

Championship Bowlers Tour (CB TOUR) Official Tournament Rulebook

Introduction & Authority

Welcome to the Championship Bowlers Tour (CB TOUR) official tournament rulebook. The CB TOUR is committed to providing a premier, transparent, and fair competitive environment for all participants. This rulebook outlines the rules, policies, and regulations that govern all CB TOUR tournaments, including the Championship Series, Challenge Series, Junior Series, and special championship events such as the CB Masters.

Participants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all rules and regulations prior to participating in any CB TOUR tournament. Failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including disqualification from the tournament, forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and suspension from future CB TOUR events.

All CB TOUR events are officially USBC Certified and conducted in strict accordance with the general playing rules, equipment specifications, and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), except where specific tour exemptions and competition policies are explicitly outlined herein.

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I. Participants

1. Eligibility

- **1.1 Open Membership:** The Championship Bowlers Tour (CB TOUR) is open to all bowlers who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the tour bylaws. There is no strict age or average floor to participate in the open competitive tiers.
- **1.2 USBC Certification:** All adult and youth participants must hold an active, valid USBC membership and remain in good standing with the USBC and their local associations.
- **1.3 Rating Verification:** Bowlers must have either an established CB TOUR Index (minimum of 15 eligible tour games) or an official USBC composite average to determine division placement and handicap eligibility.
 - **1.3.1 Established Bowlers:** For bowlers with at least 15 eligible games on the CB TOUR, their CB TOUR Index will be used exclusively for determining division placement, handicap brackets, and Challenge Series eligibility. Outside league averages will not be accepted once an Index is established.
 - **1.3.2 Non-Established Bowlers:** Bowlers with fewer than 15 CB TOUR games will be evaluated based on their highest USBC composite league average across the preceding three (3) seasons (minimum of 21 games). If a bowler's only available averages are from Challenge or Sport leagues, those averages will be converted using official USBC Sport/Challenge conversion tables before applying tour conversion rules.
 - **1.3.3 Challenge Series Averages:** For participation in the Challenge Series, a verified USBC composite average of 21 games or more is required if no established Index exists. Bowlers without any verifiable league or tournament history must enter at a default scratch average equivalent of 220 (zero handicap).
 - **1.3.4 Standard USBC Average Conversion:** When converting an incoming USBC Standard house league average into the CB TOUR rating system, seventeen (17) pins are deducted (*USBC - 17*) to account for the competitive scoring gap between standard high-ratio house conditions and CB TOUR tournament patterns.
- **1.4 Organization Good Standing:** Bowlers must remain in good standing with the USBC and any regional or international bowling associations to which they belong.

- **1.5 Prior Disciplinary Bars:** Bowlers who are currently disqualified, suspended, or barred by the USBC, SafeSport, or any recognized sports governing body are ineligible to participate in any CB TOUR event.
- **1.6 Criminal Bar:** Bowlers who have been convicted of a felony or other serious criminal offense involving violence, fraud, or sexual misconduct are not eligible to participate in the CB TOUR.
- **1.7 Rulebook Compliance:** All participants must strictly adhere to all CB TOUR rules, administrative policies, and venue guidelines.
- **1.8 Professional Title Exclusion:** Any bowler who has won a recognized National Professional Tour title (including PBA National Tour, PWBA National Tour, or international major professional titles) or who currently holds an active touring exempt card on a national professional tour MUST compete exclusively in the **Open Division**.
- **1.9 Junior Series Eligibility:** Junior eligibility requires youth bowlers to be under the age of 18 prior to August 1 of the active competition season.
 - **1.9.1 Dual-Entry Opportunity:** Youth bowlers have the option of entering solely the Junior Series portion of an event or cross-entering the Championship Series. Youth bowlers electing to bowl the Championship Series will only be charged the entry fee for the Championship Series portion; they will automatically be entered into the concurrent Junior Series event, and their 5-game qualifying scores will count simultaneously for both leaderboards.
 - **1.9.2 Junior Points Integration:** Junior Series participants follow the exact same Points Championship distribution schedule as the adult divisions. Any youth bowler who makes the overall match play cut in the Championship Series will automatically receive first-place points for that event's Junior Series standings.
 - **1.9.3 Junior Bracket Finals:** Junior Series events will conduct a separate best-of-2 match play bracket following the completion of the first two rounds of the Championship Series bracket unless otherwise specified in tournament specific formats and rules.
 - **1.9.4 Field Divisions & Scholarship Guarantees:** Junior Series events cut at a ratio of 1:4. Separate Boys and Girls divisions will be formed if entries permit. If entries exceed 16 bowlers in either division, sub-divisions based on age brackets will be established. If junior entries are low, a single unified division will compete, with the highest-finishing female youth competitor guaranteed a SMART scholarship award.

2. Registration & Check-In

- **2.1 Registration Deadlines:** All participants must register for each tournament they wish to enter. Registration may be completed via official online portals or in person at the tournament desk, and must be completed prior to the published squad roll-off time.
- **2.2 Payment of Fees:** Participants must remit the required entry fee in full at the time of online registration or upon checking in at the desk. No bowler will be assigned a lane without receipt of payment.

- **2.3 Late Entries:** Late entries may be accommodated at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director if open lanes exist. A late fee may be assessed.
- **2.4 Withdrawals & Refunds:** Pre-tournament withdrawals made at least 24 hours prior to squad start will receive a refund minus administrative processing costs. No entry refunds will be issued after the start of a squad unless the withdrawal is directly caused by a verified medical emergency or extenuating circumstance approved by the CB TOUR Commissioner.

