



PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2023 PWBA Season

The official rules and regulations of the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) govern competition, membership, policies and procedures for all PWBA tournaments, and tournaments conducted for others by the PWBA.

All competitors who participate in PWBA tournaments are required to comply with the Code of Ethics and the rules and regulations as set forth in this handbook.

All rules and regulations contained herein are at the Tournament Director's discretion. Competitors have the right to appeal a Tournament Director's decision to the Director of Operations and/or Executive Staff.

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CODE OF ETHICS of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

PART 1. To fulfill the purposes to which it is dedicated, the Professional Women's Bowling Association requires its members to observe this Code of Ethics.

The name "professional bowler" must be synonymous with a pledge of honor, service and fair dealing, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Her professional integrity, fidelity to the sport of bowling and a sense of great responsibility to employers and employees, manufacturers, clients, sponsors, all members of the bowling family and to her sister professionals shall remain paramount in her thoughts, motives and actions.

PART 2. A member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association shall be bound by the following standards of conduct.

1. A member shall offer courtesies and appropriate privileges to other professionals and fellow tournament competitors while accepting the same without abuse or any action which might be viewed negatively by any resident professional or other person.
2. A member shall make only constructive comments pertaining to fellow professionals, tournament competitors and the PWBA, and will deal with all persons in a fair and courteous manner.
3. A member will meet all financial obligations promptly.
4. A member will always be conscious of promoting the PWBA and its programs, and encourage publicity and attendance at PWBA events.
5. A member will accept the responsibilities necessary to enhance the association by actively participating in any project or program necessary to fulfill the objectives of the PWBA.
6. A member shall always present an image through conduct and dress which will gain the respect and admiration of the public and elevate the sport.
7. A member shall observe and abide by the rules, regulations and policies of the PWBA.
8. A member will be responsible for the conduct of her guests at PWBA events.
9. Professional conduct should be extended after bowling, especially while at tournament sites.
10. PWBA members are the only persons allowed to discuss any disputes involving rules, fines, tournament procedures, etc. with PWBA officials, officers or staff.

PART 3. Penalties and disciplinary actions for violations of this Code of Ethics shall be governed under Rule 21 of the official PWBA rules and regulations.



PART ONE – MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Rule 1. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All PWBA members will retain their membership status for three months following the end of the membership year. Any PWBA member who wishes to resign her PWBA membership must notify PWBA in writing prior to March 31 of the current calendar year. Membership year will be April 1 to March 31.

Membership in the PWBA is open to any woman who has achieved a bowling average of 190 or higher in any USBC certified league.

Athletes living outside the United States may join the PWBA if they average 190 or higher with proof from their country's federation.

Application for membership shall be accepted or rejected by the PWBA within 30 days of receipt of application by the PWBA office.

Applicants for membership must pay dues as specified by the PWBA and comply with all rules and regulations of the PWBA. Membership dues are non-refundable unless application for membership is rejected or denied by the PWBA.

Non-member women competitors are permitted to enter PWBA tournaments under the terms and conditions defined by the PWBA.

A. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

1. Active Member – Active member status is granted to any dues paying member in good standing. Active members are eligible to compete in all PWBA tournaments but are subject to any Regional event restrictions.
2. Hall of Fame Member – Hall of Fame membership is granted to any member in good standing who has been inducted into the PWBA Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame members shall be exempt from paying dues.
3. Active Military Duty – Any female who is currently serving active military duty shall be exempt from paying dues.

B. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Good Standing – "Good Standing" as a member shall include past and present compliance with PWBA rules, regulations, policies and standards; with any and all financial obligations to PWBA and associated parties paid in full.
2. Identification – All PWBA members and Non-Members shall adhere to the USBC Transgender Policy. Adult petitions for a transgender change in classification may be made in writing to USBC Headquarters for a



case-by-case evaluation. This information will be used to determine the member's eligibility for PWBA membership and events.

3. Parental Consent – All applicants under the age of 18 must submit written parental consent to compete in PWBA events.
4. USBC Membership – The PWBA recognizes the USBC is the national governing body of bowling. All PWBA members and tournament competitors must be USBC members in good standing.
5. SafeSport Training – The PWBA is committed to ensuring the safety of all competitors, especially those competitors under the age of 18 who may participate in PWBA events. Therefore, all PWBA members and tournament competitors must be SafeSport-trained prior to competing in any PWBA events.

Rule 2. APPEARANCE IN CONFLICTING TOURNAMENT

In the interest of protecting and growing the brands of the PWBA, PWBA members, tournament hosts and sponsors, PWBA has adopted the following process when a PWBA member is requested to use her image, recognition or ability as a PWBA member.

- A. PWBA members must inform the PWBA when appearing in the following:
 1. Exhibitions, Clinics and Tournaments - Exhibitions, clinics, tournaments or similar activity within a one hundred (100)-mile radius of the tournament site either during or up to two (2) days prior to a PWBA tournament.
 2. Television, Video, Media
 - a. Competing in any live or recorded bowling program broadcast on any platform.
 - b. Appearing in instructional programs, news, guest programs, commercials or any other public video related to bowling or based on their identity as a PWBA member.
 3. Interviews – Participating in interviews related to bowling or based on their identity as a PWBA member. Notice is not required for interviews when:
 - a. At a PWBA event or representing PWBA or a PWBA sponsor at a bowling event.
 - b. Attendance at a bowling event is due to, and the interview is based on, one's profession.
- B. A form provided on pwba.com shall be used to inform the PWBA of any appearance stated in item A above and shall be submitted at least:
 1. Seven (7) days prior to appearance for requests to appear, endorse or participate in a bowling event or another program which:
 - a. Conflicts with PWBA contractual obligation; or,
 - b. Conflicts with a PWBA or IBC sponsor; or,
 - c. Is not a PWBA or IBC sponsor.
 2. 24 hours prior to the appearance but no more than 48 hours after the request or entry into a bowling tournament for any other appearance.
- C. PWBA will respond to most requests within 72 hours in writing.
- D. Requests may be denied should it be deemed to not be in the best interest of PWBA, its members, tournament hosts and/or sponsors.



- E. Failure to inform PWBA may be a code of conduct violation. PWBA may also issue the following penalties for appearing without approval:
 - 1. A fine equal to the compensation received for the appearance and subject to suspension from PWBA competition.
 - 2. One-year suspension from PWBA competition for competing without approval
- F. PWBA reserves the right to negotiate terms on the member's behalf for any request to advertise PWBA for a company, its products or services.

Rule 3. ELECTRONIC MEDIA

PWBA recognizes electronic media is an important tool of communication and fan interaction and has a role in growing the brands of PWBA, PWBA members, tournament hosts and sponsors. In the interest of protecting and growing these brands, PWBA has adopted the following policy.

- A. When using electronic media open to the public, PWBA members must always use it in a professional manner. It is a violation of the PWBA Code of Conduct to use message boards, conversation pages and other forms of social networking (such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) to:
 - 1. Defame, criticize, or make negative remarks toward fellow PWBA members, fellow tournament competitors, PWBA staff, sponsors, USBC, BPAA, host center or host center employees.
 - 2. Discuss the sponsor, host center or personnel, lane conditions or pins, PWBA or its staff, or her fellow professionals in an unfavorable manner.
 - 3. Engage in actions unbecoming a professional. This includes, but is not limited to, the posting of obscene gestures, inappropriate jokes or pictures, intimate details of one's personal life, or any kind of sexual reference.
 - 4. Any violation of the above rules will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- B. Prior to posting an instructional program, news, guest program, commercial, or endorsement which conflicts with PWBA or IBC sponsors, the member must inform the PWBA via the form provided on pwba.com. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

Rule 4. PWBA PLAYER, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AND HIGH AVERAGE AWARDS

- A. Player of the Year – The official award to be known as the PWBA Player of the Year shall be determined annually by competition points. The PWBA Player of the Year must be a PWBA member in good standing.
- B. Rookie of the Year – The official award to be known as PWBA Rookie of the Year shall be determined annually by competition points. Eligibility criteria shall include:
 - 1. A PWBA member may not have bowled in eight (8) or more PWBA national tournaments after 2015, including the USBC Queens and the U.S. Women's Open.
 - 2. A PWBA member may not have bowled in three (3) or more national tournaments in a single PWBA season as a member.
 - 3. PWBA events that include multiple qualifying stages with a single entry fee (i.e. PWBA Classic Series) shall be considered as one tournament for the purposes of Rookie of the Year



consideration.

4. Participation in a PWBA Pro Tournament Qualifier (PTQ) event shall count as a tournament bowled.
- C. High Average – The official award to be known as the PWBA High Average Award shall be determined annually by taking the total number of pins by qualified players and dividing the total by the number of games bowled in the season. The winner of the award must be a National member of the PWBA in good standing and have bowled at least 60% of the events during the PWBA Tour season. Pinfall from the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles will not count toward this total.

