

## **RULE CHANGES JANUARY 2016**

### **DRESS CODE**

Changes: Yoga Pants, Headphones and Earbuds are no longer allowed.

#### [Bylaws & Rule Book Page 11 - Dress Code](#)

NEBA strives to project a professional image. All participants in a NEBA Tournament are required to observe the following dress code:

1. A shirt with a polo type collar, mock neck collar, or crew neck collar with bowling logo is required. The participant's name on the back of the shirt in 2" – 4" high letters is required, in a color that contrasts with the shirt's color. Removable name tags and abbreviated names are subject to Tournament Director approval. Nametags must be horizontally oriented and securely affixed to the back of the shirt. Embroidered names are preferred. The following shirt restrictions apply:
  - a. Advertising and logos are permissible with the Tournament Director's ultimate discretion.
  - b. Only previous NEBA champions are permitted to wear a white shirt.
2. Men's pants or shorts of a "business casual" quality are encouraged. Denim pants and shorts are allowed but must present a neat appearance. No gym/athletic shorts or pants, balloon pants or sweat pants are allowed.
3. Women's skirts, skorts and shorts must be at least fingertip length when standing with arms down at sides and the garment's outer material must be at least half the distance of the upper leg. Yoga pants are not allowed.
4. No excessive or intentionally tattered or frayed clothing, clothing with excessive or intentional holes, hats, or headbands are allowed.
5. Headphones and earbuds are not allowed.

All decisions regarding attire are at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

The following violations of the dress code will result in denial of tournament participation:

1. Wearing t-shirts or other non-conforming shirt.
2. Wearing gym/athletic pants or shorts, excessively or intentionally tattered clothing, clothing with excessive or intentional holes, or wearing of hats or headbands.

The following violations of the dress code will result in a \$10 fine for the first infraction with second and subsequent infractions possibly resulting in denial of tournament participation:

1. A shirt without the bowler's name on the back
2. A nametag that is not horizontal and/or securely affixed to the back of the shirt.

New members and members who have ordered a shirt prior to the start of a tournament shall be exempt. New members can compete three times without a name on the back of their shirt without being fined.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Changes: Added PWBA and PBA50 restrictions

#### [Bylaws & Rule Book Page 6 - Membership Requirements](#)

NEBA Membership is open to all bowlers who meet the following criteria:

- a. Possesses a current USBC membership card. The USBC membership card may be obtained when applying for membership by paying the current annual USBC fee.
- b. Has attained the age of 18, or has graduated from high school, or has written approval from a parent or guardian in accordance with the current USBC rules.
- c. Any PBA or PWBA member that has not won a PBA, PWBA or PBA50 national tournament in the past five (5) years (US Open and USBC Masters are exempt) or is not in the top 40 on the national PBA points list for the prior season. Any NEBA member in good standing who wins a national title and maintains their NEBA membership can continue to compete in NEBA.

## **SENIOR, SUPER SENIOR & WOMEN'S CUT**

Changes: Split the super seniors and women into different divisions

### [Bylaws & Rule Book Page 13](#)

Super Senior & Women - Split women and super seniors into two divisions. 1 in 6 make the cut. Six entries are needed for a division to qualify one bowler. If there are not 6 for the super seniors, the bowlers will be moved into the senior cut. If there are not 6 women, the bowlers will be moved into the regular division.

## **PRACTICE**

Changes: Changed practice from 15 minutes to a formula based upon the number of bowlers

### [Bylaws & Rule Book Page 17](#)

Allow three minutes per bowler of open practice at the start of each qualifying squad. To clarify, this is 9 minutes when 3 on a pair, 12 when 4 on a pair and 15 when 5 on a pair.

## **DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS**

Changes: Added PBA, PWBA and PBA50 restrictions, Created penalty for baker team bowling out of order

### [Bylaws & Rule Book Page 15](#)

For a champion to bowl with another champion in a doubles tournament, one bowler may not have won a NEBA title, PBA National Title, PBA50 or PWBA National Title in the last 15 years.

In baker doubles, a team not following the rule for order of bowling will be subject to the following penalties. If the error was found within the first two frames, the team gets a zero for each frame out of order and play continues in the correct order. If it was found after the second frame, the match is forfeited.

## **35-MILE RADIUS RULE**

Changes: Added guests to the 35-mile radius rule

### [Bylaws & Rule Book Page 16](#)

#### **The "35 Mile" Rule**

Entries into the last qualifying squad shall be handled in the following order:

- a. Any Board member attending a Board meeting prior to the squad
- b. First time participants residing outside a 35 mile radius from the tournament site
- c. New members that joined at the tournament site
- d. First time re-entries
- e. Second time re-entries
- f. Members residing within the 35 mile radius
- g. Non-members
- h. Guests
- i. Bowlers with a guaranteed spot in match play on a previous squad

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