3. Conduct & Sportsmanship

- **3.1 Professionalism:** Participants must conduct themselves in a professional, courteous, and sportsmanlike manner at all times. Participants must treat fellow competitors, spectators, host center staff, and tournament officials with respect.
- **3.2 USBC Rule Adherence:** Participants must adhere to all official USBC playing rules in addition to the regulations outlined in this rulebook.
- **3.3 Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Participants shall not engage in unsportsmanlike, disruptive, offensive, or belligerent behavior. This includes abusive language, kicking ball returns, throwing personal items, striking masking units, or interfering with competitors on adjacent approaches.
- **3.4 Illegal Substances & Unlawful Behavior:** Participants must not use illegal drugs, consume excessive alcohol, or engage in any unlawful activities on host bowling center premises.
- **3.5 Disciplinary Consequences:** Any conduct violation will result in immediate disciplinary action, including official warnings, penalty fines, immediate squad ejection, score disqualification, or multi-event suspension.

4. Equipment Standards & Ball Surface

- **4.1 Equipment Approval:** Participants may only use bowling balls and equipment that appear on the current USBC Approved Equipment List. All balls must comply with USBC specifications regarding weight, balance holes (prohibited), and surface hardness.
- **4.2 Ball Surface Alteration Rules:** In compliance with USBC specifications, participants are strictly prohibited from altering the surface of any bowling ball using abrasive pads, sanding screens, polishes, or liquid cleaners once competition has officially begun during a squad block or match.
 - **4.2.1 Permitted Alteration Windows:** Surface alterations are strictly permitted:
 1. Prior to the first shot of official practice in any squad.
 2. Between distinct qualifying squads (for bowlers reentering).
 3. Between completed bracket matches, provided the adjustment is finished prior to the delivery of the bowler's first official warmup shot for the subsequent match.
 - **4.2.2 Penalties for Illegal Surface Alteration:** Any ball altered during active competition will be removed from play immediately, and the bowler will receive a score of zero (0) for every game in which the illegally altered ball was delivered.
- **4.3 Equipment Inspection:** Tournament officials reserve the right to inspect, weigh, or verify any participant's equipment at any point during competition.

5. Prize Money & SMART Scholarships

- **5.1 Merit Distribution:** Prize money will be distributed strictly based on certified finishing positions in accordance with published payout schedules.
- **5.2 Payout Communication:** Official prize schedules and bracket payout matrices will be posted publicly before the conclusion of qualifying squads.
- **5.3 Identity Verification & Tax Compliance:** Participants must present valid government photo identification to claim prize earnings. Payouts exceeding federal statutory reporting thresholds will require completion of an IRS Form W-9 before checks or electronic transfers are executed.
- **5.4 SMART Scholarship Payouts:** Any prize winnings, bracket cash, or awards earned by youth participants will be deposited directly into their official USBC SMART scholarship account (Account #12948) within fourteen (14) business days of tournament conclusion.
- **5.5 CB Youth Scholarship Fund Allocation:** The CB Youth Scholarship Fund provides guaranteed scholarship payouts to the top two boys and top two girls who do not advance to the cashers round in the main event. This fund is sustained through tournament side raffles, youth practice sessions, voluntary donations, and disciplinary fine proceeds.
- **5.6 Side Pot Administration:** Tournament side action (scratch pots, handicap brackets, eliminators, 50-clean pots) is conducted on a cash-in, cash-out basis and finalized on the day of the event. In the event of an inadvertent clerical omission or entry error, the CB TOUR's liability is strictly limited to the return of the specific side pot entry fee.
- **5.7 Youth Side Action Prohibition:** Under USBC Rule 400, youth competitors are strictly prohibited from entering any cash side pots, scratch brackets, handicap brackets, eliminators, or high game pots. Junior participation is restricted strictly to the main event singles and official SMART-certified scholarship side events.

6. Rule Changes & Administration

- **6.1 Authority:** The CB TOUR administrative committee reserves the right to modify, amend, or clarify any rule or policy within this rulebook to protect tournament integrity.
- **6.2 Participant Notice:** Any administrative rule adjustments will be communicated to competitors via official tour bulletins, digital communications, or on-site announcements prior to the start of competition.
- **6.3 Participant Responsibility:** All competitors are independently responsible for remaining informed of active rules, amendments, and schedule requirements.

II. Tournaments

1. Schedule

- **1.1 Annual Schedule:** The CB TOUR schedule of events for each season will be published in advance on official tour platforms.
- **1.2 Schedule Adjustments:** Event dates, host venues, and squad times are subject to change due to facility emergencies, mechanical lane failures, or severe weather. The CB

TOUR will provide immediate notice to registered bowlers upon any required schedule modification.

2. Format & Pace of Play

- **2.1 Format Announcements:** The specific competitive structure (number of qualifying games, cut line, bracket mechanics) will be officially outlined in the promotional entry documentation for each stop.
- **2.2 Competitive Variety:** Tour stops may employ standard qualifying blocks, double-elimination brackets, single-elimination brackets, stepladder finals, or beat-the-board cashers rounds.
- **2.3 Pace of Play Standards:** Bowlers are required to maintain a consistent, prompt pace of play. Unreasonable delays, lingering on the concourse, or prolonged pre-shot routines will not be tolerated.
- **2.4 Shot Clock Implementation:** When a pair or individual falls behind the pace of the squad (defined as more than one full frame behind the adjacent pairs), tournament officials may place the pair or specific bowlers on an official shot clock:
 - **Qualifying Shot Clock:** Bowlers will have **one minute and thirty seconds (90 seconds)** to execute their delivery once their lane and adjacent courtesy clearances are met.
 - **Bracket Match Play Shot Clock:** Bowlers will have **forty-five seconds (45 seconds)** to execute their delivery once the lane is clear.
- **2.5 Shot Clock Warnings & Penalties:**
 - **First Infraction:** Official verbal warning notifying the competitor they are on the clock.
 - **Second Infraction:** Final official warning.
 - **Third Infraction (Qualifying):** The bowler receives a score of **zero (0)** for that delivery.
 - **Third Infraction (Bracket Match Play):** The bowler forfeits that frame (receives a zero for the frame). Persistent violations in match play will result in forfeiture of the game.
- **2.6 Lane Courtesy Protocols:**
 - **Qualifying Rounds:** Strict **one-lane courtesy** will be enforced across all squads.
 - **Bracket Match Play Finals:** Strict **two-lane courtesy** will be enforced to provide optimal match focus for advancing finalists.

