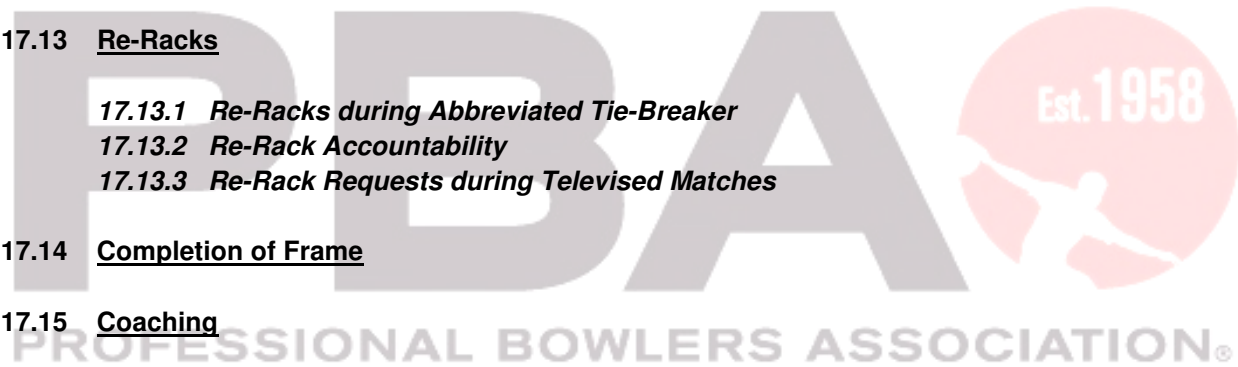
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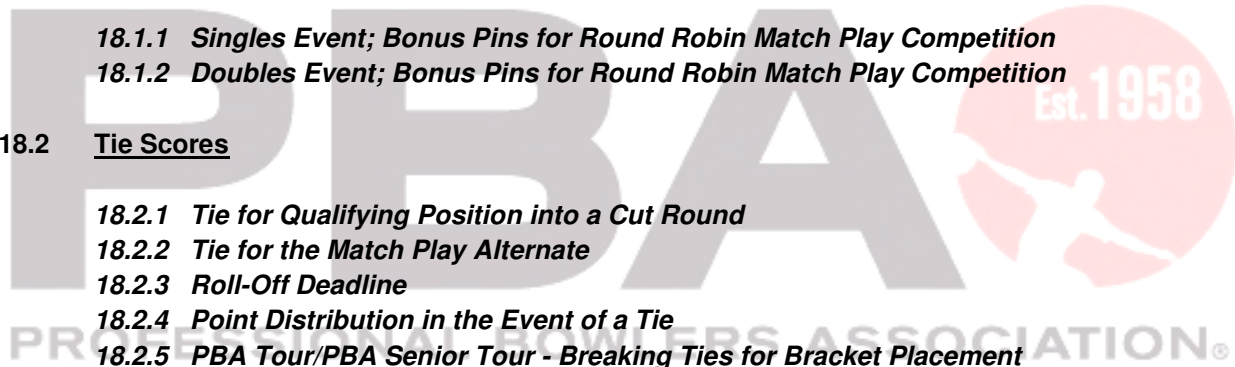
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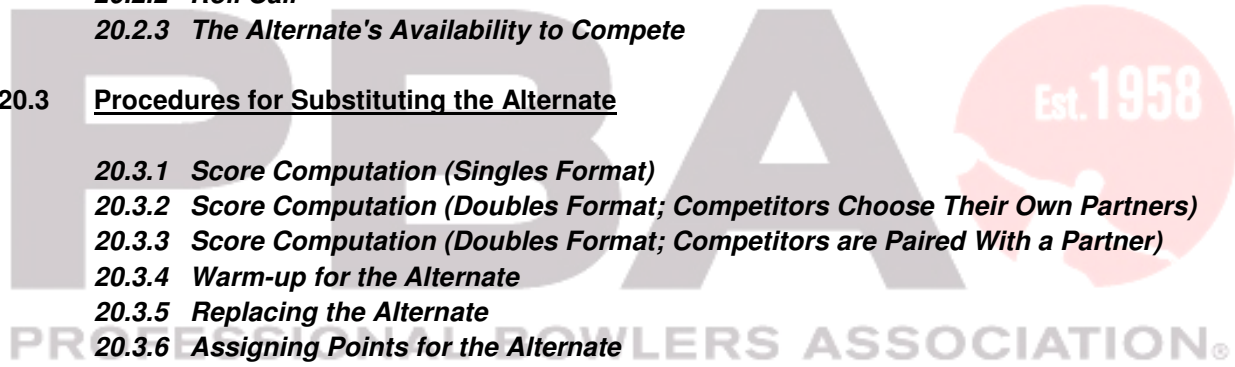
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1.1 General. For all PBA Tour, Senior Tour and Regional Tour events, receipt of entry confirmation obligates the participant to compete in that tournament. Any competitor who is confirmed as a Tournament entrant and fails to compete shall be classified as a no-show.

PENALTY: Loss of Entry Fee

1.2 PBA Tour Exempt Professionals' Commitment. Professionals awarded a PBA Tour exemption must compete in two thirds (2/3) of the standard tournaments scheduled in the PBA Tour season for which he or she is exempt.

PENALTY: Loss of Exemption for Current Season

1.3 PBA Tour Exempt Professionals' Tournament Participation. Subject to the provisions of Rule 1.2, up to five (5) exempt players may be excused from participating in a standard Tour event in any given week.

1.3.1 Requests. Each request must be submitted in writing and all requests will be reviewed by the PBA on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: Because exempt professionals are automatically entered into all standard events prior to the start of the season, any requests to be excused should be made as soon as possible upon receipt of entry confirmation.

1.3.2 Permitted Absences. Permitted absences will be granted on a first come, first served basis. Any exempt player who skips a standard Tour event without the express permission from the PBA will be in violation of this rule.

PENALTY: \$1000

1.4 Defense of Title. The defending champion must defend his or her title provided that the tournament is held within two (2) years after the title is won.

PENALTY: \$200

1.4.1 Permission to Be Excused. The defending champion must submit a request to the PBA office, in writing, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the tournament title defense in order to be excused from his or her obligations. If the Commissioner has not rendered a decision at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the tournament title defense, the player will be excused from his or her obligation to defend.

1.4.2 Sponsor Change in Venue. In the event a sponsor moves its tournament the following year, the defending champion must defend his or her title in both the city where he or she won the tournament as well as the site of the new tournament. If a sponsor stages more than one (1) tournament in a calendar year, the champion will only be required to defend the tournament that is held in the city where he or she previously won.

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PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Fine Equal to Amount Received for Participating in Conflicting Tournament

1.5.2 PBA Tour Exempt Players, PBA Tour or Senior Tour Title Holders. Any PBA Tour exempt player or any Hall of Fame or PBA Senior Tour / Senior Tour Title holder who wishes to take part in any non-PBA sponsored exhibition, appearance, tournament or clinic within a radius of two hundred (200) miles and within two (2) days before or after a PBA Tour or PBA Senior Tour tournament must receive written permission from PBA Management.

PENALTY: Code of Ethics Violation - Fine Equal to Amount Received for Participating in Conflicting Event

1.5.3 PBA Regional Tour. Any non-exempt member who wishes to participate in a concurrently run non-PBA sponsored tournament within a radius of 50 miles of a PBA Regional Tour or PBA Senior Regional Tour tournament must receive written permission from the appropriate Regional Manager.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - A Fine Equal to the Amount Received for Participating in the Conflicting Tournament

1.5.4 Live or Recorded Bowling Programs and Electronic Media. Any member scheduled to appear in any live or recorded bowling-related program for any form of electronic media must receive written permission from the PBA office no less than ten (10) days prior to the air date of the program.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - As Determined by the Commissioner

1.5.5 Competing in Concurrently Run PBA Events. Members competing in a PBA event may not compete in a concurrently-run PBA event.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification in each event with no points or prize money awarded

1.5.6 Use of Player Image or Likeness. Members may not allow their image or likeness to be used for any promotional purposes without prior written approval from the PBA.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - As Determined by the Commissioner

RULE 2 - ADMITTANCE TO PBA EVENTS

2.1 General. Members who are not competing in the event in progress may use their PBA membership cards to gain admittance (excluding all TV finals and arena events) but will not receive any guest benefits.

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2.2 Player Entrance. Tournament competitors only, will be admitted through a designated entrance. Players must have their membership cards or proper credentials available to gain admittance for all rounds of competition. A penalty will be assessed for a lost credential.

PENALTY: \$100

2.3 Guest Policy.

2.3.1 *PBA Tour.* Each competing PBA member will be permitted two (2) guests in addition to his or her spouse, parents and children under eighteen (18) for all rounds of competition to include any practice session.

- a. All complimentary guest admittances must be submitted to the PBA Tournament Director on-site before the start of the event.
- b. All guest policies are in effect for all event days, times and locations (including arena events and television broadcasts).
- c. During television and arena finals, Championship Round competitors will be allowed two (2) guests and all immediate family members (parents, spouse and all children).
- d. Players who have been eliminated from competition must accompany their guests to take advantage of complimentary entry, when appropriate.

2.3.2 *PBA Senior Tour.* Each competing PBA member will be permitted two (2) guests in addition to his or her spouse and children under eighteen (18) for all rounds of competition, including any practice session. Players who have been eliminated from competition must accompany their guests to take advantage of complimentary entry, when appropriate.

2.3.3 *PBA Regional Tour.* An admission charge for PBA Regional Tour events will be at the discretion of individual tournament hosts and Regional Managers.

RULE 3 - SQUAD ASSIGNMENTS

3.1 Responsibility. It is the responsibility of the competitor to verify his or her scheduled squad times for both the Pro-Am and tournament proper at the tournament site or by contacting the Tournament Director.

3.2 Alphabetical Squad Roster.

3.2.1 *Alphabetical Roster in the Host Center.* An alphabetical squad assignment sheet containing squad assignments and times will be posted in the locker room and available at the control counter of the tournament at least one day prior to the official start date of the event.

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3.2.2 Alphabetical Roster on the PBA Website.

- a. PBA Tour and PBA Senior Tour tournament rosters will be posted on www.pba.com approximately two (2) weeks prior to the event.
- b. Regional Tour tournament rosters will be posted on www.pba.com no later than two (2) days prior to the event.

3.3 Mandatory Rules Review. All amateurs and members competing in their first tournament must attend a mandatory rules review meeting prior to competing in the event.

PENALTY: Possible Disqualification

3.4 Tournament Roll Call. Roll will be called thirty (30) minutes prior to the first round of competition in all PBA events. Additional roll calls may be scheduled as necessary at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Players are considered tardy if they do not acknowledge their name during roll call.