Rule 5. PWBA PRODUCT REGISTRATION PROGRAM

PWBA members shall be subject to the Product Registration rules outlined herein during all certified competition, including USBC-certified leagues and tournaments, PBA and WBT events, exhibitions and clinics, as well as official PWBA tournaments.

A competitor competing in PWBA programs does not have the right to sell advertising considerations or display a company's name/logo/trademark on PWBA television programs, except as herein provided.

A competitor who is under contract for an approved corporation may display the company's name/logo/trademark on her clothing or related accessories during PWBA competition under the conditions provided within Rules 5 and 25.

A contracted competitor does not have the right to organize or conduct sales, sampling, couponing or any other type of marketing program directly related to or as part of any PWBA tournament program without the specific approval of the PWBA. Programs which are designed for any purpose other than a contracted competitor's participation as a tournament competitor are the property of the PWBA and may require payment of additional fees to the PWBA.

Signing of a personal performance agreement with any company does not exempt any individual competitor or company from the provisions, terms, conditions or fees specified within PWBA Rules.

Rules and policies governing standards and practices by the television network broadcasting any given PWBA tournament may override PWBA's rules.

PWBA or its assignees have the exclusive right to advertise and promote all PWBA events and activities and further have the right to regulate, control and market the use of PWBA names, trademarks and logos.

Rights owned by PWBA may be assigned to a variety of consumer product companies for fair consideration. Rights which may be assigned include titled event sponsorship of tournaments, a series of tournaments, a single tournament, other sanctioned activities or other PWBA assets.

The PWBA provides opportunities for companies to promote and display their products, product names, logos and trademarks to the consumer public. Companies that desire to take advantage of the promotional opportunities must have their products, logos and trademarks approved by the PWBA in accordance with the terms and conditions of the PWBA Product Registration Program.



Effective January 1, 2015, PWBA requires approval of products displaying company names, trademarks and/or logos prior to their use in PWBA competition.

- A. Approved Corporations – Corporations seeking approval of products, logos or trademarks for appearance in PWBA competition are divided into these categories:
1. Gold and Silver Levels - A corporation engaged in the manufacture and/or marketing of bowling balls, accessories and/or apparel which has agreed to participate in the Product Registration Program as defined by PWBA and to pay the required annual fee set by the PWBA. These companies' products may be used in PWBA competition, and their logos may be displayed on competitor apparel, tournament signage or other PWBA marketing and promotional materials.
 2. Standard Level - A corporation engaged in the manufacture and/or marketing of bowling balls, accessories and/or apparel which has agreed to participate in the Product Registration Program as defined by PWBA and to pay the required annual fee set by the PWBA. These companies' products may be used in PWBA competition, but their logos may not be displayed on competitor apparel, tournament signage or other PWBA marketing and promotional materials.
 3. Accessories Corporation - A corporation engaged in the manufacture and/or marketing of bowling accessories or bowling-related products including but not limited to bowling shoes, clothing, wrist or arm support devices, finger grips, hand conditioning products, bags, towels, pouches and similar products, which has agreed to participate in the Product Registration Program as defined by PWBA and to pay the required annual fee set by PWBA. These companies' products may be used in PWBA competition, and their logos may be displayed on competitor apparel, tournament signage or other PWBA marketing and promotional materials. Companies who manufacture a full line of products, but who only wish to register in the accessories category may only register the brand name of the accessory product(s). Companies who manufacture a full line of products (balls, shoes, accessories, apparel, etc.) wishing to register any product or product line under the parent company brand name must register in the Gold or Silver category.
 4. Apparel Corporation - A corporation engaged in the manufacture and/or marketing of bowling apparel, which has agreed to participate in the Product Registration Program as defined by PWBA and to pay the required annual fee set by PWBA. These companies' products may be used in PWBA competition, and their logos may be displayed on competitor apparel, tournament signage or other PWBA marketing and promotional materials.
 5. Approved Sponsor Corporation - A corporation whose logos have been approved for display on competitor apparel during PWBA competition, according to the Commercial Logo guidelines in Rule 6. These companies' logos may be displayed on competitor apparel during PWBA competition.
- B. Rights – PWBA-registered corporations may use the phrase, "Recognized as a Product Registered Partner of the tour" in advertising or promotional materials. They may also use the PWBA logo in advertising or promotional materials, subject to the PWBA's logo usage guidelines and approval.
1. Approval of any product does not guarantee its use by any member of PWBA or PWBA's invited



guests who have the sole right to decide which products they will use in PWBA competition.

2. PWBA shall have the right to refuse to approve any corporation or any product.
- C. Television and BowlTV Incentive Prize Rules – Incentive prizes offered to PWBA tournament competitors for use of approved products displaying name/logo/trademarks shall be determined by the owner of the name/logo/trademark.
1. Incentive prize programs offered to PWBA tournament competitors must be provided to PWBA in writing by a designated representative of the owner no later than the start of the first block of the initial round following the first cut in the event. Incentive prizes may be changed up until the start of the first block of the initial round following the first cut in the event.
 2. A PWBA competitor who accepts an incentive prize which is in excess of the posted incentive prize shall be in violation of the PWBA Code of Ethics. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 3. Any approved product used during the television finals of a tournament must be in the same form and condition as it is commercially sold. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 4. Incentive Offers – All incentive offers must be approved by the PWBA. Incentive offers shall be construed as anything of value. All incentive offers must be made available to the entire tournament field. All incentive offers will become effective as soon as posted in the locker room by the PWBA.
- D. Event Title Sponsorship – Titled event sponsorship for any PWBA tournament during the calendar year may be offered by PWBA to any company at a fee per tournament approved by PWBA. For a titled event tournament sponsored by a company other than an approved corporation, the sponsor's name(s), logo(s) and/or trademark(s) can be displayed during that specific tournament only.
1. A direct competitor of a title event sponsor may not purchase opening and/or closing billboards for the telecast of a titled event sponsor's tournament.
 2. A direct competitor of a titled event sponsor may not purchase paid advertising commercials within the telecast of the titled event sponsor's tournaments.
 3. Standards, practices, rules or policies set forth by the television network broadcasting the PWBA tournament may override PWBA television rules and policies set forth herein. PWBA reserves the right to adjust these rules at any time.

PART TWO – COMPETITION RULES

Rule 1. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND COMMITMENT



- A. Obligation to Compete – Payment of entry obligates a competitor to compete in that tournament and play in a related pro-am/sponsor event for that tournament. See Rule 3 for Bowl with the Pro obligation.
- B. Entry Deadline Standard Events– Deadline for filing of entry to PWBA tournaments shall be twenty-one (21) days prior to the start date of the tournament. Tournament start date is the date designated as the official practice day. Any late PWBA member entries shall be assessed a \$50.00 administrative fee. PWBA may establish entry deadlines and late entry penalties in exception to this rule for special events at its discretion.
- C. Priority for Acceptance of Entries, Standard and Classic Series Events – The entry field will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available and no more than five (5) competitors assigned to any pair of lanes. PWBA members shall have first priority to enter prior to the 21-day deadline with additional priority given to Hall of Fame members and PWBA Tour champions. Priority among members will be determined by date of entry. If a member attempts to enter a tournament at a time when only ten (10) spots remain in the tournament proper, they will be placed on the PWBA Qualifier list.
- D. PWBA Standard Event and Classic Series Event Qualifiers – May be conducted only if a center has 32 or fewer lanes. Non-members wishing to enter a PWBA event will be placed on the PWBA Qualifier list and will either be confirmed into the tournament proper or into the field for the PWBA Qualifier 21 days prior to the start of the official tournament competition. The number of spots available for the PWBA Qualifier will be determined by the difference between the size of the field and the number of members entered in the event. A minimum of ten (10) spots will be held for the PWBA Qualifier, although this number may be larger. At the time of the PWBA Qualifier, if the number of competitors entered in the PWBA Qualifier is less than the number of spots available in the tournament proper, then all competitors will be confirmed into the tournament proper and the PWBA Qualifier will be canceled. Any competitor who competes in the PWBA Qualifier but does not qualify for the tournament proper will be refunded one-half of their entry fee.
- E. PTQ Classic Series Entry Fees - The entry fee for the Classic Series Qualifier will be \$200 for members and \$300 for non-members. All competitors who qualify for a spot in the tournament proper will be required to pay the difference between the qualifier entry fee and the tournament entry fee, prior to competing. There will be no refunds.
- F. Entry Fee Payment - Payment for confirmed member entries will be collected on the twenty-one (21)-day entry deadline. Payment for non-member entries will be collected at the time of entry. Payment for entries received after the twenty-one (21)-day entry deadline will be processed when received. All entry fees and any other financial obligations must be paid in full prior to the start of competition.
- G. Guest Entry Policy – Any non-member who has cashed in two (2) tournaments in a season will not be permitted to bowl any additional tournaments during that season unless she becomes a PWBA member. The two-cash rule does not apply to PWBA Regionals, Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, USBC Queens or the U.S. Women's Open. Cashing in multiple events within a single Classic Series event will be counted as one (1) cash.