3. Seeding & Cut Procedures

- **3.1 Seeding Determination:** Seeding for all finals, cashers rounds, and brackets is determined strictly by total scratch pinfall across qualifying squad blocks, subject to earned division allocations.
- **3.2 Qualifying Ties for Cut Position:** If a tie occurs for the final advancing position into match play or the cashers round, the tie will be broken on the lanes via a **3-shot shootout**. Total pinfall over 3 shots on a neutral pair determines the advancing seed. If tied after 3 shots, sudden-death 1-ball roll-offs will continue until the tie is resolved.

4. Lane Assignments

- **4.1 Assignment Authority:** Lane assignments for qualifying and match play are generated by tournament software and administered by the tournament director.
- **4.2 Administrative Lane Reassignment:** Tournament management reserves the right to reassign pairs or shift bowlers to alternative lanes in the event of persistent mechanical pinsetter failure, deadwood jams, or sensor errors.

5. Lane Conditions & Environmental Integrity

- **5.1 Pattern Standards:** All CB TOUR lane patterns will be certified Sport or Challenge compliant, designed to test shot execution, ball roll, and pattern transition management.
- **5.2 Integrity of Competition Oil:** Participants shall not intentionally alter, compromise, or destroy the lane conditions for the sole purpose of hindering an opponent. Any purposeful attempt to damage or burn out oil profiles through non-competitive play constitutes a **Major Infraction** punishable by immediate match disqualification and a \$250 fine.
- **5.3 Prohibited Condition Manipulation Examples:**
 - Rolling plastic spare equipment into an opponent's track line when not shooting a legitimate spare.
 - Switching to a "backup ball" or reverse-hook release with the deliberate intention of creating destructive oil carrydown for an opposite-handed opponent.
 - Throwing balls with extreme, unapproved abrasive grit (e.g., sub-500 grit) without a valid line of play to scrub oil off the track.
 - Any other malicious release or delivery deemed by the Tournament Director to be non-competitive disruption.

6. Tiebreaker Procedures

- **6.1 In-Match Ties:** Ties occurring within matches or bracket games will be resolved using the established shootout protocols defined in Section VI.
- **6.2 Position Ties:** Ties for non-advancing payout positions will result in combined and split prize money for those positions.

7. Final Matches & Bracket Finals

- **7.1 Match Format:** Specific match structures (e.g., Best-of-2 double-elimination, single-game elimination, or three-game total pinfall) will be defined per event.
- **7.2 Higher-Seed Choice:** In all head-to-head match play brackets, the higher-seeded competitor is awarded lane choice and the choice of starting order (order of finish) for the match.

8. Disqualifications & Penalties

- **8.1 Grounds for Disqualification:** Severe rules violations, cheating, score manipulation, physical violence, abusive conduct, or failure to pay entry fees will result in immediate disqualification.

- **8.2 Forfeiture:** Disqualified bowlers forfeit all entry fees, side pot entries, and accrued prize money.
- **8.3 Record Expungement:** Scores bowled by a disqualified participant are vacated from cut leaderboards, and the bowler faces an administrative review regarding tour suspension.

9. Divisions & Field Classification

- **9.1 Two Primary Divisions:** The CB TOUR Championship Series operates two core divisions: the **Open Division** and the **Under Division**.
- **9.2 Open Division Definition:** The Open Division is unrestricted. Any bowler may elect to compete in the Open Division regardless of average or index. Mandatory for any bowler with an established CB TOUR Index of **-2.9 or higher**, or an incoming converted USBC average of **200 or higher**.
- **9.3 Under Division Eligibility:**
 - Reserved for bowlers with an established CB TOUR Index of **-3.0 or lower**.
 - For bowlers with fewer than 15 CB TOUR games, eligibility is determined by an incoming USBC Standard Composite Average of **199 or lower** (which, when converted via the 17-pin rule, equates to an assigned tournament average of 182 or lower).
 - If a bowler holds only Sport or Challenge league averages, those averages must be converted using USBC conversion tables before applying the 17-pin tour reduction. The highest composite average across the preceding three seasons governs.
- **9.4 Three-Season Historical Requirement:** If a bowler lacks an established CB TOUR Index and has not maintained a sanctioned USBC league average in any of the three most recent seasons, the bowler must compete exclusively in the **Open Division**.
- **9.5 Average Manipulation & Bagging:** Any bowler determined to have intentionally depressed, manipulated, or falsified outside league averages or tournament scores will be immediately disqualified, assessed a Major Fine, and permanently banned from the CB TOUR.
- **9.6 Administrative Rerate Authority:** The CB TOUR Commissioner reserves the absolute right to rerate any bowler at any time based on tournament history, ball speed, rev rate, or known regional ability, and reassign them to the Open Division.
- **9.7 Rerate Appeals Process:** Bowlers who receive an administrative rerate may submit a written appeal within two (2) days of notification. The appeal must outline factual performance evidence demonstrating why the rerate was mathematically or competitively unwarranted.
- **9.8 Senior Division:** When offered, the Senior Division is open to bowlers aged 50 or older on the date of the event.
- **9.9 High Woman Exemption Clause:** To encourage female participation in competitive tournament bowling, the CB TOUR incorporates a **High Woman Exemption** where the highest-qualifying female competitor outside the cut line automatically earns an advancing berth into the match play bracket.