PENALTY: \$10

3.5 Player Distribution.

3.5.1 PBA Tour. *Players will be distributed randomly for PBA Tour Qualifying Rounds.*

- a. Three (3) competitors will be assigned per pair when an adequate number of lanes are available during PBA Tour Qualifying Rounds.
- b. PBA Tour Qualifying Rounds may accommodate a maximum of five (5) competitors per pair.
- c. Exempt players and other distinguished competitors will be divided equally between squads during all open field tournaments for competitive balance and spectator appeal.

3.5.2 PBA Regional Tour/PBA Senior Tour.

- a. Three (3) competitors will be assigned per pair when an adequate number of lanes are available during qualifying rounds.
- b. PBA Regional Tour fields will accommodate as many competitors per pair as determined by respective Regional Managers.

3.5.3 Player Squad Assignments. Members who compete consistently in a given jurisdiction will alternate each tournament between squads and may request one (1) voluntary temporary or permanent squad change per season.

3.6 Penalty for Late Arrival.

3.6.1 Tournament Standby List. A competitor not available to bowl at the official starting time posted for the first round will be disqualified and replaced by the next standby in line.

PENALTY: Disqualification

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3.6.2 No Tournament Standby List. If there is not an active standby list, the competitor may choose to enter play in progress. No score will be received for frames missed. Any game in which frames were missed will count as a missed game when assessing a penalty.

PENALTY: \$50 for each missed game

3.6.3 Re-Entry after Being Disqualified. A disqualified competitor who appears after his or her official starting time will be placed at the bottom of the standby list. If an opening is available he or she may pay another entry fee to compete in a later squad.

3.6.4 Re-Entry after Completing a Previous Round of Competition. If late for a subsequent round of the tournament, the competitor must enter play in progress. No score will be received for frames missed. Any game in which frames were missed will count as a missed game when assessing a penalty.

PENALTY: \$50 for each missed game

3.6.5 Use of an Alternate. A competitor not available to bowl at the scheduled starting time for a round robin match play (alternate is not used for elimination matches) round will be disqualified and replaced by the alternate.

PENALTY: Disqualification

NOTE: Additional competitors who fail to show for a match play round will be replaced by the next highest finishing player available.

3.6.6 Elimination Matches. A competitor not available to bowl at the scheduled starting time an elimination round will receive no score for frames missed. If the competitor misses all frames for a particular game, that game shall be a forfeit. Players bowling unopposed must complete all games necessary to win a forfeited match.

RULE 4 – PROFESSIONAL AMATUER EVENTS (PRO-AMS)

4.1 PBA Tour Regular Pro-Ams. All members entered in the tournament must be available for the Pro-Am and may only be excused by the presiding Tournament Director.

PENALTY: \$1000

4.1.1 Mandatory Participation by Non-Exempt Professionals. Non-exempt professionals may be required to bowl in a maximum of two (2) complimentary Pro-Am squads for the event in which they entered. All non-exempt professionals scheduled to compete in the Pro-Am (including standbys) must attend.

PENALTY: \$1000

4.1.2 Mandatory Participation by Exempt Professionals. All PBA Tour exempt professionals will be required to participate in a maximum of two (2) complimentary Pro-Am squads per week (including major tournaments).

PENALTY: \$1000

4.1.3 Mandatory Participation by PBA Tour Qualifying Round (PBATQR) Professionals.

All PBATQR competitors who make the cut to the tournament proper must be available for the Pro-Am.

4.2 PBA Senior Tour Pro-Ams. All professionals scheduled to compete in Senior Tour Pro-Am events (including standbys) must attend.

PENALTY: \$200

4.3 PBA Regional/Senior Regional Tour Pro-Ams. All professionals scheduled to compete in PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Regional Tour Pro-Ams (including standbys) must attend.

PENALTY: \$200

4.4 Pro-Am Roll Call. Roll will be called prior to the start of each Pro-Am squad in all PBA events.

4.4.1 PBA Tour Host Center. Roll will be called fifteen (15) minutes prior to start of each Pro-Am squad. Players are considered tardy if they do not acknowledge their names being called during roll call.

PENALTY: \$25

4.4.2 PBA Tour Satellite Center. Roll will be called thirty (30) minutes prior to start of each Pro-Am squad. Players are considered tardy if they do not acknowledge their names being called during roll call.

PENALTY: \$25

4.4.3 PBA Senior Tour/PBA Regional Tour. Roll will be called fifteen (15) minutes prior to start of each Pro-Am squad. Players are considered tardy if they do not acknowledge their names being called during roll call.

PENALTY: \$10

4.5 Permission to Withdraw from a PBA Tour Pro-Am.

4.5.1 Requests for Withdraw. A competitor who wishes to withdraw from the Pro-Am must request permission to do so no less than two (2) weeks in advance of their assigned Pro-Am day.

4.5.2 Injury. The Tournament Director may require the presence of any competitor excused for injury from his or her Pro-Am squad to sign autographs.

4.6 Special Pro-Am Squads. Special Pro-Am squads are defined as those Pro-Am events that occur outside of the normal tournament schedule.

4.6.1 Withdraws. Any competitor who wishes to withdraw from his or her assigned special Pro-Am squad must do so at least two (2) days prior to the start of the squad.

PENALTY: \$500

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4.6.2 Attendance. All professionals scheduled to compete in the special Pro-Am squad (including standbys) must attend.

PENALTY: \$500

4.6.3 Special Pro-Am Compensation.

- a. PBA Tour. Any professional who competes in a special Pro-Am squad will be paid at least one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for adult squads and one hundred dollars (\$100) for junior and senior squads.
- b. PBA Senior Tour and PBA Regional Tour. The presiding Tournament Director will determine compensation for participating professionals.

RULE 5 - PBA LOCKER ROOM

5.1 General. Only PBA members, tournament participants and staff are permitted in the locker room except as noted in Rule 5.2 below.

5.2 Authorized Personnel in the Locker Room.

5.2.1 Host Center Employees. Host center employees may be authorized in conduct of normal business.

5.2.2 Relatives and Friends. Relatives or friends, when accompanied by a member and cleared by Player Services Staff may be authorized.

5.2.3 Media. Media may be authorized only when accompanied by a PBA staff member.

5.2.4 Other Personnel. The PBA Staff may authorize additional persons on a case-by-case basis.

5.3 Co-Ed Locker Room. During tournaments with both male and female competitors, the locker room common area shall be accessible to all tournament entrants. Clothing changes must be made in the designated locker room dressing area. During events when a designated dressing area is not available, tournament participants must use the restroom to change clothes, as appropriate.

5.4 Bowling Balls. Loose bowling balls will not be permitted in the locker room. Single ball boxes and case boxes may be used with the owner's name clearly visible on the box.

5.4.1 PBA Tour.

- a. PBA Tour Qualifying Round (PBATQR). A maximum of nine (9) bowling balls per competitor will be allowed in the locker room for all PBATQR competitors. Any PBA TQR participant who fails to qualify (with the exception of the three (3) standbys), must remove his or her equipment from the locker room within one (1) hour after the final PBATQR standings are posted.

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- b. Standard and Open Field Tournaments. A maximum of nine (9) bowling balls per competitor will be allowed in the locker room for all competitors during all qualifying round of both standard and open field events.
- c. Match Play Finalists. Players advancing to match play will be allowed an unlimited number of bowling balls in the locker room.

5.4.2 PBA Senior Tour and Regional Tour.

- a. Tournament Participants. A maximum of nine (9) bowling balls per competitor will be allowed in the locker room for all PBA Senior Tour and Regional Tour events.
- b. Match Play Finalists. Players advancing to match play during any PBA Senior Tour event will be allowed an unlimited number of bowling balls in the locker room.

5.5 Bags, Shirts, Shoes and Miscellaneous Equipment.

5.5.1 Bowling and Accessory Bags. All bags must be secured and display an approved PBA bag tag with the name clearly marked.

5.5.2 Shirts. All shirts must be stored on shirt racks when provided.

5.5.3 Shoes and Miscellaneous Equipment. All shoes and equipment must be stored within labeled bags.

5.6 Penalties for Locker Room Rules Violations. Penalties for locker room violations shall be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

**PENALTY: 2nd to 5th Offense - \$50 (PBA Tour)
- \$10 (PBA Senior & Regional Tour)**

PENALTY: 6th Offense - Code of Ethics, to be determined by the Commissioner

RULE 6 - THE PBA POINT SYSTEM

6.1 General. The PBA point system has been designed so that every position in the tournament field is awarded a unique point value. The procedures for assigning point values for individual positions are contained in the following paragraphs.

6.2 Designating Tournaments with Points. The PBA reserves the right to determine in which tournaments points will be awarded. Competitors will only receive credit for points in PBA sanctioned or co-sponsored tournaments as described below. Current point lists may be found at www.pba.com under the "Resources" tab.

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6.3 Point Distribution. Points will be awarded to competitors based on their finishing position in each tournament using the following criteria:

6.3.1 *Formats that Carry Over Qualifying Round Pin Count.* Points shall be awarded based on the competitor's final finishing position.

6.3.2 *Elimination Formats.* The total number of points awarded shall be determined by adding the base points and qualifying position points per the appropriate point list appendices contained in the Point List Addendum located on pba.com.

6.3.3 *Withdraw While Tournament is in Progress (Standard Events only).* Any competitor who withdraws from the qualifying round of a standard PBA event while the tournament is in progress shall receive 170 points for each game (or portion of a game) bowled. Depending on the circumstances, players may petition for full points within ten (10) days of the withdrawal. The Commissioner will have final say in all petition requests.

EXAMPLE: A competitor who withdraws after 2 games of qualifying during a PBA Tour standard event would receive 340 points

6.4 Determining Final Finishing Position (Elimination Match Play). When players are eliminated from an elimination match play format, each competitor will be placed according to his or her match play win/loss record within the round from which he or she was eliminated.

6.4.1 *PBA Tour - Point List Tie Breaking Procedures.* If competitors share the same match play record within the round from which they were eliminated, the tie shall be broken by using the individual average from the current tournament (computed to the nearest 100th of a pin).

6.4.2 *PBA Senior Tour and PBA Regional Tour - Point List Tie Breaking Procedures.* If competitors share the same match play record within the round from which they were eliminated then:

- a. The tie shall be broken using the qualifying total pins for that tournament.
- b. If a tie still exists, then each tied competitor shall receive the points derived from averaging the sum of the point totals of each tied position.

6.5 Determining Final Finishing Position (Other Formats). Players shall receive points for their final finishing position. If a tie exists, then each competitor shall receive points derived from totaling the point values of each tied position and awarding the average total to each tied competitor.

6.6 Cumulative Point Total Jurisdiction. Point lists will be established for each jurisdiction of the PBA (PBA Tour, PBA Senior Tour, PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Regional Tour) and will be awarded for each official tournament on the schedule of each particular jurisdiction.

6.6.1 *Jurisdiction Notification.* A sign will be posted in the locker room stating whether points for that particular tournament will count toward the cumulative point total for the jurisdiction in which the tournament is conducted.

6.6.2 *Transferring Points Between Jurisdictions.* Point totals are not transferable among jurisdictions.