1. Once a non-member cashes in two (2) PWBA events in a season and wishes to participate in another PWBA event, she must declare prior to the tournament that if she cashes, she will not be allowed to accept the prize money unless she becomes a member.
 2. If a non-member chooses to accept the prize money, an application for membership must be completed and dues must be paid prior to the start of the event.
 3. The two-cash rule shall not apply to non-members whose prize money earnings are deferred to a Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins (SMART) account for continuing education.
- H. Tour Championship Eligibility – The Tour Championship field will be a 24-player field. In order to qualify for the Tour Championship, you must be a current PWBA member in good standing and have won a National Tour title during the current season. The remainder of the field will be filled from the PWBA season points list through the most recent tournament preceding the Tour Championship. All players will be seeded into the round-robin match play schedule according to their position on the season Points List after the last tournament preceding the Tour Championship.
1. Members that qualify via points must participate in a minimum of 50% of the season events.
 2. The PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer champion is not eligible as PWBA points are not awarded in that event.
- I. PWBA Regional Eligibility - PWBA members and female guests who average 180 or higher, excluding PWBA National Champions, regardless of membership status at the time of their win, and the twenty-four (24) finalists in a Classic Series final event for the regional events held in conjunction with that Classic Series event, may enter a PWBA Regional event.
- J. PWBA Regional Showdown Eligibility - The champions from each regional tournament during the season will receive an automatic entry in the Regional Showdown. They will be seeded directly into the round-robin match play portion of the event. They will be seeded according to their position on the Regional Point List. The remainder of the 16-player field will be determined through an eight-game qualifier. Entry will be open to anyone who meets the Regional Eligibility requirements.
- K. Field Size, Entry Fee, Priority and Deadline for Acceptance of PWBA Regional Entries – The entry field will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available and no more than five (5) competitors assigned to any pair of lanes. PWBA members will enter at member pricing and guests will enter at guest pricing. Entries will close forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the event and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Tournament Director has the right to extend the entry deadline.
- L. Tournament Standby List – If a standby list is necessary, a competitor not available to bowl at the official starting time posted for her first round will be disqualified and replaced by the next standby in line, in the



tournament venue. If the first person on the standby list is not present, a sliding scale will be used to fill the open spots.

- M. Executive Staff Entry – Executive Staff of the PWBA can invite players to compete in a PWBA event at member pricing and bypass the PWBA Qualifier.
- N. Right to Refuse Entry – In accordance with the rules of the sport of bowling as defined by the United States Bowling Congress, the PWBA reserves the right to refuse or reject any entry prior to the time of bowling.

Rule 2. WITHDRAWAL FROM A TOURNAMENT

- A. Withdrawal Prior To Start – Competitors may withdraw from an event up to fourteen (14) days prior to the start date with no penalty. After that date, a \$50 administrative fee will be charged for withdrawal. Any notice of withdrawal can be made in writing or by telephone with the Tournament Director. Any withdrawal after the start of the official practice session will result in forfeiture of entry fee. Failure to report withdrawal according to procedures as defined will cause forfeiture of entry.
- B. Withdrawal While Tournament is in Progress – Withdrawal of any competitor while the tournament is in progress will not be permitted until all competitors on the pair have been informed and permission has been granted by the Tournament Director. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- C. Withdrawal From TV Finals – A competitor who withdraws from a TV finals match shall forfeit the match, even if she has accumulated enough pins to win without completing the game.

Rule 3. BOWL WITH THE PRO TOURNAMENTS

A commitment to enter a tournament is also a commitment to participate in a related pro-am at the tournament host center or in a host and/or tournament sponsor function. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

- A. Non-Member Entries - Non-member competitors entered in PWBA tournaments may be required to participate in Bowl with the Pro, host center and/or tournament sponsor events.
- B. Professional Entries – All members entered in a tournament must be available to participate in the related Bowl with the Pro, host center and/or tournament sponsor function. All members scheduled to participate must report to roll call and fulfill their bowl with the pro obligation as required.
 - 1. Further, upon being excused from the pro-am, tournament or sponsor function, the player is not permitted to participate in the official practice session at the tournament site the day of the pro-am.
 - 2. A player who is excused from the Bowl with the Pro, host and/or or tournament sponsor function for any reason will be required to perform a substitute tournament function or may be subject to disciplinary action for conduct unbecoming of a professional depending on the circumstances of her excused absence.



3. Repeated refusals by a member to participate in Bowl with the Pros, host and/or tournament sponsor functions shall be found in violation of conduct unbecoming of a professional and subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, disqualification from future events, fine, or suspension.
4. At least 90 percent of professional players chosen to participate in a Bowl with the Pro, host and/or tournament sponsor function shall be PWBA members chosen from the previous week's Points List to a floor of 40 and will be eligible in the order of their standings on such list. The host proprietor or tournament sponsor shall have the right to choose any remaining professional players.

Rule 4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

- A. Squad Scheduling/Tournament Roll Call – It is the responsibility of each tournament competitor to find out her scheduled squad times for both the Bowl with the Pro and the tournament proper by checking PWBA.com and on-site. All competitors must report to the locker room thirty (30) minutes prior to their warm-up of the opening squad of the tournament. Roll will be called prior to the start of each squad of the first round of qualifying and prior to any round that follows a cut to the field. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties
 1. An information sheet will be posted in the locker room listing each competitor's squad assignment. It is the competitor's responsibility to read the information sheet, comply with its instructions and to be available to bowl at her scheduled starting times. Special opening ceremonies may be held prior to the start of Bowl with the Pro squads, qualifying, match play and stepladder final rounds.
- B. Check-In for TV Finals – Competitors who are to participate in TV Finals are required to be on the premises at least two (2) hours prior to the scheduled finals for a roll call meeting unless an alternate time is specified by the Tournament Director.
- C. Penalties for Late Arrival –A competitor not available to bowl at the official starting time posted for her first round will be disqualified and replaced by the next standby in line in the tournament venue. If the first person on the standby list is not present, a sliding scale will be used to fill the open spots.
 1. Any competitor who is late for the starting time for any subsequent round of qualifying must enter play in the current frame and game in which her group is bowling, and she will receive no score for frames and/or games missed.
 2. Bowlers who are late for an earlier squad will not be moved to a later squad.
- D. Official Starting Time – Official starting time for practice, Bowl with the Pro and all rounds shall be as published on the PWBA tournament schedule.
- E. Schedule Changes – Any scheduling changes pertaining to the tournament will be posted in the locker room twenty-four (24) hours in advance. All competitors are responsible for checking schedule changes.
- G. Schedule Changes for TV - Any scheduling changes pertaining to the TV Finals will be made at the discretion of the tournament director.



Rule 5. PRACTICE SESSIONS

- A. Complimentary Practice Session – The host center will make the tournament lanes available on a day and time specified by the PWBA for a complimentary practice session, which shall be available to all competitors entered in the tournament.
- B. Other Practice Sessions – All tournament competitors are required to pay for all lines of bowling in any other practice prior to the tournament. Tournament competitors not paying for all lines of bowling in any other practice session shall be found in violation of PWBA code of conduct. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
1. After tournament competition begins, competitors may practice any time there are lanes available that are not being used for competition. Lanes must be stripped of the tournament pattern before use with the approval of the Tournament Director.
 2. Competitors who are still competing in the tournament may not practice on a competition pair after tournament competition begins. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- C. Warm-Up – The warm-up period will consist of ten (10) minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes immediately prior to the start of each round. Additional time may be added to the warm-up period at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
1. An alternative warm-up because of delay between games in any one session may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
 2. Warm-up period for match play or rounds following a cut to the field, will consist of ten (10) minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes prior to each round.
- D. Stepladder Final Procedures – During the stepladder finals, competitors will follow the practice procedures as follows.
1. All competitors will have fifteen (15) minutes of practice on the championship pair. All seeds not participating in the opening match will begin practice five (5) minutes prior to the two (2) competitors participating in the opening match. A separate warm-up pair will be designated for use by the Tournament Director.
 2. The higher seed will have choice of lane at the beginning of each match. The competitor on the left lane will bowl first.
 3. Incoming competitors will be allowed a maximum of three (3) practice shots on each lane prior to the start of a match. All other remaining seeds will also receive two (2) practice shots on each lane prior to the start of each match.
 4. Prior to the Title match, the #1 seed shall receive eight (8) warm-up shots (4 on each lane) on the



championship pair.