- **Exclusion Criteria:** To maintain amateur and regional competitive balance, any female competitor who has advanced to match play, the cashers round, or the televised finals in a PWBA National Tour standard event or major (e.g., USBC Queens, U.S. Women's Open) within the last three (3) calendar years is ineligible for the High Woman Exemption and must qualify through general field cut spots. Entering or bowling qualifying in an open major alone does not disqualify a bowler from this exemption.

III. Scoring & The CB TOUR Index System

1. Pinfall Scoring & Scorecard Audit

- **1.1 Official Pinfall:** All tournament standings, cuts, and bracket outcomes are determined by scratch pinfall, plus assigned handicap where applicable.
- **1.2 Scorecard Responsibility:** Each bowler is strictly responsible for recording, verifying, and signing their official scorecard after every game. Submitting an incorrect score can result in score invalidation or disqualification.
- **1.3 Crossing Signature Requirement:** At the completion of each qualifying block, **a bowler's scorecard must be verified and signed by a fellow competitor on the pair.** Turning in an unsigned scorecard will result in an administrative penalty of ten (10) pins per game assessed against that squad's qualifying pinfall.
- **1.4 Lost or Unreturned Scorecards:** Scorecards must be turned in at the tournament desk within fifteen (15) minutes of squad completion. Failure to turn in a scorecard will result in a recorded score of zero (0) for that squad.

2. Match & Squad Ties

- **2.1 Resolution Protocols:** Ties within qualifying blocks, cash cuts, or bracket matches will never be resolved by coin toss. Ties are broken strictly through the performance tiebreaker rules outlined in Section VI.

3. The CB TOUR Index Rating System

The CB TOUR Index is a proprietary, performance-based skill rating system engineered to reflect a bowler's true scoring ability on competitive sport and challenge conditions. Standard house league averages fail to represent tournament capability due to high-friction synthetic surfaces, exaggerated house oil ratios (10:1 or greater), and localized lane characteristics.

The CB TOUR Index normalizes performance across all patterns by calculating an individual game's **Differential** against the competitive field environment:

$$\text{Differential} = \text{Bowler Score} - \text{Squad Scratch Field Average}$$

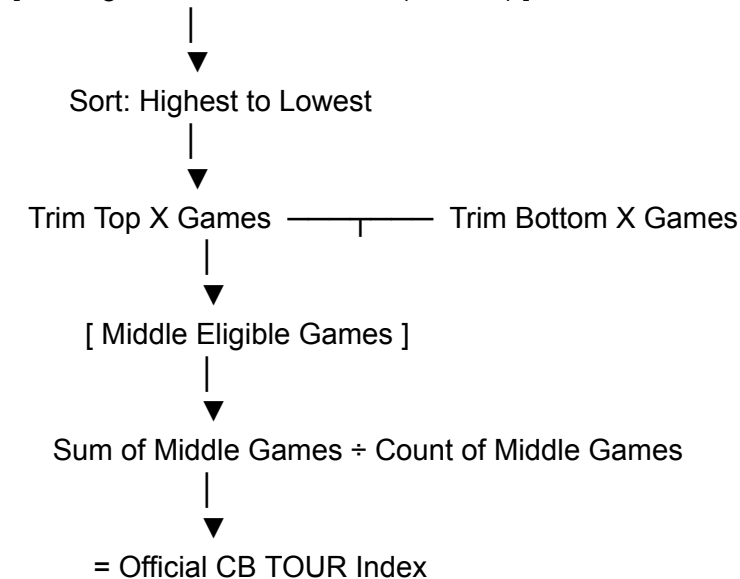
- **Example:** If a bowler shoots **215** on a squad where the scratch field average is **185.00**, their differential for that game is **+30.00**. If a bowler shoots **165** on the same squad, their differential is **-20.00**.

4. Symmetrical Trimmed Average (Olympic Drop) Formula

To prevent single-game strike-train heaters from artificially inflating a bowler's rating, and to prevent pair-blowup games from artificially deflating it, the CB TOUR uses a **Symmetrical Trimmed Average (Olympic Drop)**.

Calculated over a bowler's most recent eligible tournament games (up to a rolling 30-game queue), extreme high and low outlier games are proportionally discarded before computing the arithmetic mean:

[All Eligible Tour Differentials (Max 30)]



Symmetrical Trim Sliding Scale

Total Tour Games Bowled	High Outliers Trimmed	Low Outliers Trimmed	Middle Games Averaged	% of Performance Retained
30+ games	Top 3	Bottom 3	Middle 24 games	80.0%
24 – 29 games	Top 2	Bottom 2	Middle 20 – 25 games	83.3% – 86.2%

18 – 23 games	Top 2	Bottom 2	Middle 14 – 19 games	77.8% – 82.6%
15 – 17 games	Top 1	Bottom 1	Middle 13 – 15 games	86.7% – 88.2%
7 – 14 games	Top 1	Bottom 1	Middle 5 – 12 games	71.4% – 85.7%
≤ 6 games	0	0	All games used	100%

The resulting value is rounded to the nearest hundredth (0.01) and establishes the bowler's official CB TOUR Index.

5. USBC Average Conversion & Rerate Rules

- 5.1 17-Pin Normalization:** Bowlers entering without an established Index (under 15 games) have their incoming USBC Standard Composite Average converted to a tour baseline by subtracting 17 pins:

$$\text{Converted Tour Average} = \text{USBC Composite Average} - 17$$
- 5.2 Parity Alignment:** This 17-pin reduction aligns incoming 199 USBC league bowlers with the **-3.0 Index** Under Division threshold ($199 - 17 = 182$ tour average baseline).