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6.7 Regional Points Eligibility. Competitors shall receive the appropriate regional points within the jurisdiction for which they were classified at the time they participated in the event.

RULE 7 - PRIZE MONEY

7.1 Official Money. Competitors will only receive credit for official prize money in PBA sanctioned or co-sponsored tournaments.

7.2 Prize Fund Distribution.

7.2.1 *Compensation for Exempt Professionals.* Exempt Professionals are eligible for prize money only in PBA Tour Events in which the Professional participates.

7.2.2 *1st Place Prize Amounts and Cashing Ratios.* All first-place prize amounts and cashing ratios will be available to all members prior to the start of the tournament proper.

7.2.3 *Last Cash Guaranteed Amount.* The last check in any tournament will be an amount no less than the member entry fee for that tournament.

7.2.4 *PBA Tour and Regional Tour Ties.* In the event of a tie for any finishing position other than first place, prize money will be divided equally among the competitors who finish tied.

7.2.5 *Super Senior Ties.* A super senior who ties for last cash in the regular prize fund shall be paid the difference between his or her share of the last cash amount and the normal super senior check awarded for the event. Additionally, all guaranteed super senior cash spots advertised for the event will also be paid.

7.2.6 *Declined Prize Money.* If any competitor declines prize money for which he or she qualifies then the prize money for that finishing position will not be paid.

7.2.7 *Withdraw from a Standard Event While Tournament is in Progress.* Any competitor who withdraws from the qualifying round of a standard PBA Tour event while the tournament is in progress shall receive prize money at the rate of \$75 for each game (or portion of a game) bowled. Depending on the circumstances, players may petition for a full prize check within ten (10) days of the withdrawal. The Commissioner will have final say in all petition requests.

RULE 8 - PLAYER INCENTIVES, ENDORSEMENTS & SPONSORSHIPS

8.1 Incentive Offers. PBA members may not accept unauthorized incentives.

PENALTY: Code of Ethics Violation, Major - \$1000 plus an amount equal to the value of the incentive.

8.2 Tournament Incentives. Any incentives will be posted in the locker room prior to the beginning of the first round of each tournament.

8.3 Endorsement Relationships and Individual Sponsorships. Members who are retained by a valid endorsement or sponsorship contract must provide a complete Contract and Endorsement Acknowledgement Form to the PBA no less than twelve (12) hours prior to the effective starting date of the contract.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - \$1000 plus suspension from the PBA for the duration of the contract.

RULE 9 - PRODUCT REGISTRATION PROGRAM

9.1 Purpose. The PBA reserves the exclusive right to regulate the use of its names, trademarks and logos. The PBA will provide opportunities, in the form of licensing and sponsorships, for companies to promote and display its products, product names, trademarks and logos to consumers. Companies that desire to take advantage of these opportunities must first register its products with the PBA, so that these products might be cleared for use during PBA competition.

9.2 Guidelines for Registered Products.

9.2.1 Use of Non-Registered Bowling Products. Competitors may not use any non-registered bowling-related product in PBA competition.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$250 and the product must be removed

9.2.2 Use of Non-Registered Bowling Balls. Competitors may not use a ball that has not been registered and cleared by the PBA during competition.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

9.2.3 Bowling Balls Featuring Unauthorized Logos.

a. Bowling Balls featuring trademarked characters, college logos, sports team logos or corporate logos shall not be permitted during PBA competition.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

b. Sponsor team balls may only be used by sponsor team members as outlined in Rule 10.2. If in violation, the ball must immediately be removed from play and the following penalty imposed, as appropriate:

**PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

NOTE: United States military logos (Coast Guard, Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard) are not considered corporate logos and may be used in PBA competition. The presiding Tournament Director shall have final authority when determining if a logo is authorized for competition.

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9.2.4 Use of International Bowling Balls. International bowling balls are defined as bowling balls that are not available for purchase within the United States and may be used provided that:

- a. The bowler is not a United States resident.
- b. The bowling ball was manufactured by a PBA registered company and has an equivalent bowling ball available within the United States.
- c. The bowler has received written approval prior to using any international bowling ball in PBA competition.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

9.2.5 Use of Indiscriminate Accessory Items. Items without visible logos and those that are not easily identifiable by their unique design are considered indiscriminate accessory items. The following products fall into this category: cork inserts, tape, slugs, ball polishes and molded thumbs. See Rule 9.4 for additional information.

9.3 Logos. Logos are defined as any lettering and/or illustration promoting a company, product and service or membership organization.

9.3.1 Logo Approval. All logos used on apparel and bowling equipment must be product-registered and/or formally approved by the PBA in writing.

9.3.2 Guidelines for Display of Product Registered Logos and Trademarks. Competitors may **NOT** display non-registered company names and/or product logos in PBA competition.

PENALTY: \$500 (PBA Tour)

\$100 (PBA Senior Tour/Regional Tour)

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9.3.3 Procedures for Obscuring Non Registered Logos.

- a. Shirt. If the company name or logo in question resides on a shirt, the name or logo must be immediately removed or obscured by an approved logo.
- b. Pants/Skirts. If the company name or logo in question resides on pants, the name or logo must be immediately removed.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification if logo is not immediately covered or removed as appropriate.

9.3.4 Fashion Logos. Small fashion logos may be left on clothing worn during competition provided that:

- a. Television Exposure. It is not worn during a portion of the tournament that will be broadcast.
- b. Compensation. The competitor has not received compensation for wearing the logo.

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9.3.5 *Altering or Obscuring Product Registered Logos.* Any registered product whose brand name, color or logo has been altered from the condition under which it was originally registered may not be used in PBA competition unless the competitor has received prior written permission from the PBA. Penalties will be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning and product must be removed from play

Subsequent Offenses - \$1000

NOTE: In extraordinary circumstances, competitors may be permitted to obscure product registered logos on a case-by-case basis. A written request must be submitted to the presiding Tournament Director and permission must be granted in writing prior to using the equipment in PBA competition

9.3.6 *Television Broadcast Production Restrictions.* Any product that, in the opinion of the TV Coordinating Producer, would distort acceptable production techniques or would contradict the image content of paid advertisements may not be used in PBA competition.

9.4 Use of Non-Product Registered Accessory Products. Accessory items without visible logos and those not easily identifiable by their unique design are excluded from the product registration program. The following products fall into this category: cork inserts, tape, slugs, ball polishes and molded thumbs.

NOTE: Molded thumbs must be permanently attached to the bowling ball or product registered device

9.4.1 *Ball Polish.* Competitors may not use or display any non-registered bowling ball polish outside of the locker room area.

PENALTY: \$500

9.4.2 *Enforcement Authority.* The Tournament Director will have the authority to determine whether the use of a product is in violation of the intent of the Product Registration rule and that decision will be final.

RULE 10 - THE PBA SPONSOR PROGRAM

10.1 Condition of Participation. At a minimum, the sponsor program may include requirements that the Professional use a spare ball (if Professional elects to use a spare ball during competition) and wear team sponsor apparel that bears the logo and/or mark of this sponsor.

10.1.1 *Attendance of Sponsor Related Functions.* Professional shall be required to attend sponsor related events during the season, as required. PBA will provide a minimum of one week notice for Professional's attendance at any sponsor related function.

10.1.2 *Sponsor Spare Ball.* Professional must declare if he or she elects to use a spare ball during competition prior to any pre-season player meetings or when notified of a sponsor selection after the player draft. Additionally, he or she also must declare any color restrictions.

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10.1.3 Sponsor Competition Logos. Professional shall wear a shirt with Sponsor patches when making appearances as a PBA Professional. This includes but is not limited to photo shoots, autograph sessions, media appearances, etc.

10.1.4 Additional Appearances. Professional, upon the request of an authorized representative of the PBA, agrees to make up to three (3) additional appearances on behalf of his or her team sponsor.

- a. Such appearances shall be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and location with no additional compensation being due to the player other than reimbursement from sponsor of all Professional's reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in connection with such appearances.
- b. If Professional is required to make more than three (3) appearances in a twelve (12) month period on behalf of his or her sponsor, player shall receive one thousand dollars (\$1000) plus reasonable out of pocket expenses for each such additional appearance.

10.2 Sponsor Program Logo Ball. If used, professionals participating in the Sponsor Program must display their Sponsor Program logo bowling ball on the ball return during all PBA Tour events. If not used, professionals participating in the Sponsor Program must, at a minimum, display their Sponsor Program logo bowling ball during all televised rounds of competition.

PENALTY: \$100

10.3 Restrictions on Use of PBA Sponsor Program Logo Balls. Competitors who are not participating in the Sponsor Program may not use a Sponsor Program logo ball during any phase of PBA competition. If in violation, the ball must immediately be removed from play and the following penalty imposed, as appropriate:

**PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

10.4 PBA Sponsor Program Logos/Patches. Professionals participating in the PBA Sponsor Program must wear assigned patches during all portions of any PBA event during the regular PBA Tour season.

PENALTY: \$250

10.5 PBA Sponsor Program Patch Location. Refer to Rule 14.3.1

RULE 11 - BOWLING BALL SPECIFICATIONS

11.1 General. It is the player's responsibility to make sure all bowling balls used in PBA competition are cleared for use by the PBA and meet all PBA specifications.

11.2 Ball Weighing Scales. Equipment to weigh bowling balls will be made available to all competitors throughout the event.

11.3 Bowling Ball Size and Weight.

11.3.1 *Ball Circumference and Diameter.* The circumference of a ball may not exceed twenty-seven (27) inches. The ball diameter must remain constant.

11.3.2 *Gross Weight.* The gross weight of a bowling ball may not exceed sixteen (16) lbs.

11.4 Bowling Ball Balance.

11.4.1 *Top and Bottom Weight.* The difference in weight between the top (center of grip CG) of the ball and the bottom (side opposite the CG) of the ball, may not exceed three (3) ounces.

11.4.2 *Side/Finger/Thumb Weight.* The difference in weight between the sides to the left and right (side weight) as well as front and back (Finger/Thumb weight) of the CG may not exceed one (1) ounce.

11.4.3 *No Thumb Hole.* If no thumb hole is drilled, the bowling ball must balance within one (1) ounce in any direction.

11.5 Bowling Ball Holes.

11.5.1 *Holes for Gripping Purposes.* Bowling balls may not have more than five (5) holes for gripping purposes.

11.5.2 *Extra Holes.* A ball may have one (1) extra hole for balance purposes (a maximum of 1/4 inches in diameter).

11.5.3 *Vent Holes.* A ball may have one (1) vent hole for each finger and/or thumb hole, not to exceed one-quarter (1/4) of an inch in diameter.

11.5.4 *No Thumb Delivery.* If player does not use his or her thumb to deliver the ball, but a thumb hole is drilled, a portion of the thumb or palm must cover the hole on all deliveries.

11.6 Weigh-in Violation Penalties. Penalties for bowling ball specifications noted in Rules 11.1 through Rule 11.5. All weigh-in penalties shall be assessed per season.

