

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

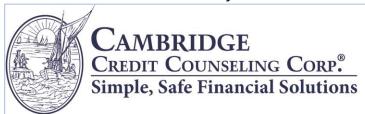
Round 3 – Single elimination 1-game matches

\$7,443 added to prize fund

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Estimated

\$3,500

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

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, Casher'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 Casher'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 Casher'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 Casher'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 Casher's Round)
 - If one of the 2 participants is in the top 20, 21 participants (20 regular, 1 side) advance to Casher's Round)
 - If both participants are in the top 20, there is no side cut and 20 participants advance to Casher's
- 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
 - o If there are any ties for 16th place in points from the previous season, all participants tied shall qualify for the Casher's
 - o If anyone from the top 16 does not bowl, their guaranteed spot into the Casher's round is forfeited
- The top 24 participants will advance to the Match Play Round of the Tournament.
- All participants in the Casher's 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
 - o 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 Casher's Round
- One of each participant of the Qualifying Round that would advance to the Casher's round's high game fee shall be applied to the Casher's Round fund
 - Example: One of four participants advance to the Casher's 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 Casher's 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 Casher's Round
- Everyone will be entered into five (5) \$3 brackets during Qualifying
- During the Casher's 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 casher's 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.