6. Handicap Scoring & Placeholder Average Formula

In handicap competitions (such as the Challenge Series or handicap side brackets), tournament administrative software requires a traditional numerical average to compute handicap.

For bowlers with an established Index, a **Placeholder Average** is generated using the tour's empirical **185 scratch baseline**:

$$\text{Assigned Placeholder Average} = 185 + \text{CB TOUR Index}$$

Handicap is awarded at **75% of 220** based on the assigned placeholder average:

$$\text{Handicap Per Game} = 75\% \times (220 - \text{Assigned Placeholder Average})$$

(Negative handicap is never assessed. Maximum scratch average is 220; minimum floor average is 120).

Comprehensive Index to Placeholder Average Conversion Table

Index Range	Assigned Ave.	Index Range	Assigned Ave.	Index Range	Assigned Ave.	Index Range	Assigned Ave.
59.1 to 60.0	245	26.1 to 27.0	212	-6.9 to -6.0	179	-39.9 to -39.0	146
58.1 to 59.0	244	25.1 to 26.0	211	-7.9 to -7.0	178	-40.9 to -40.0	145
57.1 to 58.0	243	24.1 to 25.0	210	-8.9 to -8.0	177	-41.9 to -41.0	144
56.1 to 57.0	242	23.1 to 24.0	209	-9.9 to -9.0	176	-42.9 to -42.0	143
55.1 to 56.0	241	22.1 to 23.0	208	-10.9 to -10.0	175	-43.9 to -43.0	142
54.1 to 55.0	240	21.1 to 22.0	207	-11.9 to -11.0	174	-44.9 to -44.0	141
53.1 to 54.0	239	20.1 to 21.0	206	-12.9 to -12.0	173	-45.9 to -45.0	140
52.1 to 53.0	238	19.1 to 20.0	205	-13.9 to -13.0	172	-46.9 to -46.0	139
51.1 to 52.0	237	18.1 to 19.0	204	-14.9 to -14.0	171	-47.9 to -47.0	138
50.1 to 51.0	236	17.1 to 18.0	203	-15.9 to -15.0	170	-48.9 to -48.0	137
49.1 to 50.0	235	16.1 to 17.0	202	-16.9 to -16.0	169	-49.9 to -49.0	136
48.1 to 49.0	234	15.1 to 16.0	201	-17.9 to -17.0	168	-50.9 to -50.0	135
47.1 to 48.0	233	14.1 to 15.0	200	-18.9 to -18.0	167	-51.9 to -51.0	134
46.1 to 47.0	232	13.1 to 14.0	199	-19.9 to -19.0	166	-52.9 to -52.0	133
45.1 to 46.0	231	12.1 to 13.0	198	-20.9 to -20.0	165	-53.9 to -53.0	132
44.1 to 45.0	230	11.1 to 12.0	197	-21.9 to -21.0	164	-54.9 to -54.0	131
43.1 to 44.0	229	10.1 to 11.0	196	-22.9 to -22.0	163	-55.9 to -55.0	130
42.1 to 43.0	228	9.1 to 10.0	195	-23.9 to -23.0	162	-56.9 to -56.0	129
41.1 to 42.0	227	8.1 to 9.0	194	-24.9 to -24.0	161	-57.9 to -57.0	128
40.1 to 41.0	226	7.1 to 8.0	193	-25.9 to -25.0	160	-58.9 to -58.0	127
39.1 to 40.0	225	6.1 to 7.0	192	-26.9 to -26.0	159	-59.9 to -59.0	126
38.1 to 39.0	224	5.1 to 6.0	191	-27.9 to -27.0	158	-60.9 to -60.0	125
37.1 to 38.0	223	4.1 to 5.0	190	-28.9 to -28.0	157	-61.9 to -61.0	124
36.1 to 37.0	222	3.1 to 4.0	189	-29.9 to -29.0	156	-62.9 to -62.0	123
35.1 to 36.0	221	2.1 to 3.0	188	-30.9 to -30.0	155	-63.9 to -63.0	122
34.1 to 35.0	220	1.1 to 2.0	187	-31.9 to -31.0	154	-64.9 to -64.0	121
33.1 to 34.0	219	0.1 to 1.0	186	-32.9 to -32.0	153	-65.9 to -65.0	120
32.1 to 33.0	218	-0.9 to 0.0	185	-33.9 to -33.0	152	-66.0 or lower	Floor: 120
31.1 to 32.0	217	-1.9 to -1.0	184	-34.9 to -34.0	151		
30.1 to 31.0	216	-2.9 to -2.0	183	-35.9 to -35.0	150		

29.1 to 30.0	215	-3.9 to -3.0	182	-36.9 to -36.0	149		
28.1 to 29.0	214	-4.9 to -4.0	181	-37.9 to -37.0	148		
27.1 to 28.0	213	-5.9 to -5.0	180	-38.9 to -38.0	147		

IV. Protest Procedures

1. Filing an Official Protest

- **1.1 Grounds:** A competitor may file a formal protest if they reasonably believe an operational rule, scoring standard, eligibility guideline, or equipment specification has been breached.
- **1.2 Filing Deadlines:**
 - **In-Match Protests:** Operational or scoring protests occurring during active play (e.g., foul line sensor disputes, deadwood, illegal ball surface adjustments) must be lodged immediately before the next ball is rolled.
 - **Tournament / Eligibility Protests:** Protests involving field eligibility, division classifications, or official qualifying standings must be delivered in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the squad in question.
- **1.3 Evidentiary Requirements:** Protests must state the specific rule violation, detail the factual circumstances, and include any corroborating score sheets or witness statements.