11.6.1 *PBA Tour.* Penalties for exceeding the specifications noted in Rules 11.1 through 11.5.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$500

2nd Offense- \$1000

3rd Offense - PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

11.6.2 *PBA Regional Tour/PBA Senior Tour.* Penalties for exceeding the specifications noted in Rules 11.1 through 11.5.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$200

2nd Offense- \$500

3rd Offense - PBA Code of Ethics Violation – Disqualification

11.7 Bowling Ball Surface.

11.7.1 *Surface Hardness.* The surface hardness of a ball must not be less than seventy-two (72) on the Durometer "D" scale.

**PENALTY: \$250 (PBA Tour)
\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

11.7.2 *Altering the Surface of a Ball.* If the surface friction of the ball is altered by sanding or polishing, the entire surface of the ball must be sanded or polished in a uniform manner.

a. A player may not alter the surface of a ball in any way during any round in which he or she is competing including any position round.

b. Each match during a championship round finals shall be considered a separate round.

11.7.3 *Unauthorized Coatings on Ball Surface.* Bowling balls coated with anything other than polishes may not be used in PBA competition.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

11.7.4 *Acetone and Acetone-Based Products.* Acetone and acetone based products may be used only for the removal of excess glue around the gripping area.

**PENALTY: Ball is not Used - \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior & Regional Tour)**

Ball is Used in the Current Round or Match - PBA Code of Ethics, Disqualification

11.7.5 *Protruding Objects.* No foreign objects may protrude from the surface of a ball. Penalties shall be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

**2nd Offense - \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

3rd Offense - PBA Code of Ethics Violation, Disqualification

11.7.6 *Foreign Material on Ball Surface.* All foreign material (such as rosin, powder or lane conditioner) may not be applied directly to the surface of the ball.

**PENALTY: 1st Offense- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (Senior and Regional Tour)**

2nd Offense - Disqualification

NOTE: The Tournament Director may allow a player to remove foreign substances from the bowling ball surface with authorized cleaners on a case-by-case basis.

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11.8 Plugged Equipment. Plugging material may be used in accordance with current USBC specifications. No foreign matter may be placed within the plug area and all equipment shall otherwise comply with PBA regulations. Penalties shall be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$500 and the ball must be immediately removed from play

2nd Offense - PBA Code of Ethics Violation, Disqualification

11.9 Gripping Devices.

11.9.1 *Gripping Material.* Material used solely for gripping purposes may be used provided it may readily be removed for spot checks and complies with current Product Registration guidelines.

11.9.2 *Removable Devices.* Removable devices may be used provided such devices are:

- a. In compliance with current Product Registration guidelines.
- b. Used for changing the span, pitch or size of the gripping holes.
- c. Constructed of a non-metallic material.
- d. Locked in position during delivery.
- e. Not used to alter the static balance of the ball.

11.9.3 *Penalties for Non-Compliance of Gripping Devices Rule.* The following penalty shall apply:

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

11.10 Damaged Equipment.

11.10.1 *Equipment Damage During Competition.* If a bowling ball is damaged during tournament play in such a fashion that it does not meet PBA specifications, the player must immediately notify the Tournament Director.

**PENALTY: \$250 (PBA Tour)
\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

11.10.2 *Removing Damaged Ball From Competition.* The Tournament Director has the option to remove a ball from competition if it is determined that the damaged ball could adversely affect the lane surface.

RULE 12 - EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION AND WEIGH-IN

12.1 Bowling Ball Serial Number. Each ball must have a serial number clearly engraved on the surface of the ball. Penalties shall be assessed per season.

NOTE: The ball must be removed from competition until a four (4) digit serial number is permanently engraved.

PENALTY: 1st Offense- Warning

**2nd Offense- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

12.2 Weigh-in Procedures for Bowling Balls Used in Competition. Competitors in specified finishing positions after qualifying and/or match play must produce all bowling balls documented on their score sheets for an official weigh-in beginning one-half (1/2) hour prior to the roll call for the next round. Weigh-in penalties will be assessed per season.

12.2.1 PBA Tour.

- a. PBATQR. A minimum of five (5) bowlers advancing from the PBA Tour Qualifying Round will be required to weigh-in. The high qualifier, the low qualifier and three (3) qualifiers in-between must weigh-in all equipment listed on their PBA Tour Qualifying Round score sheet.
- b. Standard Event Match Play Round. When a cut is made to match play, five (5) competitors will be required to weigh-in based on the following qualifying positions: #1, #8, #16, #24 and #32 (including all ties).
- c. Championship Round. All bowlers advancing to any PBA Tour Championship Round must weigh-in all equipment that may be used on the telecast one (1) hour prior to air time/tape time.
- d. Cash Round. When a cut is made to a cashers round, such as the US Open, five (5) competitors from the previous round will be required to weigh-in; the high qualifier, the low qualifier and three (3) qualifiers in-between.
- e. Open Field Round Robin Match Play. When a cut is made to Round Robin Match Play, positions one (1), followed by increments of eight places must weigh in:

EXAMPLE: 1 - 8 - 16 - 24, etc.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$250

2nd Offense- \$500

Additional Offenses - Disqualification

12.2.2 PBA Senior Tour and PBA Regional Tour.

- a. When a cut is made to the top sixteen (16), positions one (1), four (4), eight (8), twelve (12) and sixteen (16) must weigh.
- b. When a cut is made to the top twenty-four (24), positions one (1), six (6), twelve (12), eighteen (18) and twenty-four (24) must weigh.
- c. When a cut is made to the top thirty-two (32), positions one (1), eight (8), sixteen (16), twenty-four (24) and thirty-two (32) must weigh.
- d. When a cut is made to the top sixty-four (64), positions one (1), sixteen (16), thirty-two (32), forty-eight (48) and sixty-four (64) must weigh.
- e. For any tournament that employs a cut to a number of competitors different than those listed above, five (5) competitors from the previous round will be required to weigh-in; the high qualifier, low qualifier and three (3) qualifiers in-between.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$100

2nd Offense - \$100

Additional Offenses - Disqualification

12.3 Equipment Spot Checks. The Tournament Director may spot check equipment for legality at any time.

RULE 13 - APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

13.1 General. All members must maintain a professional appearance in both clothing and personal grooming while in the tournament host center. The Tournament Director will interpret this regulation, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

13.1.1 PBA Tour. When competing on the PBA Tour, a professional image should be maintained at all times, subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

PENALTY: \$100

13.1.2 PBA Senior Tour, PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Regional Tour. The competitive attire and logo guidelines only apply while competing, however a professional image should be maintained at all times, subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

PENALTY: \$50

13.2 Media Photographs and Interviews. Any competitor being photographed or interviewed for television in conjunction with a PBA tournament, whether before or after the event, must meet all competitive attire guidelines.

**PENALTY: \$100 (PBA Tour)
\$50 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

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13.3 Attire While Practicing in the Host Center. Any member who practices in a host center must dress according to competitive attire guidelines.

**PENALTY: \$100 (PBA Tour)
\$50 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

13.4 Formal Sponsor Functions. The Tournament Director shall determine the necessity of formal attire for any corporate functions.

**PENALTY: \$100 (PBA Tour)
\$ 50 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

13.5 Competitive Attire Guidelines. The following rules dictate apparel guidelines for competing in PBA tournaments. The Tournament Director must approve all questionable apparel before it is worn during a tournament.

13.5.1 Pants. Dress pants must be worn in competition and the length must extend to the top of the shoe. Denim type jeans, drawstring or parachute pants may NOT be worn during competition.

13.5.2 Skirts. Skirts may be worn in competition by female competitors. If a competitor's fingers are below the hemline (with arms hanging naturally), the skirt is considered too short and not suitable.

13.5.3 Shorts. Shorts may NOT be worn during competition.

13.5.4 T-Shirts. T-Shirts may NOT be worn during competition but mock turtle necks will be permitted.

13.5.5 Earrings. Earrings are permitted as long as they are in good taste.

13.5.6 Items Protruding From Clothing. Items that hang or protrude from apparel may NOT be worn during competition.

13.5.7 Headwear. Hats, scarves, bandannas or non-elastic sweatbands may NOT be worn during competition.

NOTE: Elastic sweatbands may be worn in PBA competition. They must be clean, in good condition, free of manufacturer's logo and are subject to the approval of the presiding Tournament Director.

13.5.8 Belts. If a shirt is tucked into pants with belt loops, a belt must be worn.

13.5.9 Shirts. Sleeveless shirts or blouses may NOT be worn during any phase of tournament competition.

13.5.10 Standard Lettering on Shirts. During all portions of any PBA tournament, competitors must wear their last name (first names are optional) in permanently attached, color-contrasting letters at least two inches (2") high in the center back area of the shirt. Airbrush names and designs are not permitted.

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13.5.11 Competitors with Long Names. Competitors with names longer than seven (7) letters may use letters less than two inches (2") in height, provided the name is visible from a reasonable spectator distance and approval is given by the Tournament Director.

13.5.12 Script Lettering on Shirts. Letters written in script may be less than two inches (2") in height, provided the name is legible, is visible from a reasonable spectator distance and approval is given by the Tournament Director.

13.5.13 TV Finalists Shirt Color and Style. The PBA Television Production Coordinator will have final approval over television finalists' shirt color and style.

13.6 PBA Tour Uniform. The PBA reserves the right to introduce a uniform shirt and jacket for PBA Tour exempt professionals.

13.6.1 Player Responsibilities. Official PBA shirts and/or jackets must be worn by exempt professionals while competing in Pro-Ams, special events and media appearances or as otherwise directed by PBA management.

13.6.2 Gemini Jersey Program. Exempt men and women shall be issued an allotment of official Gemini Jerseys. These jerseys must be worn during all assigned pro-am squads, televised events and other special events as required by the PBA. Guidelines for the placement of logos for the Gemini Jersey Program are contained in Rule 14.6.1.

PENALTY: \$500 (PBA Tour)

13.6.3 Discretionary Apparel. Other apparel items may be worn at the discretion of the player subject to appearance guideline rules and final approval by the PBA. Apparel falling into this category includes headgear such as hats or caps, pants and footwear.

13.7 Prior Endorsement or Sponsorship Relationships. Players who have prior endorsement or sponsorship arrangements regarding apparel must specify them in detail and the PBA will work with sponsor companies to co-brand shirts in appropriate cases.

13.8 Violation of Appearance Guidelines. Unless otherwise specified, violations of the appearance guidelines shall be as follows. Penalties for violations of appearance guidelines shall be assessed per season.

**PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$100 (PBA Tour)
- \$ 50 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

**2nd Offense- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

13.9 Severe Violations of Appearance Guidelines. The presiding Tournament Director has the authority to make decisions concerning severe violations of the dress code.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

RULE 14 - LOGO GUIDELINES

14.1 PBA Logo. Members must wear a PBA logo patch on the lower right sleeve of their shirts. Embroidered logos are not permitted.

