



# NEBA's Cambridge Credit Counseling Invitational

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Hall of Fame Silver Lanes in East Hartford, CT

First round starts at 9:00AM – Second round immediately following at about 12:30

***Open to ALL 2016 members  
who bowled five tournaments or more in 2016  
(Tournament minimum does not include 2016 invitational)***

\$150 Entry Fee

**\$3,000 First Place**

**\$200 Minimum Cash**

**High game prizes & Brackets included in entry**

(Bowlers can also enter brackets on their own)

**Combined Senior/Super-Senior/Women Cut**

## Format

Round 1 – 5 Games, minimum 1:4 advance (9:00AM START)

(The top 16 from 2016 get a bye into round 2)

Round 2 – 5 Games, top 24 advance with a bye for the top 8

Round 3 – Single elimination 1-game matches

**\$7,443 added to prize fund**

**\$3,500**

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Estimated

**\$3,500**

added by NEBA (\$1 per entry in 2016 for \$3,943)

***Bowlers who  
advance to  
round 2  
guaranteed  
to cash***

***The top 120 in  
on the point list  
get a  
bye into  
round 2***

## General

- This tournament shall be governed by the New England Bowlers' Association and will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress
- This tournament shall not count towards Bowler/Senior of the Year Points.
- Entry Fee for this tournament shall be \$150, which will be broken up into the following categories: lineage, prize fund, expenses which include high game and brackets (for more see the high game awards and brackets section)
- \$1 from every entry throughout the previous calendar year shall go towards the prize fund of this tournament
- Cashing minimums shall follow the standard singles tournament rules

## Lane Conditions / Oil Schedule

- This tournament shall be contested on a USBC Sport Certified pattern, or a challenge pattern whose overall ratio shall not exceed 5:1
- The lane condition shall be determined in collaboration between the Tournament Director, the host bowling center, and anyone else the Board of Directors deem appropriate
- A fresh lane condition shall be used at the beginning of the following rounds: Qualifying, Cashier's Round, Match Play
- In 2015, Kegel designed three challenge patterns of different lengths for the center. The pattern was randomly drawn from the three patterns.

## Qualifying

- All participants shall bowl five (5) games of qualifying across ten (10) lanes
- One of four (4) participants will qualify for the Cashier's Round
- All side cuts (i.e. Senior, Women) from the standard single's tournament shall be combined and one of six (6) will qualify for the Cashier's Round
  - Side cut advancers are guaranteed
  - If any/all side cut advancers do not make the regular cut, they will be taken in addition to participants who make it through the regular cut
    - Example
      - 80 total entries: 20 advance to Cashier's Round
      - Of the 80 entries, 12 qualify for the side cut (2 guaranteed)
      - If neither of the 2 participants are in the top 20, 22 participants (20 regular, 2 side) advance to Cashier's Round)
      - If one of the 2 participants is in the top 20, 21 participants (20 regular, 1 side) advance to Cashier's Round)
      - If both participants are in the top 20, there is no side cut and 20 participants advance to Cashier's Round
- Any ties shall be broken by the standard singles tournament format

## Cashers' Round

- All participants advancing from qualifying, and the top 16 in points from the previous season, shall bowl five (5) games across ten (10) lanes
  - If there are any ties for 16<sup>th</sup> place in points from the previous season, all participants tied shall qualify for the Cashers' Round
  - If anyone from the top 16 does not bowl, their guaranteed spot into the Cashers' round is forfeited
- The top 24 participants will advance to the Match Play Round of the Tournament.
- All participants in the Cashers' Round shall cash
- Side cuts shall follow the same format as qualifying with the following exceptions
  - A side spot is not guaranteed, as there must be six entrants to guarantee a spot into match play
  - If a side spot(s) is (are) guaranteed, and any/all finish outside the regular cut, those spots will be taken from the regular cut spots to meet the 24 participant requirement.

## High Game Prizes

- A predetermined amount of the entry fee shall be allocated towards high game prizes (\$10)
- High game prizes will be run in both the Qualifying and Cashers' Round
- One of each participant of the Qualifying Round that would advance to the Cashers' round's high game fee shall be applied to the Cashers' Round fund
  - Example: One of four participants advance to the Cashers' Round. 75% of the funds collected in Qualifying shall be used for the qualifying high game prizes, and 25% (along with 100% of the top 16's fund) shall be used in the Cashers' Round.
- The number of high game positions per game shall be determined by the Tournament Director

## Brackets

- A predetermined amount of the entry fee shall be allocated towards brackets (\$15)
- Brackets will be run in both the Qualifying and Cashers' Round
- Everyone will be entered into five (5) \$3 brackets during Qualifying
- During the Cashers' Round, only the top 16 will be automatically entered into brackets
  - Top 16 will be entered into the same number as everyone in Qualifying (5)
  - Qualifiers from Qualifying can enter brackets.
- Entrants may enter up to 40 additional brackets by paying \$3 for each bracket.

## Match Play

- Match Play shall follow the format of the standard single's tournament which takes 24 qualifiers into match play (top 8 receive byes)
- Seeding will be based solely on the pinfall total from the cashers' round.

## NEW RULE FOR 2017 Regarding World Wide Release Date of Balls

Balls cannot be used until the World Wide Release date. The penalty for using a ball before the World Wide Release date is disqualification with no refund of entry fee.