

New England Bowlers Association

Masters Tournament

General

- This tournament shall be governed by the New England Bowlers Association and will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress
- Entry Fee for this tournament shall be \$125, which will be broken up into the following categories: Lineage, Prize Fund, High Game Pots, Expenses
 - Anyone who wishes to bowl that is not a current member of NEBA can join either on site or pay a \$15 non-member fee.
- Cashing minimums shall follow the standard singles tournament rules
- Any specified rule not listed below will follow the standard Singles Tournament rules

Lane Conditions / Oil Schedule

- This tournament shall be contested on two (2) different patterns whose overall ratio shall not exceed 5:1
- The lane conditions shall be determined in collaboration between the Tournament Director, the host bowling center, NEBA Tournament Committee, and anyone the NEBA Board of Directors deems appropriate
- Each round shall be contested on a different lane condition
 - Qualifying (NEBA Masters - Short)
 - Length: 35 Feet
 - Ratio: 1.37 : 1
 - Volume: 27.85 mL
 - Finals (2019 USBC Masters)
 - Length: 39 Feet
 - Ratio: 1.49 : 1
 - Volume: 32.2 mL
- A fresh lane condition shall be used at the beginning of each round.

Practice

- Each round of qualifying shall follow the standard NEBA rules for practice time
- The first round matches of the Finals will be 5 minutes
- Each additional round of the Finals (excluding the final match) will be two (2) balls on each lane
- Practice for the final match will be 5 minutes
 - If there is a need for a second final match, there will be no additional practice beforehand

Qualifying

- Qualifying will consist of one (1), seven (7) game block across fourteen (14) lanes
 - After each game, bowlers on the left lane will move left, and bowlers on the right lane will move right**

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- The top sixteen (16) participants with the highest seven (7) game pinfall shall advance to the Finals
- One (1) in four (4) participants will cash.
 - All participants will be entered in the high game pot, which will pay one (1) in twenty (20) spots.
- All side cuts (i.e. Senior, Women) from the standard single's tournament shall be combined and one (1) in six (6) will cash
 - Side cut cashers are not guaranteed, as there must be six (6) entrants to guarantee a cashing spot
 - If a side cut spot is guaranteed, and any/all finish outside the cashing number, those spots will be taken from the regular cashing spots to meet the cashing ratio.
 - There are no guarantees for side cuts to advance into the Top 16.

Ties

- Ties for the final cashing spot shall split the allotted prize money
- Ties for the Top 16 will be a one (1) game roll-off on the Qualifying lane condition on a pair determined by the Tournament Director. If, after the one game sudden-death match, bowlers are still tied, there will be a one (1) ball sudden-death roll-off on the same pair. The competitor from Qualifying with the highest single game will determine lane and order. The competitors shall bowl on the same lane, and then alternate lanes in the same bowling order, until the tie is broken.
- Ties amongst finalists will be broken based on the bowler's highest single game for seeding purposes.

Finals

- Match play will be composed of the Top 16 bowlers
- Each match will consist of a one (1) game match
- Double-elimination format will be used. A player is eliminated after two losses
- All match-play participants will start in the Winners' Bracket. After losing one match they enter the Elimination Bracket
- If forfeiture occurs in the Winners' Bracket, the forfeiting bowler automatically goes into the proper position in the Elimination Bracket.
- The order of bowling will be according to match-game procedure, with the bowler on the odd lane starting first. Higher seed from qualifying will have choice of starting lane throughout match play
 - During the finals, the winner of the winner's bracket gets choice, regardless of seed. This includes if there is a need for a second match.
- Alternates will not be used in match play. Bowlers arriving late for their matches in any round will bowl beginning with the frame then being bowled by their opponent. Failure to appear, regardless of cause, will constitute a forfeiture of the match. The opponent must still bowl their game to advance to the next round.
- If a bowler is disabled during the match and is unable to continue, they will receive a zero for all missed frames

** Tournament Director / Executive Committee reserve the right to change the cross before the start of the tournament

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- In the event of a tie during any match play round, competitors will compete in a one (1) ball sudden-death roll-off. The highest-seeded competitor shall determine starting lane and position for the roll-off. The competitors shall bowl on the same lane, and then alternate lanes in the same bowling order, until the tie is broken

Bowler of the Year Points

- Bowler of the year points for this tournament shall be as follows:
 - Participation: Standard Singles Participation Points (5)
 - Cashing: 15 pts
 - Top 16 points
 - Double Elimination
 - 1st: 108 pts
 - 2nd: 90 pts
 - 3rd: 77 pts
 - 4th: 68 pts
 - 5th - 6th: 59 pts
 - 7th - 8th: 45 pts
 - 9th - 12th: 33 pts
 - 13th - 16th: 23 pts