14.2 Small Fashion Logos. Small fashion logos may be worn during PBA tournament competition, but **never** during portions of the tournament intended for broadcast.

14.3 Sponsor Program and Other Sponsor Logos /Patches. Members competing in all levels of PBA competition must wear Sponsor Program or sponsor patches and logos when mandated by the PBA to fulfill official sponsor obligations.

14.3.1 PBA Tour. Sponsor Program patches must be worn on the upper right sleeve and yoke of the shirt.

14.3.2 PBA Regional Tour. Regional members must wear PBA Regional Tour sponsor patches/logos on the yoke of shirt during PBA Regional Tour competition.

14.3.3 PBA Senior Tour. PBA Senior members must wear PBA Senior Tour sponsor patches/logos on the upper right sleeve during PBA Senior Tour competition.

14.4 Logo Size. Individual logos applied as patches may not exceed six square inches in area. (The product of its maximum length and maximum width will determine the area of an individual logo.)

NOTE: Corporate logo designs that do not conform to the square inch rule may be approved by the PBA on a case-by-case basis.

14.5 Redundant Logos. Competitors may not display more than two logos of any one manufacturer or commercial sponsor.

NOTE: Professionals participating in the Sponsor Competition Program may display more than two logos of the same manufacturer or commercial sponsor as required by the PBA.

14.6 Logo Placement.

14.6.1 Gemini Shirts. Gemini Sports Marketing owns exclusive rights to “subliminal dye” shirts in PBA competition. Dye sublimation is a process in which logos, artwork and bowler names have been dyed into the fabric of the shirt. All other dyed shirts will be considered non-registered equipment. For non-Gemini shirt guidelines, please refer to 14.6.2 Non-Gemini Shirt Logo Placement.

a. **Gemini Left Sleeve Logo Location (L1, L2 & L3).** The left sleeve will carry three (3) approved positions (upper, middle, lower or a combination of any two) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA-approved commercial logos.

b. **Gemini Right Sleeve Logo Location.** The right sleeve of the shirt shall be reserved for use by the PBA. If participating in the Sponsor Program, the PBA also retains the yoke of the shirt.

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- c. **Gemini Left and Right Chest Logo Location (1, 2, 3 & 4).** The upper front of the shirt will carry four (4) approved positions (upper/lower right chest and upper/lower left chest) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos. The upper and lower logo positions may be combined to accommodate one logo not to exceed twelve square inches.

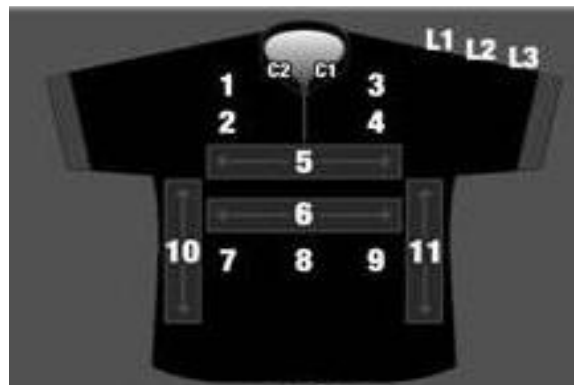


- d. **Gemini Center Chest Logo Location (5 & 6).** The center chest will carry two (2) approved positions (upper chest and lower chest) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos.

- e. **Gemini Abdomen Logo Location (7, 8 & 9).** The abdomen will carry three (3) approved positions (left, center, right) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos.

- f. **Gemini Side Logo Location (10 & 11).** The front side will carry two (2) approved positions (left vertical and right vertical) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos.

- g. **Gemini Front of Collar Logo Location (C1 & C2).** The collar will carry two (2) approved positions (right and left) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos.



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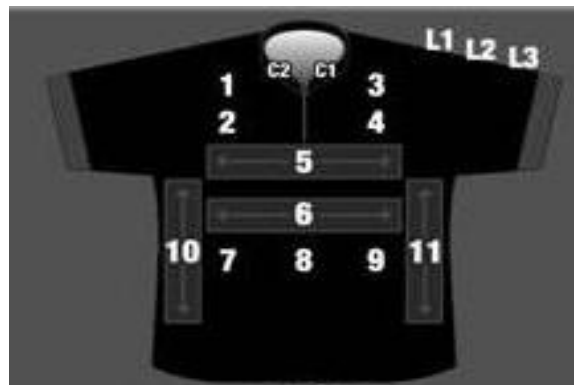
- h. **Gemini Back Logo Location (13, 14, 15 & 16).** The back will carry four (4) approved positions (yoke, upper, center and lower back) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos.



- i. **Gemini Back of Collar Logo Location (12).** The collar will carry one (1) approved position (back) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos.

14.6.2 Non-Gemini Shirt Logo Placement.

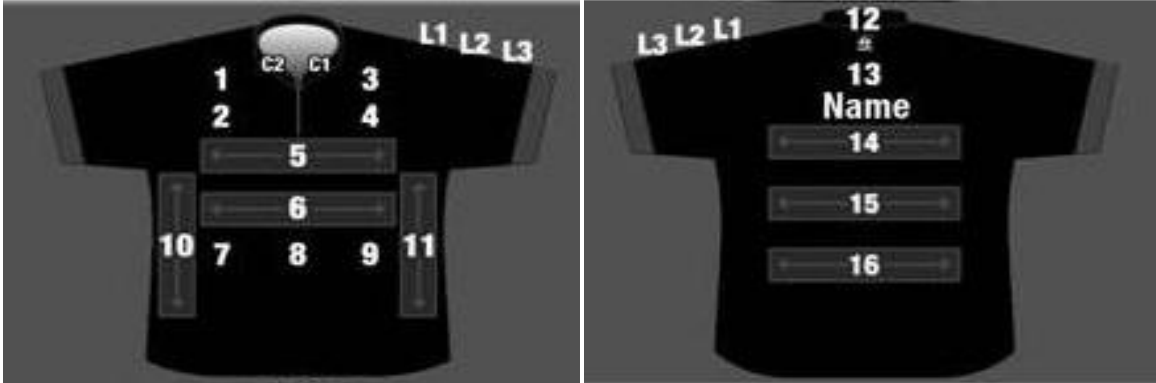
- a. **Left Sleeve Logo Location (L1, L2 & L3).** The left sleeve will carry three (3) approved positions (upper, middle, lower or a combination of any two) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA-approved commercial logos.
- b. **Right Sleeve and Yoke Logo Locations.** The right sleeve of the shirt shall be reserved for use by the PBA. If participating in the Sponsor Program, the PBA also retains the yoke of the shirt.
- c. **Left and Right Chest Logo Location (1, 2, 3, & 4).** The upper front of the shirt will carry four (4) approved positions (upper/lower right chest and upper/lower left chest) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PBA approved commercial logos. The upper and lower logo positions may be combined to accommodate one logo not to exceed twelve square inches.



- d. **Center Chest Logo Location (5 & 6).** Positions **not approved** for non-Gemini shirts.

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- e. **Abdomen Logo Location (7, 8 & 9).** Positions not approved for non-Gemini shirts
- f. **Front of Collar Logo Location (C1 & C2).** The front collar will carry two (2) approved positions (right and left) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos.
- g. **Side Logo Location (10 & 11).** Positions not approved for non-Gemini shirts.



- h. **Back Logo Location (13, 14, 15 & 16).** Positions not approved for non-Gemini shirts
- i. **Back of Collar Logo Location (12).** The rear center collar location reserved for product registered manufacturer logos.

14.6.3 The American Flag Patch. The American Flag may be substituted for any approved logo position.

14.6.4 Network Logos. Competitors may not wear the logo of any television network unless authorized by the PBA.

14.6.5 Bowling Pro Shop Logo. The logo of any bowling pro shop owned or staffed by a Full Member may be worn during all PBA Tour Qualifying Round, PBA Regional Tour and PBA Senior Tour competition. Pro Shop Logos may be worn on the PBA Tour by Exempt Players only.

NOTE: No pro shop patch may contain "PBA" or PBA marks without the express written consent of the PBA.

14.7 Violation of Logo Guidelines. Unless otherwise specific, the cited violation must be immediately corrected and are subject to the following penalties. Penalties for violation of logo guidelines shall be assessed per season.

**PENALTY: 1st Offense: \$100 (PBA Tour)
\$ 50 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

**2nd Offense: \$250 (PBA Tour)
\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

14.8 Severe Violations of Logo Guidelines. The presiding Tournament Director has the authority to make decisions concerning severe violations of the dress code.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

RULE 15 - PLAYER CONDUCT

15.1 General. Members may not publicly criticize or defame the integrity of the PBA, its members, officers, staff, tournament sponsor, host center, pins, host center employees or spectators.

Penalty: PBA Code of Ethics Violation (To Be Determined by the Commissioner)

NOTE: The Penalties listed in this section are listed as minimum penalties. Any violation of Rules 15.1 – 15.22 may result in a Code of Ethics Violation depending on severity of the infraction with the penalty to be determined by the PBA Commissioner.

15.2 Host Center Rules. Members must abide by host center rules.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

15.3 Fine Slips. A competitor who is assessed a fine must sign the fine slip.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

15.4 Player Disqualification.

15.4.1 Authority. The Tournament Director will make all decisions and apply all associated penalties regarding whether a violation resulting in the disqualification of any competitor has occurred.

15.4.2 Scope of Disqualification. The Tournament Director shall determine whether a competitor will receive credit (points and earnings) for bowling a tournament from which he or she is disqualified.

15.5 Conduct Unbecoming a Professional. As professional athletes, members are responsible for their public image as bowlers as well as that of the Professional Bowlers Association.

15.5.1 Bowling Conduct Violations. During competition, members may not verbally abuse PBA or host center staff. Additionally, members may not physically abuse PBA or host center equipment including but not limited to locker room tools, locker room shelves, ball returns and computer scorers. The cost of repair or replacement of damaged equipment shall be added to the total penalty amount as appropriate.

PENALTY: \$250 (PBA Tour)

\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)

15.5.2 Non-Bowling Conduct Violations. Members must maintain a professional demeanor at all times during all non-competitive events, including but not limited to public appearances, interviews or other media obligations.

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PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$500

2nd Offense- \$1,000 and 1 year probation

3rd Offense - Code of Ethics; penalty as determined by the Commissioner

15.5.3 Electronic Media. The PBA regards electronic media such as message boards, conversation pages and other forms of social networking (such as Facebook and Twitter) as important tools of communication and fan interaction. Members may not use these platforms to publicly report or speculate about PBA policies or defame the integrity of the PBA, its members, officers, staff, sponsors, host center or host center employees.

PENALTY: 1ST Offense - \$500

2nd Offense - \$1,000 and 1 year probation

3rd Offense - Code of Ethics Violation; penalty as determined by the Commissioner

15.6 Lane Maintenance. Competitors may not harass, intimidate, criticize or make defamatory public statements concerning any member of the PBA Lane Maintenance staff or its policies and conditions.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics Violation - \$1000

15.7 Complaints. All complaints must be registered in writing to the presiding Tournament Director. Members may not register a complaint with the host proprietor, host center employees, tournament volunteers or other PBA members.

**PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.8 Refusal to Bowl. Competitors must bowl when it is their turn. Decision concerning the disposition of tournament points and prize money distribution will be at the discretion of the presiding Tournament Director.

PENALTY: Disqualification

15.9 Sponsorship of Another Member. Members may not sponsor other bowlers competing in the same PBA tournament.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics - As Determined by the Commissioner

15.10 Gambling. Members may not gamble or make wagers in reference to a tournament in progress.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics - As Determined by the Commissioner

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15.11 Substance Abuse Policy. The following policy regards the use, abuse and distribution of controlled substances at PBA tournament sites:

15.11.1 Assist in Assuring the Well-Being of the Member. The first priority of the PBA is to help assure the well-being of each member and to provide any member having a problem with chemical abuse to obtain confidential, professional assistance.

15.11.2 Protect the Membership. The second priority of the PBA is to protect all members from those who would induce them to use controlled chemical substances.

15.11.3 Uphold the Law. The PBA will cooperate to the fullest extent in the prosecution of any person who sells or distributes controlled substances at PBA tournament sites.

15.11.4 Sale and Distribution of Controlled Substances. Members may not participate in the sale or distribution of controlled substances.

PENALTY: Expulsion

15.12 Public Consumption of Alcohol.

15.12.1 Consumption of Alcohol While Competing. Competitors may not consume alcohol on the tournament host premises until all of their competition is completed for the day (including Pro-Ams).

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - Disqualification

15.12.2 Designated Area. Competitors may only consume alcohol in a designated area to be determined by the Tournament Director.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.12.3 Wearing Name Shirt. Competitors may not consume alcohol while wearing their name shirts.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.12.4 Media Sessions. Competitors may not possess or consume alcohol during any media session.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.12.5 Other Members. Any member in the tournament host center or designated Pro-Am center (regardless of whether he or she is entered in the tournament) must adhere to the provisions of Rule 15.12.2.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation- \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

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15.13 Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Any bowler who is charged with driving under the Influence of drugs and/or alcohol in any jurisdiction shall be subject to the following penalties. If the charges are dropped in their entirety, the PBA shall reimburse the bowler for any fines paid.

PENALTY: 1st Offense, PBA Code of Ethics - Not less than \$2,500 and/or suspension and probation at the discretion of the Commissioner

2nd Offense, PBA Code of Ethics -Not less than \$5,000 and suspension of not less than 2 events at Commissioner's discretion.

Subsequent Offense -Not less than one year suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the Commissioner

15.14 Use of Tobacco Products. PBA will make every effort to ensure that the Host Center be designated smoke-free during tournament week (with a designated smoking room or area).

15.14.1 Use of Tobacco Products While Competing. Competitors may not use any type of tobacco product while competing (including Pro-Ams).

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation, Disqualification

15.14.2 Designated Smoking Area. Competitors may only use tobacco products in a designated area to be determined by the Tournament Director. (Subject to host center rules and local laws).

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation-\$250 (PBA Tour)
-\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.14.3 While Wearing Name Shirt. Competitors may not use tobacco products while wearing their name shirts.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation-\$250 (PBA Tour)
-\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.14.4 Media Sessions. Competitors may not use or display tobacco products during any media session.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation-\$250 (PBA Tour)
-\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.14.5 Other Members. Any member in the tournament host center or designated Pro-Am center (regardless of whether he or she is entered in the tournament) must adhere to the provisions of Rule 15.14.2.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation-\$250 (PBA Tour)
-\$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

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15.15 Pipes, Cigars, etc. Competitors may not carry a pipe, cigar, cigarette or toothpick in their mouths while on the approach during a tournament.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation - \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.16 Selling Equipment. Competitors may not sell equipment on Host Center premises.

**PENALTY: Non Bowling Conduct Violation - \$250 (PBA Tour)
- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)**

15.17 Removal of Bowling Balls and Equipment. Unless excused by the Tournament Director, a championship round finalist may not depart the bowlers' area or remove bowling balls from the ball return before all frames are completed.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

15.18 Mandatory Functions. Members must attend all functions designated as mandatory by the PBA during a tournament in which they are competing.

PENALTY: \$500

15.19 Press and Media Obligations. When required, members must report to the Media Office no later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of their match play or qualifying round. If the request is made on the practice day, professionals may opt to finish practice, put away their equipment and then immediately report to the media room.

PENALTY: \$100

15.19.1 Coordination. All interviews should be arranged and approved by a member of the PBA PR staff. Media should be going through PR for any and all interview requests. If approached by a member of the media about an interview, please make the PBA PR staff aware of it.

15.19.2 Interview Location Restrictions. Unless otherwise approved by PBA Tournament Staff, interviews shall not take place in Host Center lounges or bars.

PENALTY: \$100

NOTE: Professional must inform PBA Public Relations staff if he or she is unable to attend a scheduled interview within 24 hours of the interview.

15.20 Television Finals Production Interviews.

15.20.1 *Pre-Television Finals Interviews.* Professionals advancing to the televised round will be interviewed by TV announcers at place and time and place to be determined by the TV Coordinating Producer.

PENALTY: \$100

15.20.2 *Post Television Finals Interviews.*

a. Tournament winner and runner-up are required to report to the media room at the conclusion of the TV show.

PENALTY: \$100

b. On TV finals day, finalists must check with a member of the PR staff before leaving the Host Center.

PENALTY: \$100

15.21 Player Introductions. Competitors must be present for player introductions prior to the Pro-Am and match play squads.

**PENALTY: \$250 (PBA Tour)
\$ 50 (PBA Senior & Regional Tour)**

15.22 Additional Event Appearances. Exempt Professionals must be available for one (1) additional event appearance (not including Pro-Ams, media/sponsor related appearances or autograph sessions) per week.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics - As determined by the Commissioner

EXAMPLE: Youth Baker tournament, rock concert, charity event or other "non-bowling" events

15.22.1 *Personal Appearances.* Professional, upon the request of an authorized representative of the PBA, must make a reasonable number of personal appearances not to exceed eight (8) in any consecutive twelve (12) month period on behalf of the PBA and its sponsors, promoters or other business partners or designees at a mutually agreed upon time and location.

PENALTY: PBA Code of Ethics - As determined by the Commissioner

15.22.2 *Charity Autographs.* Professional must sign a reasonable amount of items that will be donated to charities throughout the year.

RULE 16 - PRACTICE & WARM-UP

16.1 The Official Practice Session. Competitors may not bowl any practice squad other than their own without permission from the Tournament Director. Penalties for violations of the practice session rule shall be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense: \$100

Subsequent Offenses: Disqualification

16.2 Other Practice Sessions. Any member entered in a PBA event may practice on tournament lanes at any time lanes are available subject to availability and the Tournament Director's discretion.

16.2.1 Lane Availability. Members must vacate lanes when asked by a representative of the host center.

16.2.2 Practice for Authorized Persons. PBA staff and manufacturer's representatives may practice on designated non-finalist practice pairs provided they comply with PBA Rules and Appearance Guidelines and allow PBA members priority on the lanes.

16.2.3 Non-Complimentary Practice. If required to do so by the Host Center, a competitor must pay for any practice games bowled.

PENALTY: \$500

16.3 Warm-Up Prior to Qualifying and Match Play Rounds.

16.3.1 Qualifying Warm-Up. Competitors will receive fifteen (15) minutes of warm-up before each qualifying round and prior to all rounds conducted in an arena venue.

16.3.2 Match Play Warm-Up (when practice pairs are available). Competitors will receive five (5) minutes of warm-up before round robin or elimination match play rounds.

16.3.3 Match Play Warm-Up (when practice pairs are not available). Competitors will receive ten (10) minutes of warm-up before round robin or elimination match play rounds.

16.3.4 Position Round Warm-Up. Competitors will receive five (5) minutes of warm-up prior to a position round game.

16.3.5 Lane Break-Down Warm-Up. Competitors on a pair that breaks down during warm-up will receive a minimum of five (5) shots on each lane. The amount of warm-up awarded in any situation may be altered or redefined at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

16.4 Warm-Up Prior to Televised Championship Round Matches.

16.4.1 Elimination Match Play Format. Championship round finalists shall receive warm-up according to the following guidelines.

a. TV Practice starts 30 minutes prior to telecast start time (T) as follows:

- T – 30: Semi-final match 2 players start practice.
- T – 23: Semi-final match 1 players start practice.
- T – 10: Semi-final match 2 players stop practice.
- T – 3: Semi-final match 1 players stop practice.

(Or when stopped by TV Coordinating Producer)

b. Competitors scheduled for the first semi-final match shall receive four (4) warm-up shots on the championship pair, prior to their match. If time permits, the finalists may then move to the alternate pair and continue to warm up until the start of the final match.

c. Prior to the final match, the winner of preceding match may practice on the alternate pair, only. The incoming finalist shall receive four (4) warm-up shots on the championship pair. If time permits, the incoming finalist may then move to the alternate pair and continue to warm up until the start of the final match.

NOTE: When necessary, warm up times may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding Tournament Director

16.4.2 Stepladder Format. Championship round finalists shall receive warm-up according to the following guidelines:

a. TV Practice starts 30 minutes prior to telecast start time (T) as follows:

- T – 30: Players seeded 1, 2 and 3 (or 1 and 2) start practice.
- T – 23: Players seeded 4 and 5 (or 3 and 4) start practice.
- T – 10: Players seeded 1, 2 and 3 (or 1 and 2) stop practice.
- T – 3: Players seeded 4 and 5 (or 3 and 4) stop practice.

(Or when stopped by TV Coordinating Producer)

b. For matches after the first scheduled match, the winner of preceding match may practice on the alternate pair, only. The incoming finalist shall receive four (4) warm-up shots on the championship pair. If time permits, the incoming finalist may then move to the alternate pair and continue to warm up until the start of the final match.

c. Prior to the semi-final match, the number one (1) seed shall receive four (4) warm-up shots on the championship pair.

NOTE: When necessary, warm up times may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding Tournament Director

16.5 Warm-Up Prior to Non-Televised Championship Round Matches.

16.5.1 PBA Tour and Senior Tour Stepladder Finals. Championship round finalists will receive ten (10) minutes of warm-up on the championship pair prior to the finals.

16.5.2 PBA Tour and Senior Tour Elimination Match Play Format. Semi-finalists and finalists shall receive five (5) minutes of warm-up on their scheduled pair of lanes.

16.5.3 PBA Regional Tour.

- a. Warm up for the first round and subsequent rounds of competition leading to the semi-final matches shall consist of ten (10) minutes on the competitor's scheduled pair of lanes.
- b. Warm up for the semi-final and final rounds of competition will consist of five (5) minutes on the competitor's scheduled pair of lanes.

