

# WEST COAST BOWLERS TOUR

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## I MEMBERSHIP:

- A The Members of the WEST COAST BOWLER'S TOUR, shall consist of those persons who are of good moral character. To be a member, bowler, must be USBC Sanctioned. The WCBT reserves the right to refuse any bowler to enter our tournaments for issues they feel would be a detrimental to this organization.
- B The Annual Membership Dues shall be \$60.00, and will be good for one year from the time it was paid. To re-new your Annual Dues, the fee is also \$60.00, and good for one year from the original time it was paid. Special Offers for new membership may occur, sometime during the year. One Guest Fee of \$15.00 only, added to the Entry Fee may be pro-rated to a full membership Fee of \$60.00. Further tournaments bowled paying a guest fee will not be pro-rated to a Full membership fee.

## II ENTRY FEE FOR TOURNAMENTS

- A Entry Fees are decided by the WCBT Tournament Director, (Entry Fees and formats for tournaments are subject to change) The majority of the tournaments will have an Entry Fee of \$175.00 for the Super Seniors and \$125.00 for the Regular Division. A fee of \$5.00 Per bowler will be deducted and put into a fund that will be added to the prize fund in each division for the end of the year tournament.

## B POINT SYSTEM:

1. Every bowler that enters the tournament that doesn't cash, receives 10 points, and must Be a current WCBT Member to receive those points. A point system beginning with 80 Points for the champion of the tournament in each division: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 70 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 65 points, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 60 points, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 55 points, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 50 points, 7<sup>th</sup> Place 45 points, 8<sup>th</sup> Place, 40 points, 9<sup>th</sup> place, 35 points. 10<sup>th</sup> place, \$30 points. Beyond that, And down to the last cash place, 15 points each.  
The highest amount of points at the end of the year in each Division will receive a free entry in the final tournament of the year. Runner Ups will Receive a free years Annual Dues Membership. A MINIMUM OF 20 points to be eligible for the final added money tournament for the year.

## III PRIZE FUND CASHERS

- A Bowlers, ages 59 & under for the Regular Division, and 60 & up for Super Seniors Tournament will pay out prize money in the following manor: (1) The finals will be separate, Regular Division and Super Seniors bowling for their own prize fund, Regular Division pays 1 for 4, and Super Seniors pays 1 for 3.

Number of finalists and number of games in each finals determined by number Of entries or Regular Divisions & Super Seniors at the start of the tournament. The chart Posted at the tournament site will inform the amount of bowlers and cashers for both the Regular Division & Super Seniors. Included in the prize fund Pay-offs if any, and according Regular Division & Super Seniors if any added money, a percentage paid to each division based on amount of entries in each division Pay-offs after the finals will be based on a minimum of one cash place for every 3 entries from Regular Division & Super Seniors.

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## IV FINALS FORMAT REGULAR DIVISION 59 & UNDER FINALS FORMAT SUPER SENIORS 60 & UP.

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1. 60 or more bowlers entered, 16 finalists, bowl 16 games each.
2. 54-59 bowlers entered, 14 finalists, bowl 14 games each.
3. 44-53 bowlers entered, 12 finalists, bowl 12 games each.
4. 35-43 bowlers entered, 10 finalists, bowl 10 games each.
5. 24-34 bowlers entered, 8 finalists bowl 8 games each
6. Less than 24 entries, WCBT Tournament Director to determine how many finalists & Games Bowled, and Format to be used.

## V OPEN TOURNAMENT

A Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis, at the tournament site, if there are any Openings on the tournament day, bowler may pay his or entry fee at the tournament site. There are NO fines for late Entry Fees.

B Entries received by the WCBT Office will send out confirmations by E-Mail if you have a Computer address., or be notified by telephone.

C Bowlers may make reservations in advance for any tournament scheduled by sending in your Entry Fee to the WCBT Office. If there is a two squad tournament, format will be Seniors Bowling one squad, and Super Seniors bowling another squad. Starting times of these squads Determined by WCBT Tournament Director Calling within 24 hours of the tournament date, unless it was an emergency, to cancel will Result in a \$25.00 fine. If it was an emergency, it has to be proven to avoid the fine. If a bowler Has paid his or hers Entry Fee in advance or does not follow the rules of calling and notifying The WCBT Tournament Director that he or she can't bowl. If the bowler does not call, then Entry Fee will not be re-funded or Credited. You will always be able to reach the WCBT Tournament Director by calling 760-363-8141, the WCBT Office, and if you reach his voice mail, leave a message on the Voice Mail, if you do not reach him in person. If the Voice mail says to call him at the tournament, That he may be on the Friday before the tournament or prior to the tournament starting time. On Saturday. You may also call the cell phone 760-792-4596.

## VI QUALIFYING FORMAT:

A Check In Time for all tournaments will be posted on the WCBT Scoreboards at the Tournament sites as well as notifications on the WCBT Website, and those of you receiving the Newsletter Formats are subject to change, with either 10 (ten) games straight thru, or an hour break between the 5 game blocks. Any qualifying for one squad that takes an hour break before the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 game block will Report to the lanes with the times posted on the scoreboard, as well as announcements From the bowling center's P.A. System.