2. Administrative Review Process

- **2.1 Investigation:** The Tournament Director and Rules Committee will review the protest, inspect equipment or score records, and issue a written determination within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.
- **2.2 Additional Testimony:** The committee reserves the right to examine video broadcasts, LaneTalk telemetry data, and interview lane witnesses.

3. Penalties & Enforcement

- **3.1 Disciplinary Authority:** If a protest is upheld, the committee may order rerolls, adjust official scores, reseed brackets, levy fines, or declare games forfeited.

4. Appeals Process & Finality

- **4.1 Right of Appeal:** A participant may appeal an adverse protest ruling by submitting a formal written appeal along with a \$50 administrative filing deposit to the CB TOUR Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours of the ruling.
- **4.2 Appellate Review:** The CB TOUR Board of Directors reviews the appeal record within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt. If the appeal is upheld, the \$50 deposit is refunded in full.
- **4.3 Finality:** All appellate rulings issued by the CB TOUR Board of Directors are final, binding, and non-appealable.

V. Fines & Disciplinary Enforcement

1. Fines for Violations

- **1.1 Disciplinary Structure:** Participants who violate competition rules, dress standards, or codes of conduct are subject to financial penalties assessed by the Tournament Director.
- **1.2 Categorization:** Fines are categorized as Class A (Minor) or Class B (Major) based on severity and intent.
- **1.3 Base Amounts:** Minor violations carry a standard fine of **\$100.00**. Major violations carry a standard fine of **\$250.00**. Extreme misconduct will result in immediate tour suspension in addition to monetary fines.

2. Violations Eligible for Fines

- **2.1 Class A Violations (\$100.00):**
 - Failure to abide by the official tournament dress code.
 - Failure to report for squad check-in or bracket matches on time.
 - Unauthorized use of mobile phones or electronic communication devices on the active player approach during tournament play.
 - Excessive, unexcused pace-of-play delays after receiving official warnings.
 - Failure to submit signed scorecards within the 15-minute post-squad deadline.
- **2.2 Class B Violations (\$250.00):**
 - Use of equipment deemed illegal or modified during active squad play.
 - Public use of profanity or abusive language directed toward officials, center employees, or opponents.
 - Failure to report known cheating or score falsification to tournament directors.
 - Willfully causing physical damage to bowling center fixtures, ball returns, masking units, scoring monitors, or seating areas.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct, excessive disruptive celebrations, vulgar gestures, or taunting opponents.
 - Purposeful destruction or malicious manipulation of lane oil patterns.
- **2.3 Class C Violations (Immediate Ejection & Indefinite Suspension):**
 - Bringing firearms, knives, or dangerous weapons onto host bowling center premises.
 - Physical violence or threats of physical violence against any individual.
 - Competing while under the influence of illegal narcotics or visible alcohol intoxication.
 - Intentional average manipulation, sandbagging, or falsifying averages.

3. Payment of Fines

- **3.1 30-Day Window:** All assessed fines must be paid in full within thirty (30) days of formal written notification.

- **3.2 Default Penalties:** Bowlers with outstanding fines past 30 days are barred from tour entry, will forfeit any accrued points, and will have future prize winnings withheld to satisfy fine debts.

4. Appeal of Fines

- **4.1 Deadline:** A fine may be appealed by submitting a written statement to the CB TOUR Commissioner within two (2) business days of notice.
- **4.2 Evidentiary Burden:** The appeal must state specifically why the fine was levied in error or disproportionate to the event. The Commissioner's ruling within 48 hours is final.

5. Use of Fine Proceeds

- **5.1 100% Allocation to Youth:** To ensure fines serve solely as an integrity deterrent and not general operating revenue, **100% of all collected fine monies are deposited directly into the CB TOUR Youth Scholarship Fund** to provide SMART scholarship awards for junior bowlers.

VI. Miscellaneous & Competition Policies

1. Official Dress Code

- **1.1 General Appearance:** Competitors are expected to maintain a clean, neat, and presentable appearance on the lanes. Casual and comfortable attire is welcome, provided it is in good repair and respectful of a family-friendly tournament environment.
- **1.2 Shirts & Tops:** Shirts with sleeves are required (bowling jerseys, collared polos, mock necks, or clean t-shirts are all permitted). Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, and cutoffs are strictly prohibited.
- **1.3 Pants, Shorts & Bottoms:** Clean jeans, slacks, khakis, and neat casual or athletic shorts/skirts/skorts are completely acceptable. Clothing with excessive rips, holes, fraying, or visible undergarments is not allowed.
- **1.4 Zero-Tolerance Messaging & Vulgarly Policy:** Because CB TOUR tournaments feature youth and family competitors across all squads, apparel featuring vulgarity, profanity, crude humor, sexually explicit imagery, violence, illegal drug references, or cannabis iconography is strictly banned. Any alcohol or tobacco branding on youth competitors is also prohibited. Bowlers wearing apparel with offensive text or graphics will be required to change immediately or face disqualification.
- **1.5 Bowling Footwear:** Dedicated bowling shoes with clean slide soles are required on the approach at all times. Street shoes, sneakers, or non-marking athletic shoes are prohibited on approaches unless specifically used for bowling or cleared in advance for medical accommodations.
- **1.7 Official CB TOUR Patch Rule:** A CB TOUR embroidered or sublimated patch must be worn by all bowlers during the Cashers Round, Match Play Bracket, and Stepladder Finals. The patch must be placed on the upper right chest or right sleeve. If a bowler is wearing apparel featuring a logo from another tournament organization, the CB TOUR patch must be affixed directly above or in place of that logo.