5. The winner of each match will only be permitted to practice on the alternate lane/pair. The advancing competitor will not get any practice shots on the championship pair between matches.

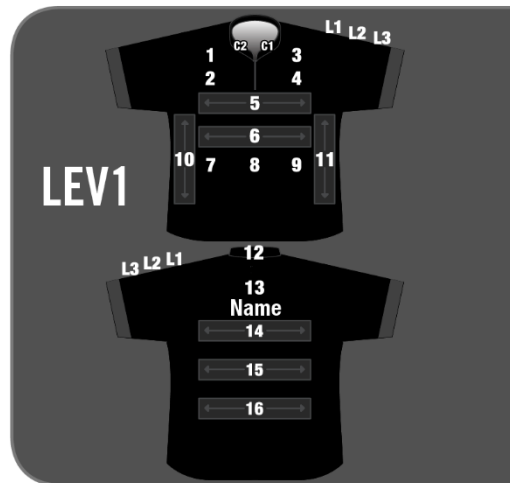
Rule 6. WEARING APPAREL, LOGO PLACEMENT AND APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

- A. Name on Shirts – Members shall wear their required jerseys at all times during competition. All tournament competitors are required to wear their last names (first and last name is recommended) in lettering a minimum of one (1) inch high and a maximum of three (3) inches high, on the back of shirts during all tournament play. Hand-printed lettering is not permitted. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 1. Lettering of names must be legible and in good taste in the opinion of the Tournament Director. Removable name plaques with embroidered or printed lettering are not permitted.
 2. Lettering must be in contrasting color to backing (light on dark, or dark on light material) so it can be easily read from a distance.
- B. PWBA Logo – PWBA members must wear the PWBA logo on the right sleeve of their shirts. The BowITV logo may be worn below the PWBA logo.
- C. PWBA Sponsor Logos – PWBA members must wear any required sponsor patches or logos when mandated by the PWBA.
- D. Commercial Logos – Commercial logos or the logos of companies or organizations that a PWBA member endorses (or with whom they are affiliated) may appear on apparel or on bowling balls used during competition provided they meet the following requirements. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 1. The company is not a direct competitor of any PWBA, USBC or BPAA sponsor, advertiser, charity or business partner.
 2. The wearing of the company logo does not violate any third-party agreements of the PWBA, USBC or BPAA, including television agreements.
 3. The company is not involved in the manufacture or sale of goods that are distributed through the bowling industry retail channel.
 4. The company's business or logo design is deemed appropriate for display in PWBA competition.
 5. The logo meets all size, color and placement requirements of the PWBA's logo placement guidelines.
 6. The wearing of the logo does not violate any known copyrights or licenses held by a third party.
 7. The member receives written permission from the PWBA to wear the logo, with the exception of small fashion logos, which are approved provided they meet the above criteria.
- E. Logo Guidelines for Dye-Sublimated Jerseys –
 1. **Left Sleeve Logo Location** – The left sleeve has three (3) approved positions (upper, middle and



- lower or a combination of any two) reserved for PWBA-registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA-approved commercial logos.
2. **Right Sleeve Logo Location** – The right sleeve of the shirt shall be reserved for use by the PWBA and BowlTV.
 3. **Left and Right Chest Logo Location** – 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 PWBA approved commercial logos. The upper and lower logo positions may be combined to accommodate one logo not to exceed twelve square inches.
 4. **Center Chest Logo Location** – The center chest will carry two (2) approved positions (upper chest and lower chest) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA approved commercial logos. Two (2) logo positions may also be combined to accommodate one (1) logo not to exceed 12 square inches wide.
 5. **Abdomen Logo Location** – The abdomen will carry three (3) approved positions (left, center, right) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA approved commercial logos.
 6. **Side Logo Location** – The front side will carry two (2) approved positions (left vertical and right vertical) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA approved commercial logos.
 7. **Front of Collar Logo Location** – The collar will carry two (2) approved positions (right and left) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA approved commercial logos.
 8. **Back Logo Location** – The back will carry four (4) approved positions (yoke, upper, center and lower back) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA approved commercial logos. Two (2) logo positions may also be combined to accommodate one (1) logo not to exceed 12 square inches wide.
 9. **Back of Collar Logo Location** - The collar will carry one (1) approved position (back) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsors and/or PWBA approved commercial logos.

NOTE: Combining any two (2) logo positions into one (1) logo shall count as two (2) logos. Combined sleeve and upper chest logos may not exceed twelve (12) square inches or the designated logo space(s).



F. Logo Guidelines for Non-Dye-Sublimated Jerseys –

1. **Left Sleeve Logo Location** – 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 PWBA-approved commercial logos.
2. **Right Sleeve and Yoke Logo Locations** – The right sleeve of the shirt shall be reserved for use by the PWBA.
3. **Left and Right Chest Logo Location** – 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 PWBA approved commercial logos. The upper and lower logo positions may be combined to accommodate one logo not to exceed twelve square inches.
4. **Center Chest Logo Location** – Positions not approved for non-dye-sublimated shirts.
5. **Abdomen Logo Location** – Positions not approved for non-dye-sublimated shirts.
6. **Front of Collar Logo Location** – The front collar will carry two (2) approved positions (right and left) reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsor logos and/or PWBA approved commercial logos.
7. **Side Logo Location** – Positions not approved for non-dye-sublimated shirts.
8. **Back Logo Location** – Positions not approved for non-dye-sublimated shirts.
9. **Back of Collar Logo Location** – The rear center collar location reserved for product registered manufacturer logos, individual sponsor logos and/or PWBA approved commercial logos.

G. National Flag Patches – The national flag of any member’s home country may be substituted for any approved logo position.

H. Network Logos – Competitors may not wear the logo of any television network unless authorized by the PWBA.

I. Bowling Pro Shop or Business Logo – The logo of any bowling pro shop or business owned by a member may be worn, provided the logo does not violate Commercial Logo guidelines listed above. Logo may not



exceed six (6) square inches in size.

- J. Protruding Items – Tournament competitors are not permitted to have anything hanging or protruding from their apparel while bowling.
- K. Appearance Guidelines – Appearance guidelines will apply to all tournament competitors, members or non-members for PWBA tournament play, Bowl with the Pros, official practice sessions, informal practice sessions, and any appearance on behalf of the PWBA.
1. Competitors may wear dress slacks, capris, shorts, dresses, skirts or skorts. Length of skirt, dresses, skorts or shorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging down at their side. Length of skirt, dresses, skort, and shorts **MUST** be long enough to not see your bottom area (even if covered by under shorts) at any time, standing or bent over.
 2. Prohibited items while competing:
 - No denim is permitted
 - Cargo pants or cargo shorts are prohibited
 - Patch pockets are prohibited
 - Tank tops are prohibited
 3. A competitor's clothing shall be neat, appropriate, and clean, and the competitor shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. All competitors must be in acceptable attire when they are in the tournament bowling center. All tournament competitors must be prepared to be photographed or interviewed on television at any time during the tournament, including practice sessions, Bowl with the Pros, media sessions, all finals and VIP functions.
 4. The Tournament Director shall have discretion to approve or reject questionable apparel. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 5. Examples of prohibited items while in the bowling center:
 - Leggings, unless under a skort or shorts, are **NOT** allowed
 - Workout gear is **NOT** allowed
 - Yoga pants are **NOT** allowed
 - Sweatpants are **NOT** allowed
 - Denim pants are **NOT** allowed
 - T-Shirts are **NOT** allowed, unless they are neat and clean and carry the logo of a PWBA product registered company
 - Flip-Flops are **NOT** allowed

Rule 7. PRIZE FUND

- A. Prize Distribution – Distribution of prize money will be as published in official tournament literature. An appropriate trophy shall be awarded to the champion.
- B. Revision of Prize List – If required for unforeseen circumstances, the prize list for the tournament may be



revised. It shall be the duty of the Tournament Director to revise the prize list to conform as closely as possible to the original prize list.

- C. Split of Tie Position – In the event of a tie for any cash position other than first place, the money shall be divided equally for the positions tied except for positions which specifically call for a roll-off.