B Bowlers not ready to bowl when practice for that squad has concluded will receive a zero for each frame missed. Practice for the squad is limited to 10 minutes.

C Bowlers will be allowed TWO RE-RACKS PER GAME ONLY. If anymore needed, then Bowler must get permission from the Tournament Director. Failure to do this will result of

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The bowler receiving a zero for that frame. Failure of being on your lane when it is your Turn to bowl depending on the situation will also result a score of zero for that frame.

## **D INTENTIONAL FOULS**

An Intentional Foul, is defined as a bowler fouling on purpose after the ball hits the pins on any game 1<sup>st</sup> shot of any frame to gain an advantage of shooting a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball of that frame Bowler will receive a zero for that frame. That foul usually occurs, after the foul light Comes on.

**E** Bowling during the qualifying rounds will be in league order (start the next game on the same Odd or even numbered lane, the previous game was finished on). Depending on the entries of each division of the singles tournaments or the teams of a doubles tournament will determine Number of bowlers to the finals, and how many games will be bowled in the finals. This decision will be made according to the chart posted by the tournament scoreboard In case of a tie for The last spot to make the finals, there will be a one game roll-off following the qualifying. If Lanes not available following the qualifying, then bowlers involved in roll-off will bowl on the Following day prior to the regular finals. It will be the responsibility of the bowlers involved in Tie to be in the center within 15 minutes after the qualifying round is completed, Make sure you Contact the Tournament Director to inquire if you are involved in a tie.

## **F BOWLING COURTESY:**

In the qualifying rounds, wait two lanes to your left and two lanes on your right. When it comes For your turn to go bowl, and always meet the bowler when you are coming off the lane. Do not Double jump another bowler getting ready to bowl. If you have any problems, contact the Tournament Director immediately.

## **G BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

1. To be responsible for all scores on their recaps, no recaps to be anywhere, but the bowler's Lanes area at all times, and to make sure all recaps our turned at the end of qualifying on Your pair of lanes.

2. Any delays coming from the machines or scorer's problems will be a decision by the Tournament Director of what action takes place. Any long delays will determine if the Tournament Director will give any extra practice shots. Tournament Director will also make a decision If bowlers are bowling too slow delaying other bowlers behind them.

## **VII FINALS FORMAT**

**A** Check In Time will be 5 (five) minutes before practice starts. Each of the finalists to be there At the start of practice at the posted times that were on the scoreboards, the previous day. And Was announced over the bowling center's P.A. System. Practice time, 10 minutes from the time Machines were turned on. Bowler's recaps will be set on the lanes prior to the start of the finals. Bowlers will be responsible to post their scores, and their opponent's scores after each game. Bowlers will make sure all recaps are turned into the Tournament Director.

## **B MISSING PLAYER OR PLAYERS AT START OF THE FINAL**

1. There will be NO Alternates for either division at the start and during the finals.

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2. On the day of the finals, if there is a missing finalist, and a bowler who had bowled in the tournament the day before in the qualifying is around, the WCBT Tournament Director may put that bowler in the place of the missing finalist, by using that bowler's Qualifying total pins from the qualifying, and inserting him the missing finalist's Position number he started with. The replacement bowler will split his place finished Prize with the missing finalist.

3. If a replacement bowler takes the place of an injured finalist, then he will have deducted One half of the finalist he took the place of bonus points, if any accumulated, and the Difference of the replacement's bowler qualifying total pins and the finalist's qualifying

Total pins. If there is No replacement to take the place of the bowler at the start, each other finalist will receive 30 pins bonus for the win, and their individual scores. During the Finals, and there is No replacement for the rest of the finals, the bowlers that the injured Bowler was to bowl against will receive 30 bonus points each. 15 bonus points to be given Back to any bowler that bowled the injured bowler in prior matches and lost. Same above rule applies to Doubles Tournament replacements, with the understanding it Would take a doubles team, not individual making up a team for replacement.

## C BONUS POINTS:

The Singles Tournaments will be 30 points each win, 15 points for a tie for each bowler involved in the tie, and zero pins for a loss. These Bonus pins to Be added to the bowler's scores each game. The bowler's qualifying pins to carry over To the finals the next day. The Doubles Bonus Points: 40 points per team win, and 10 Points for each individual match won. 30 points each time if you tie the team game, and 5 Points each for ties for individual games.

## D POSITION ROUND FORMAT:

Prior to the finals, Positions 1 & 2, will be scheduled on a pair of lanes determined by the Tournament Director. Game prior to Position Match, will determine if these two bowlers Will be on that pair of lanes. Either bowler bowled on that pair of lanes prior to the Position Match, will not bowl that game on that pair, and it will be decide what pair will be Used as long as either bowler has not used that pair of lanes either.