2. General Code of Conduct

- **2.1 Sportsmanship:** Participants are expected to demonstrate respect for the sport, the host venue, staff, and fellow bowlers.
- **2.2 Approach Etiquette:** Bowlers must observe courtesy guidelines and refrain from stepping onto the approach when adjacent competitors are preparing to deliver.
- **2.3 Compliance with Local Laws:** All competitors must adhere to municipal, state, and federal laws while on host center property.

3. Drug, Alcohol, and Substance Policy

- **3.1 Illegal Substances:** The possession, distribution, or consumption of illegal narcotics or controlled substances without a prescription is strictly prohibited at all CB TOUR venues.
- **3.2 Alcohol Policy:** Competitors are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during active squad competition or bracket match play blocks. Alcohol consumption is permitted only after a bowler is eliminated from competition, subject to local venue licensing and Utah DABS regulations.
- **3.3 Drug Testing Right:** The CB TOUR reserves the right, upon reasonable suspicion of impairment endangering participants, to require a competitor to submit to testing or immediately withdraw from play.

4. Liability, Waiver, and Release

- **4.1 Inherent Risks:** Participants acknowledge that tournament bowling involves physical exertion and inherent risks, including strains, slips, falls, and equipment impacts.
- **4.2 Release of Liability:** By registering, all participants release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Championship Bowlers Tour, its officers, directors, host centers, sponsors, and agents from any claims, damages, or injuries sustained during competition.
- **4.3 Facility Damage Indemnity:** Bowlers are personally liable for any structural damage caused to host center facilities due to behavioral misconduct or throwing equipment outside the lane surface.

5. Venue Safety, Security, and Facility Integrity

- **5.1 Safety Directives:** Bowlers must follow all venue emergency protocols and safety directives issued by tournament staff.
- **5.2 Equipment Hazard Reporting:** Competitors must immediately notify officials of loose approach screws, oil spills on the settee, pinsetter deadwood cycles, or damaged lane surface boards.
- **5.3 Weapons Bar:** Firearms, concealed weapons, and dangerous items are strictly prohibited on tournament premises. Violators will be ejected immediately and referred to law enforcement.

VII. Points Championship

1. Overview & Eligibility

The CB TOUR Points Championship is an annual season-long competition tracking performance across all sanctioned tour stops. At the conclusion of the season, the top sixteen (16) players in the official Points Championship standings earn cash bonuses from the year-end points fund, with the Season Points Champion receiving **\$2,000.00** and the official **CB TOUR Championship Ring**.

2. Points Distribution Schedule

Points are awarded at each tour stop based on final bracket and cashing finishes:

Finishing Place	Base Points	Finishing Place	Base Points
Tournament Champion (1st)	1,000 pts	9th Place	250 pts
Runner-Up (2nd)	700 pts	10th Place	225 pts
3rd Place	500 pts	11th Place	200 pts
4th Place	400 pts	12th Place	180 pts
5th Place	350 pts	13th Place	160 pts
6th Place	325 pts	14th Place	140 pts
7th Place	300 pts	15th Place	120 pts
8th Place	275 pts	16th Place	100 pts

3. Performance Bonus Points

- **Squad High Qualifier: 50 bonus points** awarded to the overall number-one qualifying bowler across squad play.

- **Sanctioned 300 Game: 100 bonus points** awarded for any USBC-sanctioned 300 game thrown during tournament competition (limit one 300 bonus award per bowler per tournament stop).
- **Shootout Doubles Participation:**
 - Entry into Shootout Doubles: **25 bonus points**
 - Cashing in Shootout Doubles: **50 bonus points**
 - Winning Shootout Doubles: **100 bonus points**

4. Bracket & Year-End Tiebreaker Hierarchy

- **4.1 In-Tournament Point Ties:** For bracket elimination rounds where bowlers are paid equally (e.g., 17th–20th, 21st–26th, 27th–32nd), ties in points allocation are broken based on the bowler's single highest game rolled during the specific elimination round in which they were knocked out.
- **4.2 Year-End Standing Ties:** If two or more bowlers tie in total points at the conclusion of the season, ties for cash bonuses and the championship ring are broken strictly in sequential order:
 1. Most tournament victories during the active season.
 2. Most top-five (5) finishes during the active season.
 3. Most top-ten (10) finishes during the active season.
 4. Most total tournament events attended during the active season.
 5. Highest aggregate match play win percentage.

VIII. Media, Press & Commercial Rights

1. Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Policy

By completing registration for any CB TOUR event, all participants grant Championship Media Group and the CB TOUR an irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to record, photograph, broadcast, stream, and distribute their name, image, likeness, voice, biographical data, and scoring statistics across any media format (including live internet broadcasts, social platforms, promotional materials, and television broadcasts). Participants waive any right to royalties or separate compensation.

2. Media Requirements & Credentials

- **2.1 Press Access:** Media credentials are issued solely at the discretion of the CB TOUR Communications Director and may be revoked at any time.
- **2.2 Media Obligations:** Advancing finalists are required to participate in reasonable post-match press interviews, broadcast commentary sessions, and award ceremonies. Refusing to fulfill reasonable media duties may result in a Class A (\$100) fine.

3. Marketing, Broadcasting, and Tour Promotion

- **3.1 Commercial Branding:** The tour reserves the right to capture visual imagery of bowler equipment and apparel for official tour broadcasts.

- **3.2 Event Activations:** Finalists agree to participate in pre-match promotional activities, live stream introductions, and autograph/fan sessions as reasonably scheduled by tournament management.

4. Social Media Conduct Guidelines

- **4.1 Constructive Engagement:** Bowlers are encouraged to promote their performances and share tour updates across personal social media platforms.
- **4.2 Public Disparagement:** Bowlers shall not publish malicious, defamatory, or abusive statements regarding host bowling centers, lane conditions, tournament staff, sponsors, or fellow competitors.
- **4.3 Premature Scoring Leaks:** Bowlers shall not publish official tournament outcomes or broadcast match results before official tour media broadcasts have concluded.

