

2026 CB TOUR Masters & Series Events — Official Tournament Rules & Guide

1. 2026 CB TOUR Masters — Main Event

Tournament Overview

- **Dates:** Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1, 2026
- **Location:** Sparetime Lanes — Roy, Utah
- **First Place Guarantee: \$5,000.00** (*Guaranteed regardless of entries*)

Entry Fees & Financials

- **Entry Fee:** \$185
- **Reentry Fee:** \$110 (*Bowlers may reenter any squad; single highest 5-game series is used*)
- **Payment Methods:** Cash, Check (payable to *Championship Bowling*), or Venmo ([@chayton-petersen](#))

Entry Fee Breakdown (\$185)

- Prize Fund: \$130
- Lineage: \$30
- CB TOUR Points: \$10
- Expenses: \$10
- SNWT Points: \$5

Guaranteed Prize Fund Payout Schedule

(Based on a 32-bowler bracket field — Total Payout: \$22,800.00)

Place	Advancing Bowlers	Prize Per Bowler	Total Payout
1st	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2nd	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

3rd	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
4th	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5th – 6th	2	\$800.00	\$1,600.00
7th – 8th	2	\$700.00	\$1,400.00
9th – 12th	4	\$600.00	\$2,400.00
13th – 16th	4	\$550.00	\$2,200.00
17th – 20th	4	\$400.00	\$1,600.00
21st – 26th	6	\$350.00	\$2,100.00
27th – 32nd	6	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
Total	32	—	\$22,800.00

CB TOUR Index & Division Eligibility

Understanding the CB TOUR Index

The CB TOUR Index is a performance-based rating model inspired by the golf GHIN system. It measures scoring differential directly against the competitive tournament environment rather than house conditions:

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

To eliminate single-game anomalies without rewarding volatility, the index uses a **Symmetrical Trimmed Average (Olympic Drop)** across a bowler's most recent 30 tournament games. By dropping outlier high and low games proportionally, the system reflects true competitive median performance.

Championship Series Divisions

- **Open Division:** CB TOUR Index of **-2.9 or higher**, OR a USBC Standard Composite Average of **200 or higher**.
- **Under Division:** CB TOUR Index of **-3.0 or lower**, OR a USBC Standard Composite Average of **199 or lower**.

Average & Eligibility Hierarchy

- **15+ CB TOUR Games:** The bowler's CB TOUR Index strictly determines division eligibility.
- **Fewer than 15 CB TOUR Games:** Eligibility is determined using the bowler's highest USBC Standard Composite Average from the 2025–2026 season.
- **USBC-to-CB TOUR Conversion Rule:** When converting a standard house-shot USBC average to the CB TOUR baseline, **17 pins are subtracted** to account for sport and challenge oil pattern difficulty.

Placeholder Average & Handicap System

- **Assigned Placeholder Formula:** For tournament software handicapping, an assigned average is calculated as:
$$\text{Placeholder Average} = 185 + \text{Index}$$
(Rounded to the nearest whole pin; minimum floor average is 120).
- **Handicap Calculation:** Handicap is **75% of the difference between 220 and the assigned placeholder average** (applied only to handicap brackets and Challenge Series events).

Qualifying Rounds

Format & Squad Schedule

- 5 games total across 5 pairs of lanes per squad.
- Reentry is permitted on any squad; only the single highest 5-game series is used toward cut standings.
- **Friday, Oct 30:** 6:30 PM (*Main Qualifying — Friday High Qualifier advances directly*)
- **Saturday, Oct 31:** 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 5:30 PM
- **Saturday Night (Following 5:30 PM Squad):** Desperado Squad

Advancement to Bracket Finals (32 Spots Total)

There is **no Cashers Round** in the Masters. All 32 advancing bowlers move directly into match play.

Guaranteed Exemptions (3 Spots)

1. **Friday High Qualifier (1 Spot):** Top overall 5-game set from Friday night advances directly to bracket match play.
2. **High Woman Out of the Cut (1 Spot):** Highest-qualifying female bowler not advancing through the main field cut earns a direct bracket berth.
3. **Desperado Squad Winner (1 Spot):** Winner of the Saturday night Desperado roll-off is locked in as the **#32 seed** in the Bracket Finals.

Main Qualifying Cut (29 Spots)

- The remaining 29 spots are awarded from overall qualifying scores and split proportionally based on total tournament entries between divisions.
- *Example:* If 40% of the tournament field enters the Under Division, the division receives 12 spots ($29 \times 0.40 \approx 12$), and the Open Division receives the remaining 17 spots.