NOTE: When necessary, warm up times may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding Tournament Director

RULE 17 - RULES OF PLAY

17.1 Ball Shavings. Competitors may not leave ball shavings or debris in the defined bowlers' area.

PENALTY: \$100

17.2 Rosin Bags and Powder. Competitors must place any powdered substance they are using in a pouch or container. Penalties shall be assessed per tournament.

**PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning
2nd Offense - \$100
3rd and Subsequent Offenses - \$250**

17.3 Breakdown or Delay. The Tournament Director will make all decisions regarding the continuation or rescheduling of games in the event of a mechanical breakdown.

17.3.1 Warm-up Shots in the Event of Breakdown. The Tournament Director will make all decisions regarding the awarding of warm-up shots in the event of a mechanical breakdown of ten (10) minutes or more. Timing will begin the moment a tournament official is notified of the breakdown.

- a. An alternate pair shall be used whenever possible when awarding warm-up in the event of a breakdown.
- b. Competitors may receive up to two (2) shots at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- c. If an alternate pair is not available, two (2) shots will be awarded on the lane opposite that where the competitor will throw his or her next shot for score.

17.3.2 Use of the Alternate Pair in the Event of Breakdown. If a breakdown requires competitors to move to an alternate pair not previously used in the tournament, each competitor required to move will receive two (2) warm-up shots on each lane.

NOTE: If an alternate pair is used through the completion of a squad, practice shots will not be awarded to competitors moving to that pair in subsequent squads.

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17.4 Lane Courtesy and Double Jumping. Competitors must observe one (1) pair lane courtesy at all times. Competitors may not "Double Jump." Double jumping occurs following a delivery when a competitor on the same pair delivers his or her ball before one (1) competitor from the pair to the right and one (1) competitor from the pair to the left have made a delivery, unless those competitors are not ready to bowl or they give way.

17.5 Slow Play During Qualifying. A competitor shall have twenty-five (25) seconds to start his or her delivery, once the lane courtesy requirement has been satisfied. Slow bowling penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the presiding tournament official. The following penalties will be assessed per tournament:

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

Subsequent Offenses - \$50

17.6 Slow Play During Match Play. Slow bowling penalties will be assessed per tournament at the discretion of the tournament official in accordance with the following guidelines:

17.6.1 When Lane Courtesy is Used. If lane courtesy is being observed, a competitor shall have twenty-five (25) seconds to start his or her delivery, once the lane courtesy requirement has been satisfied.

17.6.2 When Lane Courtesy is NOT Used.

- a. Competitors will have twenty-five (25) seconds to start their delivery from the time the opponent steps off the approach.
- b. When moving to the left lane or shooting a spare, a competitor will have twenty-five (25) seconds to start their delivery from the time his or her bowling ball comes back to the ball return.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

Subsequent Offenses - \$50

17.7 Slow Play During Televised Events. A twenty-five (25) second shot clock shall be used to enforce slow play rules during televised events. Penalties for shot clock violations will be assessed per game.

17.7.1 When Bowling on the Right Lane. A competitor will have twenty-five (25) seconds to start his or her delivery from the time the opponent steps off the approach.

17.7.2 When Bowling on the Left Lane. When moving to the left lane or shooting a spare, a competitor will have twenty-five (25) seconds to start his or her delivery from the time his or her bowling ball comes back to the ball return.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - \$100

Subsequent Offenses - \$500

NOTE: The shot clock may be stopped to allow competitors to make adjustments to their equipment. These requests may be approved by the Tournament Director on a case-by-case basis.

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17.8 Dead Ball Situations. The Tournament Director must be called and will make all decisions regarding dead ball situations.

17.8.1 Missing Pins. A competitor must shoot over if it is determined that any pins were missing from the rack at which he or she shot.

17.8.2 Dead Wood. If a pin is in the channel, a competitor must consult the competitors on his or her pair to determine if it is in play. If any other competitor feels that the pin is in play, it must be removed before a shot is thrown.

- a. If the competitor rolls a strike while a pin is in play, he or she must shoot over. If the competitor does not strike, his or her pin count will stand.
- b. If the competitor converts a spare while a pin is in play and the ball contacts dead wood before leaving the lane surface, he or she shall receive zero for the shot.
- c. If the competitor converts a spare while a pin is in play and any pin (after coming in contact with the dead wood) knocks down one or more pins, he or she shall receive zero for the shot.

17.8.3 Bowling on the Wrong Lane. Bowling on the wrong lane constitutes a dead ball situation provided it is protested before a competitor (or his or her opponent in match play) bowls again. All penalties will be assessed per tournament.

- a. If a competitor rolls a strike on the wrong lane, he or she must shoot over on the correct lane.
- b. If the competitor does not strike, his or her pin count will stand and he or she must shoot the spare on the same lane.

PENALTY: 1st Offense: Warning

Subsequent Offenses - \$50

17.8.4 Bowling Out of Turn. Bowling out of turn constitutes a dead ball situation provided it is protested before a competitor (or his or her opponent in match play) bowls again. All penalties will be assessed per tournament.

- a. If a competitor rolls a strike out of turn, he or she must shoot over in the correct order of play.
- b. If the competitor does not strike, his or her pin count will stand and he or she must shoot the spare.

PENALTY: 1st Offense: Warning

Subsequent Offenses - \$50

17.8.5 Interference. Physical interference of any kind shall be considered a dead ball situation.

NOTE: Visual or audio interference shall not be considered and will NOT be awarded at any time.

17.8.6 Disputed Pin Fall. The Tournament Director will settle any dispute regarding a machine causing a pin to fall.

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17.8.7 Use of Instant Replay in Dead Ball Situations. If available for reference, during all televised matches, instant replay may be used in the ruling process, at the tournament director's discretion.

17.9 Re-Spotting of Pins. A tournament official must authorize any re-spotting of pins on the second ball cycle.

17.10 Order of Shots. The pin count of a first shot thrown while a rack is on the second ball cycle will stand. All penalties will be assessed per tournament.

PENALTY: 1st Offense: Warning

Subsequent Offenses - \$50

17.11 Unintentional Fouls. If the foul light is activated at any time during a competitor's delivery it must be scored as a foul.

17.11.1 Contesting a Foul. If a competitor wishes to contest a foul, all other competitors on the pair must wait for a ruling by the Tournament Director before competition can resume.

17.11.2 Ruling Authority. All rulings made by the Tournament Director regarding unintentional fouls shall be final.

17.11.3 Foul Line Judge. During all televised matches, a foul line judge with an unobstructed view shall be used.

17.11.4 Use of Instant Replay With Regard to Fouls. If available for reference, during all televised matches, instant replay may be used in the ruling process, at the tournament director's discretion.

17.12 Intentional Fouls. When a player deliberately fouls to benefit by the calling of a foul, the player shall be credited with zero pin fall for that delivery and not allowed further deliveries in that frame. All rulings made by the Tournament Director regarding intentional fouls shall be final.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$250 (PBA Tour)

- \$100 (PBA Senior and Regional Tour)

17.13 Re-Racks. Two (2) re-racks are permitted per game during all phases of PBA competition.

PENALTY: Zero (0) for the shot.

17.13.1 Re-Racks during Abbreviated Tie-Breaker. During a one shot or ninth and tenth frame roll-off, one (1) re-rack will be permitted.

PENALTY: Zero (0) for the shot.

17.13.2 Re-Rack Accountability. Competitors must notify the opposing competitor responsible for signing his or her score sheet each time a re-rack is taken. The opposing competitor shall be responsible for recording each re-rack taken.

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17.13.3 Re-Rack Requests During Televised Matches. Any competitor who requests a re-rack during a televised match must make it his or her first order of business. The tournament official will award re-racks at his discretion.

17.14 Completion of Frame. A competitor must shoot any spare he or she leaves.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

17.15 Coaching. Coaching is defined as, but not limited to, any advice given to a competitor regarding ball selection, lane strategy, mental thought processes or physical mechanics.

17.15.1 Scope. Effective October 1, 2010, coaching is allowed in all levels of PBA competition.

17.15.2 Non-Televised Rounds. During non-televised portions of an event, coaches and manufacturer representatives (Ball Reps) are not permitted in the bowlers' area at any time during tournament competition.

17.15.3 Televised Rounds. During televised portions of an event, coaches and/or manufacturer representatives may communicate with a competitor during official television warm-up time or commercial breaks only. Coaches and Ball Reps must vacate the bowler's area immediately upon request of the presiding Tournament Director or television Coordinating Producer.

17.16 Personal Listening Devices. MP3 players or similar devices shall not be permitted in PBA Competition, excluding practice and warm-up. Penalties will be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

2nd and Subsequent Offenses, Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

17.17 Personal Communications Devices. Cell phones, beepers, pagers etc. are not permitted during PBA Competition, excluding practice and warm-up. Penalties will be assessed per season.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

2nd Offense, Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

17.18 Personnel in the Bowlers' Area. The Tournament Director will define the bowler's area prior to the start of competition each week.

17.18.1 Authorized Personnel. Only tournament competitors, PBA staff and tournament volunteers are permitted in the bowler's area during PBA competition. Media personnel covering the event may be permitted into the bowlers' area on a case-by-case basis.

17.18.2 Ball Manufacturer Representatives (Ball Reps) and Coaches. Bowling ball manufacturer representatives (Ball Reps) and coaches may remain in the bowler's area during official practice sessions and warm-up sessions only and must leave the bowler's area when the warm-up session is complete.

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17.18.3 Other Spectators. Other spectators may sit adjacent to the bowler's area with the permission of a tournament official.

17.18.4 Incoming Squads. Competitors on incoming squads may not enter the bowler's area until both their starting and adjacent pairs are finished. Penalties will be assessed per tournament.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

Subsequent Offenses, Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

17.19 Bowling Balls in the Bowlers' Area. A maximum of nine (9) bowling balls per competitor will be allowed in the bowlers' area during all PBA Tour events. Bowling equipment must remain with the competitor while moving from pair to pair. Unattended equipment will be removed from the bowlers' area and a penalty assessed.

PENALTY: \$25 per Item

EXAMPLE: Unattended triple bag with two balls inside - \$75 fine

NOTE: Tournament Director may allow storage of equipment on off pairs on a case-by-case basis.

17.20 Use of Equipment Caddies. Players may employ assistance carrying equipment however, only tournament entrants are permitted to carry equipment into or out of the locker room or bowlers' area. Penalties will be assessed per tournament.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

Subsequent Offenses, Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

NOTE: The Tournament Director may authorize access to restricted areas by caddies on a tournament-by-tournament basis.

17.21 Retrieving Bowling Equipment From a Location Outside of the Host Center. Transfer of equipment from a third party to a player will not be permitted. A competitor may request someone to retrieve a bowling ball at a location outside of the host center using the following procedures:

17.21.1 Notifying a Tournament Official. Information about the requested bowling ball must be provided to the tournament official regarding the make, color and type of ball.

