

## **BAC Tournament Series Rules for the 2018-2019 Season**

### Section I: Membership

- A. Bowlers must be current members of the National Duckpin Bowling Congress and provide proof of average if required.

### Section II: Average

- A. Composite average listed in the current (2017-2018) BAC average book will be used for all BAC events. The composite average listed must be for a minimum of 40 games.
- B. If a bowler does not satisfy the above requirement, the average listed on the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List” maintained by the BAC Tournament Series Committee will be used.
- C. If a bowler does not satisfy the above requirements, an average will be computed as follows: All sanctioned pin fall in the current (2017-2018) BAC and RIDBA average books divided by all sanctioned games in current BAC and RIDBA average books. The average computed must be for a minimum of 40 games and will be added to the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List.”
- D. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, the composite average listed in the 2016-2017 BAC average book will be used for all BAC events. The composite average listed must be for a minimum of 40 games and will be added to the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List.”
- E. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, an average will be computed as follows: All sanctioned pin fall in the 2016-2017 BAC and RIDBA average books divided by all sanctioned games in 2016-16 BAC and RIDBA average books. The average computed must be for a minimum of 40 games and will be added to the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List.”
- F. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, the composite average listed in the 2015-2016 BAC average book will be used for all BAC events. The composite average listed must be for a minimum of 40 games and will be added to the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List.”
- G. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, an average will be computed as follows: All sanctioned pin fall in the 2015-2016 BAC and RIDBA average books divided by all sanctioned games in 2015-2016 BAC and RIDBA average books. The average computed must be for a minimum of 40 games and will be added to the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List.”
- H. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, a composite average listed in another association’s average book may be used in conjunction with BAC and RIDBA averages, beginning with the current average books, and going back as far as 2015-2016 if needed. The average computed must be for a minimum of 40 games and will be added to the 2018-2019 “BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List.”

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- I. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements but has rolled a minimum of 20 games in any sanctioned leagues and tournaments during the current season, the bowler's current composite average will be used. It is the bowler's responsibility to provide proof of average. Once a bowler has accumulated 60 sanctioned games, the bowler will be issued a permanent average which will be added to the 2018-2019 "BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List."
- J. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, he or she may apply to the BAC Tournament Series Committee for an average. The bowler must provide documentation of average in all leagues and tournaments participated in during the previous year. At the discretion of the BAC Tournament Series Committee, the bowler may be granted an entrance average for the event. At the discretion of the BAC Tournament Series Committee, the entrance average granted may be added to the 2018-2019 "BAC Tournament Series Supplemental Average List." Application must be approved before the bowler participates in an event.
- K. If a bowler does not satisfy any of the above requirements, he or she will use an average of 150.

### Section III: Entry Fees & Prizes

- A. Bowlers must pay entry fee in advance of beginning any competition.
- B. Bowlers may re-enter an event an unlimited number of times when re-entry is allowed but can only cash once in the top three. For example, if a bowler enters an event twice and finishes first and second, the bowler will receive the prizes for first and fourth place.
- C. re-entry in the BAC Series Finals is never allowed.

### Section IV: Handicap

- A. Handicap for all events will be 80% based on a 160 average limit; there is no maximum handicap.
- B. A points system will be utilized for adjustments to bowler handicaps. A bowler will receive the following based on his or her *individual* performance in a tournament series event (including team events): 10 points for first place, 5 points for a second place, and 3 points for a third place. Upon accumulation of 15 points, a bowler's handicap will be cut by 33%. Upon accumulation of 25 points, a bowler's handicap will be cut by 50% of his or her original handicap. Regardless of accumulated points, all bowlers will receive full handicap in the Tournament Series Finals.
- C. In all regular singles events total pin fall plus handicap determines order of finish. The order of finish in team events will be clearly stated in the event flyers.

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### Section IV: Tournament Series Finals Eligibility

- A. A points system will be used to determine the qualifiers for the 2018-2019 BAC Tournament Series Finals.
- B. Points will be awarded in each BAC tournament series event. Bowlers will be awarded points based on their performance and for participation in each event.
- C. Participation points will be distributed to each bowler as follows: 10 points for the first entry in each event and 5 points for the first re-entry in each event.
- D. Performance points will be distributed to each bowler as follows: The number of bowlers participating in an event will determine the point distribution for that event. For example, if 60 bowlers participate in an event, the bowler with the highest 5-game pin fall plus handicap earns 60 points; 2nd highest 5-game pin fall plus handicap earns 59 points, and so on until the bowler with the lowest 5-game pin fall plus handicap earns 1 point.
- E. This point distribution applies to all tournament series events. So, even in team events, the bowler's *individual* 5-game pin fall plus handicap determines the number of points he or she earns.
- F. In events with multiple rounds, only the first set of five games bowled will be used to determine the number of points earned.
- G. When a bowler re-enters an event, he or she earns only the highest **performance** point value achieved in that event. For example, if a bowler earns 20 points with first entry and 40 points with a re-entry, he or she will only be credited with 40 **performance** points for the event. **Combined with participation points, this bowler would be credited with 55 total points.**
- H. The top 30 bowlers based on tournament series points qualify for the BAC Tournament Series Finals. There are no minimum entry requirements.
- I. Ties for any BAC Tournament Series Finals position (**including alternates**) will be broken based on the following continuum:
  1. Highest number of 2018-19 BAC Tournament Series Events entered
  2. Highest number of points earned in a single 2018-19 BAC Tournament Series event (continuing to next highest until the tie is broken)
  3. Highest 5-games pinfall plus handicap in a single 2018-19 BAC Tournament Series event (continuing to next highest until the tie is broken)
  4. Coin flip
- J. Qualifiers must RSVP to the BAC Tournament Series Committee at least one week before the date of the BAC Tournament Series Finals event. Any qualifier who fails to meet this deadline forfeits his or her place in the event.
- K. An alternate will replace any qualifier who forfeits or declines his or her place in the event. Alternates have 48 hours from the time of notification to RSVP to the BAC

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Tournament Series Committee. Any alternate who fails to meet this deadline forfeits his or her place in the event.

- L. Any bowler who confirms entry in the BAC Tournament Series finals but is not present on the day of the event and is not replaced is responsible for paying the event entry fee.
- M. Bowlers who withdraw from a tournament immediately after one frame will be credited with a tournament bowled.
- N. The entry fee for the series finals will be determined by the Tournament Series Committee by March 1.
- O. All bowlers must be present 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the BAC Tournament Series Finals event. Failure to arrive on time may result in the forfeit of his or her qualifying place to the next available alternate at the tournament director's discretion.
- P. The Tournament Series Finals format will be released by the BAC Tournament Series Committee before the first tournament series event.

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