5. Media Violations & Penalties

- **5.1 Disciplinary Action:** Violations of media conduct or unapproved leaking of tournament results will be penalized with fines, forfeiture of points, or loss of tour media access.

IX. Sponsorship & Endorsement Rules

1. Sponsor Requirements & Apparel Disclosure

- **1.1 Permitted Logos:** Bowlers may wear apparel displaying logos of equipment manufacturers, pro shops, and personal sponsors, provided the branding complies with tour decency standards.
- **1.2 Prohibited Sponsorships:** Bowlers may not display commercial logos advertising cannabis dispensaries, illicit substances, adult entertainment, or unapproved competing regional bowling tours.

2. CB TOUR Intellectual Property (IP) Protection

- **2.1 Trademark Ownership:** The CB TOUR logo, tour typography, name, and trophy likenesses are the exclusive intellectual property of the Championship Bowlers Tour.
- **2.2 Unapproved Usage:** No competitor, sponsor, or third party may print, manufacture, or distribute merchandise or promotional material bearing CB TOUR trademarks without written authorization from the Commissioner.

3. Commercial Sponsorship Violations

- **3.1 Review Authority:** The CB TOUR reserves the right to order the immediate removal or covering of any apparel patch or embroidery deemed inappropriate or in direct conflict with an active primary tour sponsor.
- **3.2 Non-Compliance:** Failure to cover prohibited branding upon instruction results in immediate disqualification from the match.

X. Code of Ethics & Fair Play

1. Bowler Expectations & Ethical Pillars

- **1.1 Mutual Respect:** All participants must treat opponents, officials, and facility employees with dignity. Abusive language, intimidation, and aggressive physical confrontations will result in immediate tour banishment.
- **1.2 Honesty & Score Integrity:** Competitors are expected to demonstrate unimpeachable honesty regarding scoring, foul calls, handicap verification, and league average disclosures.
- **1.3 Anti-Doping & Substance Integrity:** Competitors must comply with USBC Rule 17 regarding unfair tactics and competitive impairment. The use of performance-altering stimulants, prescription narcotics without a legitimate medical order, or illicit compounds during play is strictly prohibited.
- **1.4 Anti-Gambling & Match Fixing:** Competitors are barred from betting on any tournament match outcome or deliberately colluding to fix, concede, or alter match scores. Match fixing triggers immediate expulsion, forfeiture of all career winnings, and permanent reporting to USBC disciplinary authorities.
- **1.5 Inclusivity & Anti-Harassment:** The CB TOUR maintains zero tolerance for harassment or discrimination based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or physical disability.

2. Amendments & Governance Authority

- **2.1 Authority:** The CB TOUR Board of Directors reserves the authority to modify, refine, or introduce competition rules to preserve equity and sportsmanship.
- **2.2 Immediate Effect:** Any amendment approved by the Board will be published with an effective operational date and binding on all subsequent tournaments.

Document Change Ledger

Section / Item	Status	Nature of Modification	Operational Context & Rationale
Section III, Rule 3 & 4	NEW	Formally incorporated the Symmetrical Trimmed Average (Olympic Drop) calculation engine and sliding drop scale (7 to 30 games).	Replaces the legacy "Top 21" metric; eliminates the single-game ceiling bias and prevents volatile mid-tier bowlers from unfair promotion.

Section III, Rule 6	NEW	Updated the Index-to-Placeholder Average conversion formula to Index + 185 and added the comprehensive 120-floor table.	Replaces the legacy 180 baseline to reflect actual 185 empirical tour field averages; eliminates unearned handicap advantages.
Section II, Rule 9.3	MODIFIED	Shifted the Under Division cutoff ceiling from +2.9 down to -3.0 .	Restores parity with incoming 199 USBC averages (199 - 17 = 182 average > -3.0 Index), solving Open Division field depth constraints.
Section I, Rule 1.3	REMOVED	Struck legacy language referencing the <i>"top 21 differentials"</i> metric.	Eliminates internal contradictions with the Apps Script tournament engine.
Section I, Rule 1.8	MODIFIED	Corrected <i>"USBC Professional Title"</i> to <i>"PBA/PWBA or recognized National Professional Tour title"</i> .	Aligns rulebook legal definitions with governing body terminology.
Section II, Rule 2.5	MODIFIED	Replaced the immediate \$100 cash fine on active approaches for bracket shot clock breaches with a progressive frame forfeiture rule.	Establishes enforceable, standard procedural penalties without stopping live match play.

Section V, Rule 5.1	NEW	Enacted rule mandating that 100% of all collected fine monies be transferred into the CB TOUR Youth Scholarship Fund.	Guarantees regulatory transparency and directly funds junior grassroots competition.
Section X, Rule 1.3	REMOVED	Struck references to World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) protocols and replaced them with USBC Rule 17 compliance.	Removes legally unsupportable testing standards that created protest vulnerability.
Section II, Rule 9.9	MODIFIED	Clarified the High Woman Exemption to exclude bowlers holding active PWBA touring cards or who bowled in PWBA national stops in the active year.	Protects competitive balance for regional non-exempt female bowlers.
Section VII, Rule 4.1	MODIFIED	Updated bracket elimination tiebreakers to match the 32-player double-elimination bracket matrix (17th–20th, 21st–26th, 27th–32nd).	Resolves clerical mismatch between season points distribution and tournament payouts.
Sections I through X	MODIFIED	Corrected sub-numbering errors (e.g., Rules 2.1.1, 2.33, 4.4) and repaired grammatical typos throughout.	Delivers a unified, legally enforceable rulebook structure.