Rule 8. LANE MAINTENANCE

- A. A fair, equitable and uniform lane condition for all tournament lanes is the primary objective of the PWBA lane conditioning program. Basic lane maintenance information will be posted in the locker room prior to the start of the tournament.
- B. It is prohibited to discuss lane maintenance procedures with lane maintenance personnel at any time during a tournament. No member shall make any public statement concerning lane maintenance procedures, lane conditions or lane maintenance personnel. The lane maintenance personnel shall not be harassed, intimidated nor criticized by any competitor. Any complaint regarding lane maintenance must be made to the Tournament Director. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- C. If there is a change in lane maintenance procedures after the official practice session and before the start of the tournament, the Tournament Director will inform the competitors at roll call.

Rule 9. LOCKER ROOM

- A. Equipment Storage – All bowling balls, shoes and other equipment must be bagged or boxed. All bags and boxes must be labeled with the competitor's name. Failure to properly identify bags or boxes shall result in the removal of the equipment from the locker room. Bags must be zipped and boxes closed. All equipment must be placed in areas marked or specifically provided. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- B. Ball Limit in Locker Room – Each competitor will be allowed to keep a maximum of twelve (12) bowling balls in the locker room at any time. Any excess balls that have not been approved by the Player Services Representative shall be removed from the locker room. Ball limit restrictions will be enforced by the Tournament Director. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- C. Security – Wherever possible, the locker room will be locked one (1) hour after the end of competition each day and opened one (1) hour prior to the start of each day's competition. A key will be left at the host center counter and will be available to all competitors needing to enter the locker room.
- D. Trash Disposal – Tournament competitors are required to remove all trash and maintain the area where their equipment is stored in a clean and orderly fashion.
- E. Access to the Locker Room – Only tournament competitors, PWBA staff members and approved ball



company representatives are permitted to enter the locker room and use all equipment.

Rule 10. BOWLING BALL SPECIFICATIONS

- A. Bowling Balls – Bowling balls must meet all USBC specifications as defined in the latest edition of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Manual. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure her equipment is eligible for competition. Only balls that are on the USBC approved list and are PWBA product registered are allowed in competition with the exception of the following bowling balls: 900 Global Altered Reality, 900 Global Wolverine, Roto Grip UFO Alert, Storm Electrify Solid, Storm Phaze 4, Storm Trend 2. The PWBA reserves the right to check equipment for compliance at any time.
1. If a competitor uses a bowling ball which is not on the USBC approved list, does not meet USBC specifications or is not PWBA product registered, the competitor will be disqualified from the tournament following the completion of the round and will not receive any competition points. If the competitor uses a bowling ball that is on the USBC approved list and is PWBA product registered, but displays a logo that violates any of the guidelines outlined in Rule 6D under "Commercial Logos," then the bowling ball will be removed from play and the competitor will be allowed to continue to compete in the tournament.
- B. Damaged Equipment – In the event a competitor's bowling ball is damaged during tournament play in such a fashion that it no longer meets USBC specifications, the competitor must notify the Tournament Director and the ball must be taken out of play immediately. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties
- C. Use of Abrasives on Ball Surface – Use of abrasives or polishes will be permitted until a competitor bowls her first ball for score in any round of competition. Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives or polishes while bowling in PWBA competition is prohibited. If the competitor alters the surface of a ball but does not throw the ball for score, the ball shall be removed from the playing area until the end of the round. If the competitor throws the altered surfaced bowling ball for score, she will be disqualified from the tournament. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
1. 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.
- D. Use of Ball Cleaning Machine – Use of a cleaning machine on the tournament premises is permitted before or after competition. Cleaning machines may not be used during competition, and all ball cleaners or other materials applied to the ball surface by a cleaning machine must meet all USBC specifications. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

Rule 11. REGISTRATION OF EQUIPMENT

- A. Registration of Balls Used in Competition – The serial number of all bowling balls used during any frames of competition must be recorded on the competitor's scoring recap sheet. Once a ball has been used during any frame of competition, it must be immediately recorded on the competitor's recap sheet. Each ball must be described accurately by the competitor including make and serial number. Failure to



comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties

- B. Handling Another Competitor's Equipment – A competitor may inspect another competitor's equipment on the lanes, but she is not permitted to insert her fingers into the ball holes. Any competitor who handles another competitor's equipment or property without the owner's permission shall be in violation of the PWBA Code of Ethics. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

Rule 12. BOWLING BALL INSPECTION PROCEDURES

- A. Use of an Illegal Bowling Ball – Bowling ball checks may be done as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director. A competitor is subject to disqualification and forfeiture of all points and prize money earned from the tournament if any bowling ball recorded on the competitor's scoring recap:
1. Cannot be produced within thirty (30) minutes after being requested by the Tournament Director.
 2. Does not meet specifications as stated in Chapter 8 of the USBC Playing Rules Book or the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual.
 3. Is knowingly tampered with to no longer meet USBC Specifications as stated in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual (USBC Rule 17a-1).
 4. If a competitor suspects that a bowling ball used by another competitor does not meet specifications, or was tampered with, they must inform the Tournament Director in writing. Tournament Director reserves the right to request evidence the participant violated Rule 17a-1 before securing the ball for inspection.
 - a. The Tournament Director will notify the competitor and inspect the bowling ball in question at a time of the Tournament Director's choosing. A decision will be rendered as soon as the appropriate measurements or USBC field test can be completed.
 - b. If the ball passes inspection, the competitor who requested the inspection will be assessed a Code of Ethics violation. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final.
 - c. If the ball fails inspection, the ball shall be removed from competition and confiscated to prevent further use. Competitor shall only be subject to disqualification if there is a Rule 17 violation.
 5. The bowling ball is not PWBA product registered.

Rule 13. SPECIAL RULINGS

- A. Breakdown or Delay – If a delay or mechanical breakdown of 10 minutes or longer occurs during competition, tournament management will authorize two (2) warm-up shots prior to the restarting of competition. The timing will begin when the Tournament Director is notified.



1. An alternate pair shall be used whenever possible when awarding warm-up in the event of a breakdown.
 2. If an alternate pair is not available, two (2) shots will be awarded on the lane opposite where the competitor will throw her next shot for score.
 3. 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.
 4. If the breakdown lanes are repaired during competition, it will remain out of play for all squads unless a re-oil occurs. The pair may be brought back into play if needed due to additional breakdowns.
- B. Slow Bowling – A competitor has twenty-five (25) seconds to start her delivery once the lane courtesy rule has been satisfied. Slow bowling penalties shall be assessed at the Tournament Director's discretion. Generally, slow bowling penalties will be assessed if a competitor (or competitors) fall three (3) or more frames behind the pair they are following. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
1. Bowlers are responsible to pace themselves accordingly with the pairs in front of them. No warm-up shots will be awarded due to slow bowling on a subsequent pair.
- C. Slow Play During Televised Stepladder Finals . 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.
1. When Bowling on the Right Lane. A competitor will have twenty-five (25) seconds to start her delivery from the time the opponent steps off the approach.
 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 her delivery from the time her bowling ball comes back to the ball return. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 3. The shot clock may be stopped to allow competitors to adjust their equipment. These requests may be approved by the Tournament Director on a case-by-case basis.
 4. Personal listening devices and cell phones are not permitted during any stepladder or televised competition.
- D. Lane Courtesy – 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 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 give way. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: for Fines and Penalties



- E. Re-racks – Competitors will be allowed a maximum of two (2) re-racks per game during qualifying, match play and all stepladder finals. Additional re-racks may be requested from the Tournament Director. Additional re-racks will be granted if the Tournament Director feels the rack is not spotted properly. Any competitor who takes additional re-racks during a game without permission from the Tournament Director will be given zero (0) for the frame.
1. Competitors are required to place a check mark on their own scoring recap sheets for each re-rack taken adjacent to the game number and notify other competitors on her pair for verification.
- F. Bowling on Wrong Lane – If a competitor rolls a strike on the wrong lane she must replay the frame on the correct lane. If the competitor does not strike, her pin count will stand, and she must shoot the spare on the same lane. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- G. Bowling out of Turn – If a competitor rolls a strike out of turn, she must bowl again in the correct order of play. If she does not, her pin count will stand and she must shoot the spare. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- H. Ruling on Pinfall – All pinfall must be scored. A tournament official must be called to authorize a dead ball. The following constitutes a dead ball:
- Any pins missing from a rack.
 - Bowling on the wrong lane.
 - USBC rules will apply.
1. The Tournament Director shall settle any dispute arising over whether the machine knocked over the pins or whether it fell out of its own accord.
 2. A request for a dead ball because of interference may be made through the Tournament Director and must be made immediately following the disputed shot. Any interference with the ball itself is considered a dead ball. NOTE: Visual or audio interference will not be considered or awarded at any time. Judgment of interference will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.
- I. Fouls – USBC rules regarding fouls will be followed. Should at any time during the shot the foul light flash, it must be scored as a foul. If the competitor wishes to protest the foul, a ruling by the Tournament Director must be called for by the end of the game. The Tournament Director's decision shall be final.
1. In the event of an intentional foul, the Tournament Director must be notified immediately. The competitor shall receive no pinfall for that delivery and shall receive no further deliveries in that frame. An intentional foul is a foul caused by anything unnatural to a normal delivery and done intentionally, such as kicking at, or stepping over, the foul line. If, in the act of fouling intentionally, the competitor's action is deemed inappropriate, she may incur a Code of Ethics violation. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- J. Refusal to Bowl – A competitor who refuses to bowl when it is her turn shall be disqualified from the tournament. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.