17.21.2 Retrieve the Bowling Ball. The retrieving party must give the ball to the tournament official who will then give it to the requesting player. Penalties will be assessed per tournament.

PENALTY: 1st Offense - Warning

Subsequent Offenses, PBA Code of Ethics Violation - Disqualification

17.22 Interrupted Tournament. The following procedures will be used if a tournament is interrupted.

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17.22.1 When Play is Resumed. The tournament will be completed in the host or an alternate center no later than one (1) day after its originally scheduled completion. If an alternate center is used, the tournament will resume from the last completed round of play.

17.22.2 Loss of Score. In the event of score loss, play will resume at the beginning of the game following the last completed game in the tournament.

17.22.3 Play is Not Resumed. If it is determined that the tournament will not resume, competitors will be paid according to their finishing positions from the last completed round of play.

17.22.4 Televised Finals. If a televised final is required by contract, the television round finalists will be determined according to their finishing position from the last completed round of play.

a. If an elimination format is being used, the competitors with the fewest match losses will be awarded the television round positions originally allotted.

b. If there is a tie for any position, the competitor with the highest tournament average among those tied shall be awarded the position in the television round.

17.22.5 Final Authority. The decision of the Tournament Director in all matters pertaining to the interruption of a tournament shall be final.

RULE 18 - PBA SCORING

18.1 PBA Scoring System. The PBA scoring system is derived by adding the amount of pins over two hundred (200) or subtracting the amount of pins less than two hundred (200) for each game, on a cumulative basis.

EXAMPLE: A 210 game would be scored as "+10". A 190 game would be scored as "-10"

18.1.1 Singles Event; Bonus Pins for Round Robin Match Play Competition. Thirty (30) bonus pins for a win and fifteen (15) bonus pins for a tie will be awarded for each individual match play game.

18.1.2 Doubles Event; Bonus Pins for Round Robin Match Play Competition. Ten (10) bonus pins for a win and five (5) bonus pins for a tie will be awarded for each individual match play game. Additionally, thirty (30) bonus pins for a win and fifteen (15) bonus pins for a tie will be awarded to the winner of each team match play game.

18.2 Tie Scores.

18.2.1 Tie for Qualifying Position Into a Cut Round. If there is a tie for the last qualifying position into a cut round, all tied competitors will compete in a one (1) game roll-off immediately following the completion of the round.

18.2.2 Tie for the Match Play Alternate. If there is a tie for the match play alternate position, all tied competitors for the alternate position will compete in a one (1) game roll-off immediately following the completion of the round.

NOTE: If a one (1) game roll-off ends in a tie, all tied competitors for the alternate position will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off

18.2.3 Roll-Off Deadline. Any competitor scheduled for a roll-off who is not in the host center within thirty (30) minutes of the announcement of the tie, will be disqualified from the roll-off.

18.2.4 Point Distribution in the Event of a Tie. Refer to Rule 6.

18.2.5 PBA Tour/PBA Senior Tour - Breaking Ties for Bracket Placement. When determining bracket placement position, ties shall be broken in the following order:

- a. By qualifying total pins for that tournament.
- b. Total of the last qualifying block bowled.
- c. Preceding qualifying block totals.
- d. High games from the last block of qualifying.

18.2.6 PBA Regional Tour - Breaking Ties for Bracket Placement. When determining bracket placement position in regional competition, ties will be broken in the following order:

- a. Total of the last qualifying block bowled.
- b. Preceding qualifying block totals.
- c. High games from the last block of qualifying.

18.2.7 Breaking Ties Going into a Round Robin Cut Round or Position Round. Ties shall be broken using high scratch pins from the current round bowled. If still tied, then the high game from the current round bowled shall be used until the tie is broken.”

18.2.8 Breaking Ties to Determine Stepladder Placement. If there is a tie among stepladder finalists that affects stepladder placement, all tied competitors will compete in a one (1) game roll-off.

- a. The competitor with the highest scratch total pins has choice of starting lane for the roll-off. If a tie exists for scratch total pins, use a coin toss to determine the starting lane.
- b. If the tie does not affect stepladder placement, but does affect which competitor chooses the starting lane for the match, then a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off will be used to break the tie. If a tie still exists, then a one (1) ball, sudden death roll-off will be used until the tie is broken.

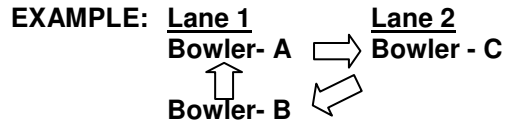
18.2.9 Breaking Ties in a Stepladder or Elimination Match. In the event of a tie during any stepladder or elimination match finals, all tied competitors will compete in a one (1) ball sudden death roll-off. The competitor with the highest stepladder placement position shall determine starting lane and order for the roll-off. The competitors will alternate lanes in the same bowling order until the tie is broken.

18.3 Score Sheet Responsibility.

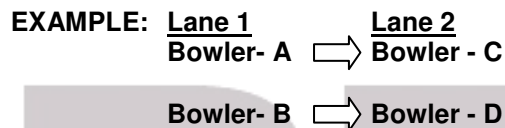
18.3.1 *Verifying and Signing the Score Sheet (Qualifying).* Competitors are responsible for verifying and signing both their own score sheet as well as that of their competitor. Verification of information includes game scores, total pins, plus / minus totals and bowling balls used in competition.

**PENALTY: \$50 (PBA Tour)
\$25 (PBA Regional and Senior Tour)**

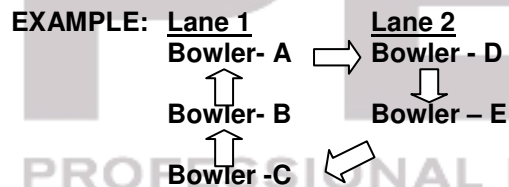
- a. On a pair of lanes with three (3) players, verify and sign the score sheet of the competitor who is clockwise in the rotation. In the example below: A to C to B to A.



- b. On a pair with four (4) players, verify and sign the score-sheet of the competitor directly across in the rotation. In the example below: A to C, B to D and vice-versa.



- c. On a pair with five (5) players, verify and sign the score sheet of the competitor who is clockwise in the rotation. In the example below: A to D to E to C to B to A.



18.3.2 *Verifying and Signing the Score Sheet (Match Play).* Verify and initial the opponent's score sheet immediately following each match.

18.3.3 *Documenting Equipment on the Score Sheet.* Competitors must document each bowling ball used during the round on their score sheet by the end of the first game the ball is put into play. Documentation of each bowling ball should include:

- a. Last four digits of the serial number.
- b. Grips used, if any (including the manufacturer's name).
- c. Extra holes (if the ball has more than three holes or if holes have been drilled deeper).
- d. Slugs or plugs used.

18.3.4 *Recording Game Scores.* As a courtesy, the player finishing the game first should record the game scores and the plus and minus totals on all score sheets during all portions of the tournament.

PENALTY: Warning

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18.3.5 Damage to Score Sheets. Competitors may not intentionally damage their score sheets.

PENALTY: Bowling Conduct Violation - \$100

18.3.6 Official Scores. Once a competitor signs his or her score sheet, he or she agrees that, barring any necessary mathematical corrections, the score becomes official. The PBA shall have one hour to make any mathematical corrections, but any other disputes that would result in the improvement of a competitor's score shall not be allowed.

RULE 19 - SINGLE ELIMINATION MATCH PLAY

19.1 Single Elimination Match Play Format. Single elimination match play is a "best of" format whereby the player who wins the most games in the match advances to the next round.

EXAMPLE: Best 4 out of 7 games; the first competitor to win four (4) games advances.

19.2 Placement of Competitors Into the Single Elimination Match Play Bracket.

19.2.1 PBA Tour. Placement into the match play bracket for standard single elimination events and the PBA World Championship will be determined by qualifying total pins.

19.2.2 PBA Senior Tour. Whenever the single elimination format is used, competitors will be placed into the bracket by qualifying total pins.

19.2.3 PBA Regional Tour. Whenever the single elimination format is used, competitors will be placed into the bracket by qualifying total pins.

19.3 Order of Play. During single elimination match play competition the player with the highest bracket placement position has choice of starting lane and/or order for both the match and any sudden death tiebreakers.

RULE 20 - ROUND ROBIN MATCH PLAY

20.1 Round Robin Match Play Format. Each player in the match play field will bowl a series of one (1) game matches against other competitors in the match play field. The final game of match play is traditionally a position round where position #1 bowls against position #2, position #3 bowls against position #4, etc.

20.2 Determining the Match Play Alternate. Any competitor who qualifies for the match play alternate position must inform a tournament official of the decision to accept or decline the position within fifteen (15) minutes of the official announcement.

PENALTY: \$100

20.2.1 Ties for the Match Play Alternate Position. In the event of a tie for the match play alternate position, see Rule 18.2.2.

20.2.2 Roll Call. The alternate must be present during all roll calls.

PENALTY: \$25

20.2.3 The Alternate's Availability to Compete. The alternate must be prepared to enter competition on short notice and shall remain in the host center throughout all frames of competition.

PENALTY: Minor - \$100 and possible disqualification.

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20.3 Procedures for Substituting the Alternate. In the event an alternate is used, the following procedures will apply:

20.3.1 *Score Computation (Singles Format).* The alternate's score shall be computed using his or her own qualifying total plus the scratch match play total pins of the competitor being replaced.

20.3.2 *Score Computation (Doubles Format; Competitors Choose Their Own Partners).* The entire team will be replaced by the alternate team if either member of a team cannot continue.

NOTE: The alternate team's score shall be computed using the team's qualifying total plus the scratch match play total pins of the team being replaced.

20.3.3 *Score Computation (Doubles Format; Competitors are Paired With a Partner).* In a tournament where competitors are paired with a partner following a qualifying process, if either member of the team cannot continue, he or she will be replaced by the alternate.

NOTE: The team of the competitor who withdraws will lose any individual and team bonus pins the competitor had earned up to that point in the tournament.

20.3.4 *Warm-up for the Alternate.* The alternate will receive four (4) warm-up shots before entering competition. If no other lanes are open, the alternate will warm-up on the pair on which he or she will enter competition.

20.3.5 *Replacing the Alternate.* When an alternate enters competition, a new alternate will replace him or her. The next highest tournament finisher in the host center will be offered the alternate position until it is filled.

20.3.6 *Assigning Points for the Alternate.* In the event an alternate is used, he or she will receive all the points for his or her qualifying finishing position. The competitor being replaced will receive the points for the first position outside of match play.

20.3.7 *Prize Money Distribution.* Both the alternate and the competitor being replaced shall receive an amount of prize money equal to one-half (1/2) of the sum designated for the final finishing position of the alternate and that designated for the position the alternate occupied prior to match play.

20.3.8 *Alternate Fee.* The alternate fee will be no less than an amount equal to the product of Five Dollars (\$5) and the number of games in match play. In the event an alternate is used, compensation will include the game in which he or she enters competition.