Desperado Squad

- Held immediately following Saturday's 5:30 PM qualifying squad.
- **Format:** 1-game roll-off on a designated pair. High game takes the final spot.
- **Eligibility:** Bowlers must have completed at least one full 5-game qualifying squad during the tournament.
- **Seeding:** The winner is placed directly into the **#32 seed** in the Bracket Finals.

Bracket Finals (Sunday Morning, Nov 1)

Match Format

- **Best-of-2 Games, Double-Elimination Bracket.**
- 1 point is awarded for each individual game win. Tied games award 0.5 points to each bowler. The first bowler to 1.5 match points advances.

Bracket Seeding & Byes

- **Seeds 1–4:** 3-Round Bye (*Enter competition in Round 4*)
- **Seeds 5–8:** 1-Round Bye (*Enter competition in Round 2*)
- **Seeds 9–32:** Begin competition in Round 1
- **Lane & Finishing Choice:** The higher seed selects the starting lane and order of finish.

Tiebreaker Rules

- **Qualifying Cut Ties:** 3-shot shootout for the final advancing spot.
- **Bracket Individual Game Ties:** Each player receives 0.5 points.
- **Bracket Match Ties (Tied at 1.0–1.0):** Resolved via the **3-Shot Shootout Scoring System:**
 - Strike = 1 point

- Non-strike (spare, split, open) = 0 points
- Bowler with the most points after 3 shots wins the match.
- **Sudden Death:** If still tied after 3 shots, bowlers roll 1-ball sudden-death shots until one bowler strikes and the other does not.

Side Action Opportunities

Brackets (\$5 per bracket)

- Scratch and Handicap brackets available on all squads.
- Handicap is 75% of 220 based on assigned CB TOUR placeholder averages (open to all divisions except Youth).

High Game Pot (\$5/game or \$25 all 5)

- Scratch — High score in each qualifying game wins.

Eliminator (\$10)

- Low scores cut each game until one bowler remains.

50 Clean Pot (\$2)

- Current pot is \$450 (\$225 awarded to winner). Requires bowling a clean 5-game qualifying set with zero open frames.

Doubles Side Action

- **Crossover Doubles (\$10/bowler):** Pair up with any bowler on the same squad; payouts based on combined 5-game qualifying totals.
- **CB Doubles Shootout (\$50/bowler):** Top 4 teams advance to a Baker-style bracket following Saturday's final squad. Teams inside the cut must stay together; teams outside the cut may reenter with new scores or switch partners (\$50/bowler reentry fee applies).

2. 2026 CB Challenge Series

Tournament Information & Prize Fund

- **First Place Prize:** \$400.00 *(Based on 80 full entries)*
- **Bonus Award:** Top 2 finishers receive free entry into a future main CB TOUR event.
- **Entry Fee:** \$80 | **Reentry Fee:** \$80
- **Championship Series Add-On:** \$55
- **Payment Methods:** Cash, Check (payable to *Championship Bowling*), or Venmo (@chayton-petersen)

Entry Fee Breakdown (\$80)

- Prize Fund: \$45
- Lineage: \$25
- Expenses: \$10

Handicap & Averages

- **Handicap:** 75% of the difference between 220 and the assigned CB TOUR Placeholder Average.
- **Eligibility:** If a bowler has 15+ CB TOUR games, their Index determines their placeholder average ($\text{Average} = 185 + \text{Index}$). If under 15 games, their 2025–2026 USBC Standard Composite Average is converted by subtracting 17 pins.

Tournament Format & Conditions

- **Format:** Beat-the-Board over 5 games across 5 pairs of lanes. Cashing ratio is 1 in 4 entries.
- **Reentry:** Bowlers may reenter; highest 5-game score counts toward final cashing board.
- **Lane Conditions:** Competitors cross on the same pairs and official lane patterns as the main CB TOUR event.

3. 2026 CB TOUR Junior Series

Scholarships & Entry Fees

- **Guaranteed Awards:** Top 2 Boys and Top 2 Girls earn guaranteed SMART scholarship awards.
- **Entry Fee:** \$60 | **Reentry Fee:** \$60
- **Payment Methods:** Cash, Check (payable to *Championship Bowling*), or Venmo (@chayton-petersen)

Tournament Format & Rules

- **Format:** Scratch "Beat-the-Board" over 5 games across 5 pairs of lanes (no handicap).
- **Cashing Ratio:** 1 in 4 entries will cash.
- **Main Event Crossover Rule:** If a youth bowler qualifies for the main event Masters bracket cut, the guaranteed scholarship rolls down to the next highest youth bowler in the standings.
- **Lane Conditions:** Junior Series competitors bowl on the same official tournament oil patterns as the adult field.