- K. Injury Timeout – Athletes may request an injury timeout by notifying the Tournament Director. Athletes may receive up to two (2) injury timeouts per round. Athletes requesting an injury timeout will have five (5) minutes to resume play, or two (2) minutes during a live televised stepladder final. If play is not resumed at the end of the injury timeout, the athlete will be disqualified. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- L. Keeping Settee Area Clean – All tournament competitors are required to remove any tape, powder, or other trash from the competitors' area once their competition is completed. Rosin bags, hand conditioner, and tape may not be placed on hand dryers. Rosin bags, hand conditioner or any other powder substances are to be placed on a towel as a consideration to other competitors and the host bowling center. No foreign substances shall be allowed on or near the approach under any circumstances. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- M. Assistance Carrying Equipment – Only tournament competitors are permitted to carry equipment into or out of the locker room, and into or out of the settee area. If a person is assisting in the carrying of equipment, the competitor must remove the equipment herself from restricted areas and equipment must be carried only through areas open to the public. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- N. Equipment in Settee Area – Tournament competitors may only have six (6) bowling balls in the settee area during competition. All competitors must move all of their equipment with them each game. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- O. Sale of Equipment – Competitors may not sell any used equipment within the host bowling center unless sold directly to the host pro shop or proprietor. Equipment may be given away.
- P. Alcohol and/or Controlled Substances – Any competitor who competes under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance other than over-the-counter or professionally prescribed medication in violation of federal, state or municipal law or restrictions set by the host bowling center, shall be in violation of the PWBA Code of Ethics and subject to ejection from the tournament and host center. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at any time from the first ball a competitor throws in a block (including practice and Bowl with the Pros) to the last ball a competitor throws in that same block is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages when a competitor is finished with their competition round will be permitted following the guidelines:
 - a. No drinking in PWBA competition attire.
 - b. No drinking outside of the bar area.
 - c. All alcohol must be in a glass container. No bottles allowed.
- Q. Smoking – Smoking is not allowed by any competitor while participating in Bowl with the Pros, practice sessions or tournament competition (tournament competition is defined as the time period from the beginning to the end of each qualifying round and the beginning to the end of each match play round).
- No smoking will be allowed in the bowling center at any time.
 - No smoking will be allowed in PWBA competition attire.



Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties

- R. Gambling – Wagering, including card or dice playing, is not permitted under any circumstances. Competitors may enter brackets run and/or sanctioned by the PWBA. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- S. Failure to Meet Financial Obligations – Any payment made to PWBA or to any host center by check or credit card which is returned or refused for insufficient funds, or canceled by a stop payment order, shall result in the suspension of all membership privileges until full restitution is made by the competitor. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties
1. Subsequent offenders will be subject to penalty and future tournament entries, dues, etc. must be paid for in cash, money order or by credit card for a probation period of one (1) year following the second offense.
- T. Interrupted Tournament – The following procedures will be in effect should events occur at the host bowling center which significantly delay the tournament.
1. Every effort will be made to complete the tournament in its entirety at the host center. The tournament must be completed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the originally scheduled conclusion for the event. If circumstances preclude conclusion of the event within this timeframe, PWBA will complete as much of the tournament as possible. Format and times may be adjusted by the Tournament Director if necessary.
 2. If circumstances require cancellation of the tournament prior to its scheduled conclusion, the prize list available will be paid according to the standings following the last fully completed round. If television finals are required by contract, the seeded competitors to advance to the TV finals will be determined by position at the point of termination.
 3. If an alternative bowling center is used to complete the tournament, the tournament will be resumed from the last fully completed frame. If scores are not available, the tournament will be resumed from the last fully completed round.
 4. Under these circumstances, the Tournament Director's decision shall be final.
- U. Authorized Personnel – The Tournament Director will define the competitors' area prior to the start of competition.
1. Only tournament competitors, PWBA staff and tournament volunteers are permitted in the bowlers' area during competition. Media personnel covering the event may be permitted into the bowlers' area on a case-by-case basis.
 2. Manufacturer's representatives are permitted in the bowlers' area only during practice and warm-up sessions. Once competition begins, only competitors and official tournament staff are permitted in the bowlers' area. All authorized personnel in the bowlers' area during competition must be wearing appropriate, professional attire. No jeans, shorts, hats, sweatpants or T-shirts are permitted.



3. Competitors not competing on the squad in progress will not be permitted in the bowlers' area. Competitors on the oncoming squad are not permitted to enter the bowlers' area until their starting pair and the adjacent pairs have completed their competition. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties

RULE 14. SCORESHEET

- A. Score sheet – Each competitor is responsible for her own scoresheet and, as a courtesy, the scoresheet of the competitor in the adjacent clockwise position on the pair (i.e. A is responsible for C, C for D, D for B and B for A).
 1. Competitors must sign their own scoresheet at the conclusion of each block as well as the scoresheet of the adjacent clockwise competitor. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 2. At the conclusion of the game, the competitor who finishes first is responsible for recording all scores for the competitors on the pair. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
 3. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their score, as well as the adjacent clockwise competitor's game, total and plus-minus scores are correct. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties
 4. Competitors have thirty (30) minutes after the completion of a squad or until the round summary sheet is posted, whichever occurs first, to make any correction on a scoresheet without penalty.
 5. If a competitor intentionally rips or crumples her scoresheet, she is subject to a scoresheet fine. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.
- B. No Score – If a score is not filled in on a competitor's score sheet and is not retrievable by computer or manually, the competitor shall receive a score of zero (0) for that game. Failure to comply will result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties
- C. Altering Score – Any competitor found to be altering her scores for an advantage will be immediately disqualified from that tournament and subject to a Code of Ethics violation. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

Rule 15. MOBILE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- A. The use of mobile/electronic devices during competition will be prohibited. This includes cell phones, tablets, laptops, iPods and electronic devices of any kind. **Exception:** Competitors may use their device only at the end of a game and only in the Players Locker Room. All other locations in the host venue will be prohibited. Devices used during competition will be confiscated. Failure to comply will



result in a fine/penalty. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

Rule 16. TIE FOR POSITIONS

- A. Tie for Position and Subsequent Roll-off – In case of a tie after the qualifying rounds, the competitor with the highest block will be given the higher position. If there is still a tie, then the competitor with the second highest block will be given the higher position. If all blocks are equal, high game will be used. If a tie for a position results in a roll-off, the competitor with the highest block will be given the option to start the match.
- B. Tie for Last Qualifying Position – A tie after qualifying for the last advancing position will require a one (1) game roll-off to break the tie. The roll-off will take place on a pair to be determined by the Tournament Director, where neither competitor bowled for the prior two (2) games. The competitor with the highest block will receive choice of starting lane. Should that match result in a tie, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The highest seeded competitor 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.
 - 1. Any tied competitor who is not in the host center to participate in a roll-off within thirty (30) minutes following the announcement of the tie will be disqualified from the roll-off.
- C. Position Round Placement – In case of a tie going into a position round, the competitor with the highest total actual pinfall prior to the position round game will be awarded the higher position. If total actual pins are equal, the competitor with the higher qualifying total will be awarded the higher position.
- D. Tie for Stepladder Finals Position - If there is a tie for the final spot in the stepladder finals, a one (1) game roll-off will break the tie. The roll-off will take place on a pair to be determined by the Tournament Director, where neither competitor bowled for the prior two (2) games. The competitor with the higher actual pinfall total for the tournament will receive choice of starting lane. If total actual pins are equal, the competitor with the higher qualifying total will receive choice of starting lane.
 - 1. If there is a tie for any higher seeding position, a one (1) game roll-off will break the tie. The roll-off will take place on a pair to be determined by the Tournament Director, where neither competitor bowled for the prior two (2) games. The competitor with the higher actual pinfall total for the tournament will receive choice of starting lane. If total actual pins are equal, the competitor with the higher qualifying total will receive choice of starting lane.
 - 2. If there is a tie for seed position of the final two spots (pending the number of athletes in the stepladder) the highest qualifier will receive the higher seeded position.
- E. Tie in a Stepladder Finals Match – If a stepladder finals match ends in a tie, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The highest seeded competitor 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.



