

## **Doubles Tournament Format**

The format for a NEBA doubles tournament shall be the same as the singles format except for the following:

Entries are two-person teams. Each person pays the current entry fee.

For regular doubles tournaments, only one previous NEBA champion is permitted per team unless the person has not won a NEBA, PBA, or PWBA title within the last ten (10) years. For over/under 50 doubles tournaments, only one previous NEBA champion is permitted per team unless the person has not won a NEBA, PBA, or PWBA title within the last five (5) years. PBA and PWBA titles apply to regional or national champions, whether won as a member or non-member.

### **Teams with an invalid configuration will be disqualified.**

For all doubles, Champions over 60 who have not won a NEBA, PBA, or PWBA national event in 5 years can bowl with another champion.

When there are two tournaments on the same weekend, the rule in section b does not apply to Saturday champions. A non-champion who wins on Saturday may still bowl with a champion for the rest of the weekend.

Re-entries with the same partner are permitted. Bowlers can switch partners, provided both bowlers agree to void previous scores. Both bowlers must inform the Tournament Director of this. A doubles team that splits up forfeits its spot on the re-entry list.

One doubles tournament will use a baker-style scoring format for match play during the season. Doubles teams may defend their title one time. The team that won the Baker tournament defends its title at the next Baker tournament, and the team that won the regular format tournament defends its title at the next regular format doubles tournament. A team can defend an over/under 50 title if one person turns 50 before the next year, since both bowlers will be over 50.

In baker doubles, a team not following the rule of order of bowling will be subject to the following penalties. If the error is found within the first two frames, the team gets a zero for each frame out of order, and the play continues correctly. If it was found after the second frame, the match is forfeited. The bowler who bowls the 10th frame during the first baker game bowls the 1st frame of the second baker game.

## **Trios Tournament Format**

The format for a NEBA trios tournament shall be the same as the regular doubles format, except for the following:

**Entries are three-person teams.**

Teams must consist of a minimum of one (1) non-champion and a maximum of one (1) multi-time champion.

A champion is defined the same way in regard to doubles, whether it is an NEBA title or a professional (PBA/PWBA National/Regional) title.

If a bowler has only won a NEBA in the last 5 years or a professional title in the last 5 years, they are considered a one-time champion.

If a bowler won a NEBA title 15 years ago and a professional title in the last 5 years, they are considered a one-time champion.

If a bowler has won a NEBA title and a professional title in the last 5 years, multiple NEBA titles in the past 5 years, or multiple professional titles, they are a multi-time champion.

Qualifying will consist of four (4) regular team games across four (4) pairs of lanes  
1:6 teams will make the finals

The finals will be a bracket format, with one regular trio playing a game, and total pinfall will determine the winner.

If more than eight (8) teams make match play, the top four (4) teams from qualifying will receive a one-round bye. In comparison, the remaining teams will bowl a one-game, eliminator-style round, with the top four (4) advancing to meet the top four (4) in a traditional NEBA-style bracket. Seedings for the bracket will be based on the team's qualifying score.

In the event of a tie...

...for the last match play spot, all three bowlers will bowl one combined game with the lead-off bowler bowling frames 1, 4, 7, and 10, the second bowler bowling frames 2, 5, and 8, and the third bowler bowling frames 3, 6, and 9. The tournament director will determine the pair; the winner advances. Teams tied will receive seven (7) minutes of practice just before the roll-off. If that game is tied, a baker's 8th, 9th, and 10th frame roll-off will take place. If a tie remains, the roll-off will move to a one-ball sudden-death format, with a high count total deciding the winner. Each team may change its lineup for sudden death. A high qualifying game score will determine which team gets the choice of starting lane.

...for a match play round, a baker 8th, 9th, and 10th frame roll-off will take place with the winner advancing. If a tie remains, the roll-off will move to a one-ball sudden-death format, with a high count total determining the winner. Each team may change its lineup for sudden death. The higher-seeded player will choose the starting lane.