- F. Tie in a Bracket Elimination Match – In tournaments where a bracket elimination format is used, if there is a tie at the end of a game, a one ball roll-off will be bowled on the same pair of lanes to break the tie. The highest seeded competitor 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.
- G. Rules and Regulations – USBC playing rules and regulations shall govern all competition unless modified by PWBA rules.

Rule 17. COMPETITOR GUESTS

Guest passes – All competitors entered in a PWBA event are allowed guest passes for admission to that event for their spouse, school age children under 18, parents, plus one additional guest. These will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to a total number of guests that is two (2) times the number of entries in the tournament. For any PWBA members who do not qualify for the stepladder finals, if seats are available PWBA members will be seated on a first come, first served basis. Stepladder finalists will be allowed four (4) guests for priority seating. Guests will not be seated until just prior to the match in which the guests' athlete competes.

Rule 18. SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATE COMPETITOR

- A. Substitution Procedures – The alternate competitor may enter the tournament in place of a match play finalist at the discretion of the Tournament Director in the case of injury, sickness, or emergency, subject to the following procedures:
 1. When the alternate enters the tournament, she must carry her own qualifying total into play. If the alternate enters after play has commenced, the following amount will be deducted from the total of the competitor the alternate replaces: the difference between their qualifying scores plus any bonus pins won by the original competitor. The alternate then will assume the net score at that point.
 2. Whenever the alternate enters the match play finals, the prize money will be split evenly with the competitor she replaces. Each competitor retains her own actual pinfall and match play record for statistical purposes.
 3. If the athlete was disqualified, she will forfeit all prize money.
 4. In the case of a tie for the alternate position for match play, the competitor with the highest qualifying block score will be given the alternate position.
 5. The alternate must be present at all roll calls and remain on the premises through all frames of match play competition and be prepared to bowl if required. The alternate must be dressed in bowling attire and ready to bowl at all times during match play.
 6. If a competitor declines to serve as alternate, she shall relinquish her alternate's fee and be replaced by the next available competitor based upon finish position.



- B. Alternate for Stepladder Finals – There will be no alternate for stepladder finals in PWBA tournaments.
- C. Warm-up When Entering – If the format calls for an alternate, the alternate entering match play will not receive any warm-up shots.

Rule 19. PWBA COMPETITION POINTS SYSTEM

- A. Competition Points: Standard Tournament and Classic Series and Classic Series Main Events– Competition points shall be awarded to PWBA members for final finishing position in each of these tournaments according to the following tables:

STANDARD and CLASSIC SERIES EVENTS

1	15,000	21	3,325	41	1,340	61	940	81	540
2	12,000	22	3,250	42	1,320	62	920	82	520
3	10,000	23	3,175	43	1,300	63	900	83	500
4	9,000	24	3,100	44	1,280	64	880	84	480
5	8,000	25	2,900	45	1,260	65	860	85	460
6	6,500	26	2,800	46	1,240	66	840	86	440
7	6,250	27	2,700	47	1,220	67	820	87	420
8	6,000	28	2,600	48	1,200	68	800	88	400
9	5,750	29	2,500	49	1,180	69	780	89	380
10	5,500	30	2,400	50	1,160	70	760	90	360
11	5,250	31	2,300	51	1,140	71	740	91	340
12	5,000	32	2,200	52	1,120	72	720	92	320
13	3,925	33	2,000	53	1,100	73	700	93	300
14	3,850	34	1,910	54	1,080	74	680	94	280
15	3,775	35	1,820	55	1,060	75	660	95	260
16	3,700	36	1,730	56	1,040	76	640	96	240
17	3,625	37	1,640	57	1,020	77	620	97	220
18	3,550	38	1,550	58	1,000	78	600	98+	200
19	3,475	39	1,460	59	980	79	580		
20	3,400	40	1,370	60	960	80	560		



CLASSIC SERIES MAIN EVENT

1	15,000	21	4,250	41	1,340	61	940	81	540
2	12,000	22	4,100	42	1,320	62	920	82	520
3	10,000	23	3,950	43	1,300	63	900	83	500
4	9,000	24	3,800	44	1,280	64	880	84	480
5	8,000	25	3,000	45	1,260	65	860	85	460
6	6,500	26	2,900	46	1,240	66	840	86	440
7	6,350	27	2,800	47	1,220	67	820	87	420
8	6,200	28	2,700	48	1,200	68	800	88	400
9	6,050	29	2,600	49	1,180	69	780	89	380
10	5,900	30	2,500	50	1,160	70	760	90	360
11	5,750	31	2,400	51	1,140	71	740	91	340
12	5,600	32	2,300	52	1,120	72	720	92	320
13	5,450	33	1,500	53	1,100	73	700	93	300
14	5,300	34	1,480	54	1,080	74	680	94	280
15	5,150	35	1,460	55	1,060	75	660	95	260
16	5,000	36	1,440	56	1,040	76	640	96	240
17	4,850	37	1,420	57	1,020	77	620	97	220
18	4,700	38	1,400	58	1,000	78	600	98+	200
19	4,550	39	1,380	59	980	79	580		
20	4,400	40	1,360	60	960	80	560		



- B. Competition Points: USBC Queens – Competition points shall be awarded to PWBA members for final finishing position in the USBC Queens according to the following table:

USBC QUEENS

1	25,000	21	6,000	41	3,000	61	2,000	81	810
2	18,000	22	6,000	42	3,000	62	2,000	82	780
3	16,500	23	6,000	43	3,000	63	2,000	83	750
4	15,000	24	6,000	44	3,000	64	2,000	84	720
5	13,500	25	4,500	45	3,000	65	1,290	85	690
6	11,500	26	4,500	46	3,000	66	1,260	86	660
7	10,000	27	4,500	47	3,000	67	1,230	87	630
8	10,000	28	4,500	48	3,000	68	1,200	88	600
9	8,500	29	4,500	49	2,000	69	1,170	89	570
10	8,500	30	4,500	50	2,000	70	1,140	90	540
11	8,500	31	4,500	51	2,000	71	1,110	91	510
12	8,500	32	4,500	52	2,000	72	1,080	92	480
13	7,500	33	3,000	53	2,000	73	1,050	93	450
14	7,500	34	3,000	54	2,000	74	1,020	94	420
15	7,500	35	3,000	55	2,000	75	990	95	390
16	7,500	36	3,000	56	2,000	76	960	96	360
17	6,000	37	3,000	57	2,000	77	930	97	330
18	6,000	38	3,000	58	2,000	78	900	98+	300
19	6,000	39	3,000	59	2,000	79	870		
20	6,000	40	3,000	60	2,000	80	840		



- C. Competition Points: U.S. Women's Open – Competition points shall be awarded to PWBA members for final finishing position in the U.S. Women's Open according to the following table:

US WOMEN'S OPEN

1	25,000	21	7,000	41	3,540	61	2,340	81	810
2	18,000	22	6,700	42	3,480	62	2,280	82	780
3	16,500	23	6,400	43	3,420	63	2,220	83	750
4	15,000	24	6,100	44	3,360	64	2,160	84	720
5	13,500	25	4,500	45	3,300	65	1,290	85	690
6	11,500	26	4,440	46	3,240	66	1,260	86	660
7	11,200	27	4,380	47	3,180	67	1,230	87	630
8	10,900	28	4,320	48	3,120	68	1,200	88	600
9	10,600	29	4,260	49	3,060	69	1,170	89	570
10	10,300	30	4,200	50	3,000	70	1,140	90	540
11	10,000	31	4,140	51	2,940	71	1,110	91	510
12	9,700	32	4,080	52	2,880	72	1,080	92	480
13	9,400	33	4,020	53	2,820	73	1,050	93	450
14	9,100	34	3,960	54	2,760	74	1,020	94	420
15	8,800	35	3,900	55	2,700	75	990	95	390
16	8,500	36	3,840	56	2,640	76	960	96	360
17	8,200	37	3,780	57	2,580	77	930	97	330
18	7,900	38	3,720	58	2,520	78	900		300
19	7,600	39	3,660	59	2,460	79	870		
20	7,300	40	3,600	60	2,400	80	840		



D. Competition Points: Tour Championship – Competition points shall be awarded to PWBA members for final finishing position in the Tour Championship according to the following table:

PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1	25,000	13	9,400
2	18,000	14	9,100
3	16,500	15	8,800
4	15,000	16	8,500
5	13,500	17	8,200
6	11,500	18	7,900
7	11,200	19	7,600
8	10,900	20	7,300
9	10,600	21	7,000
10	10,300	22	6,700
11	10,000	23	6,400
12	9,700	24	6,100



E. Competition Points: Regional Events – Competition points shall be awarded to PWBA members for final finishing position in Regional events according to the following table:

REGIONAL EVENTS									
1	7,500	21	1,800	41	1,180	61	780	81	380
2	6,000	22	1,725	42	1,160	62	760	82	360
3	5,000	23	1,650	43	1,140	63	740	83	340
4	4,000	24	1,575	44	1,120	64	720	84	320
5	3,000	25	1,500	45	1,100	65	700	85	300
6	2,925	26	1,480	46	1,080	66	680	86	280
7	2,850	27	1,460	47	1,060	67	660	87	260
8	2,775	28	1,440	48	1,040	68	640	88	240
9	2,700	29	1,420	49	1,020	69	620	89	220
10	2,625	30	1,400	50	1,000	70	600	90+	200
11	2,550	31	1,380	51	980	71	580		
12	2,475	32	1,360	52	960	72	560		
13	2,400	33	1,340	53	940	73	540		
14	2,325	34	1,320	54	920	74	520		
15	2,250	35	1,300	55	900	75	500		
16	2,175	36	1,280	56	880	76	480		
17	2,100	37	1,260	57	860	77	460		
18	2,025	38	1,240	58	840	78	440		
19	1,950	39	1,220	59	820	79	420		
20	1,875	40	1,200	60	800	80	400		

F. Points for Tied Positions – Competitors tied for any position shall split the points equally for the two positions for which they are tied.

G. Points for Alternate – If the alternate replaces an original finalist, the alternate shall receive credit for the final standing position and competition points awarded for that finish position. The original competitor will be awarded points for the alternate's original finishing position.

H. Point Standings – Competition points shall accumulate throughout the calendar year, updated at the conclusion of each tournament.

H. Points for Disqualification - No points will be awarded if an athlete is disqualified from the event.



Rule 20. CONDUCT OF ALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITORS

All tournament competitors must always conduct themselves in a professional manner, not only in PWBA events, but in all other tournaments and appearances on behalf of the PWBA. Any public criticism that, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, defames the integrity of the PWBA, its members, officers or staff, shall be a Code of Ethics violation. See Rule 21: Fines and Penalties.

The following list illustrates conduct which is inappropriate for an individual bowling in a professional event. Violations of this Code of Conduct will be enforced with the appropriate fines and penalties.

- A. Level 1 Infractions – Individuals will receive a warning prior to being issued a code of conduct violation.
 - 1. Double jumping.
 - 2. Slow bowling.
 - 3. Bowling on wrong lane or out of turn.
- B. Level 2 Infractions
 - 1. The use of mobile/electronic devices during competition will be prohibited. This includes cell phones, tablets, laptops, iPods and electronic devices of any kind. Exception: Competitors may use their device only at the end of a game and only in the Players Locker Room. All other locations in the host venue will be prohibited. Devices used during competition will be confiscated.
 - 2. Competitors on incoming squads may not enter the bowlers' area until the previous squad has finished.
 - 3. Smoking and/or drinking during competition.
 - 4. Failure to participate in an assigned pro-am squad.
- C. Level 3 Infractions - Shall apply to all tournament bowlers and credentialed manufacturer's representatives from the time of entry into the competition, through the duration of the tournament, and until the end of the next season's event.
 - 1. One must conduct themselves in a professional manner while in the host center, on the property of the host center and on social media.
 - 2. One must not criticize or discuss the sponsor, host center or personnel, lane conditions or pins, or fellow competitors in an unfavorable manner.
 - 3. One must not use electronic media platforms to defame or otherwise attack the integrity of sponsors, other participants, host center or host center employees.
 - 4. One must not engage in improper tactics or conduct including, but not limited to:
 - a. Physical and verbal abuse toward another person.
 - b. Destruction of property. Individual will be held responsible by USBC for replacement/repair of any damaged property.
- C. Bowling Equipment Infractions (this should be item D)
 - 1. Ball is marked incorrectly on a player's card and is used in competition.
 - 2. Altering a ball after ball card is submitted that affects the weight or balance of a ball.
 - 3. Requesting an inspection of a bowling ball that passes inspection.



E. Serious violations which may warrant disqualification from the competition and/or disciplinary action through PWBA will be discussed with PWBA Management.

Rule 21. FINES AND PENALTIES

Violations of PWBA rules and penalties specified previously within PWBA's Official Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by PWBA. Fines and penalties will be invoked under the definitions set forth as follows:

CODE OF ETHICS FINES AND PENALTIES			
Rule No.	Description	Fine Amt	Penalty
PART 2	Code of Ethics - Minor	\$500	
	Code of Ethics - Intermediate	\$1,000	Possible probation and/or up to 3 tournament suspension
	Code of Ethics - Major	Over \$1,000	Possible probation and/or 3 or more tournament suspension and/or expulsion from PWBA

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES			
3-A4	Electronic Media	COC Fine	
3-B	Electronic Media	COC Fine	
5-H2	Television/BowITV Incentive Rule	Code of Ethics	
5-H3	Television/BowITV Incentive Rule	COC Fine	Disqualification

COMPETITION RULES FINES AND PENALTIES			
Rule No.	Description	Fine Amt	Penalty
2-B	Withdraw w/out permission	COC Fine	
3	Pro-am	\$1,000	Possible Disqualification
4-A	Roll Call	\$25, \$50, \$100	
5-B	Other Practice Session	\$250 + lineage cost	
5-B2	Tourn. Competitor practicing on competition pair	COC Fine	Disqualification



6-A	No Name shirt	\$100	Must be corrected before participation
6-D	Commercial Logo violation	COC Fine	Must be corrected before participation
6-K4	Appearance guideline - questionable apparel	\$100	Must be corrected before participation
8-B	Discussing Lane Maintenance	Code of Ethics	
9-A	Equipment Storage - bagged or boxed	\$50 per ball	Ball removed from Locker Room
9-B	Ball limit in locker room	\$50 per ball	Ball removed from Locker Room
10-B	Damaged Equipment	COC Fine	Disqualification
10-C	Using altered surface ball for score	COC Fine	Disqualification
10-D	Use of ball cleaning machine during competition	COC Fine	Disqualification
11-A	Failure to record equip. on scoresheet	Warning, \$25	
11-B	Handling another competitor's equipment	\$250, \$500	Code of Ethics
12-4C	Competitor who requested ball inspection	\$500	Code of Ethics
13-B	Slow Bowling	\$25, \$50, \$100	
13-C	Slow Bowling - Televised finals	\$100, \$200, \$300, subsequent \$100	
13-D	Double Jump	Warning, \$25, \$50, \$100	
13-F	Bowling on wrong lane	Warning, \$25, \$50, \$100	
13-G	Bowling out of turn	Warning, \$25, \$50, \$100	
13-I1	Intentional Foul	COC Fine	
13-J	Refusal to Bowl	COC Fine	Disqualification
13-K	Injury Timeout	COC Fine	Disqualification
13-L	Keeping Settee Area Clean	Warning, \$25, \$50	
13-M	Assistance carrying equipment	Warning, \$25, \$50	
13-N	Equipment in Settee	Warning, \$25, \$50	
13-P	Alcohol/Controlled Substances	\$250	Code of Ethics



13-Q	Smoking	\$25, \$50 for subsequent	
13-R	Gambling	COC Fine	Possible Disqualification
13-S	Failure to meet financial obligations	COC Fine	Not allowed to compete
13-U3	Authorized personnel	Warning, \$25, \$50	
14-A1	Scoresheet - Unsigned	\$25, \$50	
14-A2	Scoresheet - First competitor records all scores	\$25, \$50	
14-A3	Scoresheet - Correct totals	\$25, \$50	
14-A5	Damaged scoresheet	\$25, \$50	
14-B	No game score	\$25, \$50	
14-C	Altering Score	Code of Ethics	
15	Mobile/Electronic Device	COC Fine	Phone confiscated
20	Code of Conduct - 1st offense	\$250	
	Code of Conduct - 2nd offense	\$500	
	Code of Conduct - 3rd offense & subsequent	\$1,000	

Rule 22. APPEALS

- A. A competitor may appeal an infraction or a penalty within ten (10) days of notification of the infraction or penalty to the Director of Operations. A competitor who has formally appealed her penalty shall retain her competition privileges pending final decision. If the penalty is upheld, the penalized competitor must serve her suspension or pay her fine at the next tournament following that decision.

Rule 23. PAYMENT OF FINES

Tournament management will charge all fines to the credit card used by the competitor to enter the tournament unless the individual chooses to have the fine paid:

1. By cash or credit card
3. Through deduction from the competitor's prize earnings

Rule 24. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

- A. Tournament management has the final authority to make interpretations of any tournament rule and make decisions regarding anything not covered in the rules.