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**ATTENTION:** Any finalist of any tournament that decides to withdraw before the start of any finals he Or she is in and goes to bowl another tournament on the day of the finals will lose all Prize money awards

## E ABSENT OR INJURED FINALISTS:

On Sunday, may be replaced by Regular Division bowler, or a Super Senior, bowler who had Bowled the previous day in the qualifying, and he or she would go into whatever division needs The replacement using their qualifying scores from the day before. If more than one bowler is Available for this, then the highest qualifying score of bowlers available would play.

## F PRIZE FUND PAY OFFS:

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The prize fund pay-offs for each tournament will be posted by the Tournament scoreboards after the qualifying rounds and on Sunday, the day of the finals. Prize Fund Checks for the tournament will dated for the following Tuesday, after the Tournament date. All other checks for other casher's will be ready on the day of the finals, After 8:00AM. Checks not picked up will be mailed out Monday or Tuesday following the tournament. all finalists will be paid at the end of the finals on Sunday.

## VIII BOWLERS CONDUCT:

**A** All Bowlers expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times while in the Bowling centers, and to it's management and staff and to spectators watching. (NOTE), See The Fine Rules of Guide-Lines. Any complaints made by a bowler, bring them to the attention Of the Tournament Director

### **B** COMPLAINTS:

About any decision from the Tournament Director, may be put in writing And will be decided by the Tournament Director. Above all, if you have important complaints at the time, take the Tournament Director aside in the bowler's paddock or outside to talk to him about the problem. Do not cause any arguments on the lanes or the concourse about the Problem,

### **C** DRESS CODE FOR QUALIFYING AND FINALS:

All Members and guest are required to wear a colored shirt or the type T-Shirts That may be used like the PBA Tournament have. There are NO fines for shirts without your Name on the back of the shirt. at least (1) one inch high. It is requested if you don't have a shirt with your name on the back of the first tournament with the WCST, that for future tournaments That you wear a shirt with your name on the back. NO Logos of any other organization may be worn on the back of the shirt, but will be allowed on the front of the shirt or the sleeve. A \$10.00 Fine will be accessed to bowler, and to be paid at the tournament site, if above not followed. All Bowlers are required to dress in a neat and appropriate manner at all times during the Tournament, NO HATS, NO HEADBANDS, NO SWEATPANTS, NO BLUE JEAN LEVI'S FROM JANUARY TO MAY, AND NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER. Same rule will apply for the months, JUNE TO OCTOBER, WITH THE EXCEPTION, REGULAR SHORTS, may be worn.

### **D** CLEANING OF THE BOWLING BALLS:

Bowling Balls used in the tournament may be cleaned in the bowling center's cleaning machines, and may be cleaned during any game as long as there is no delay of the game on your pair of lanes. Penalty: ZERO for the frames Missed while bowling ball is being cleaned. If there are two 5 game blocks in the tournament, Sanded Balls may be used for the 1<sup>st</sup> block, and then may be re-sanded and used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Block. Bowling Balls may be cleaned with alcohol. NO Scrubbing Pads will be allowed on the Lanes especially in bowling ball cleaning sacks. Tournament Director to have bowling ball removed from the tournament. Bowler to be fined \$25.00. Note: Any cleaner used must be USBC authorized.

## IX FINES

**A** Before any fine is given, there must be valid proof of what took place, and any allegations will not be determined by here-say. All fines mentioned, the bowler will have (15) fifteen days from the time he or she was fined or received a notice of the fine by mail from the

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WCBT Tournament Director to protest the fine. The Tournament Director will make the Final decision. If the fine stands, then the bowler must pay the fine prior to entering their next WCBT Tournament. Failure to pay the fine imposed may result in further suspensions Of any future tournaments. The number of tournaments determined by length of time, bowler Fails to pay. The WCBT reserves the right to collect all fines imposed, and to add that fine To the treasury of the organization. The WCBT does not carry a Professional name, but will Conduct all future tournaments in a professional manner.

- B** If a bowler withdraws from any WCBT Tournament during a game or after a block, you must Notify the Tournament Director IMMEDIATELY. Notifying anyone else will not be Acceptable. **PENALTY: \$25.00 FINE.**
- C** Failure of notification to the Tournament Director, if withdrawing from a tournament after you Signed up or made a telephone or E-Mail reservation, your notification of **WITHDRAWAL** Must be made 24 hours in advance, usually on Thursday, prior to the tournament date to the WCBT Office, and on the day before the tournament date at the lanes. If the Tournament Director is not at the lanes, then leave your message on the Voice Mail of the WCBT Office. If you have paid your entry fee in advance, and you did not notify the Tournament Director. You cannot bowl that tournament you entered at the latest before any squad you are scheduled To bowl has started will lose your entry fee. Proper notification will let you receive a refund of Your entry fee or a credit towards a future tournament, with No Fine. Signing up, and not paid With No notification of not bowling: **PENALTY: \$25.00 fine**
- D** Complaining to management or workers of the center about lane conditions, snack bar or Coffee Shop, or any other facilities of the center, or any derogatory remarks about the center Or sponsors while the WCBT is bowling a tournament will determine the fine, and not on Here-say, but valid proof of what took place. Abusive language during the tournament where It could be heard especially to the spectators watching or if it disturbs a bowler's shot on the Lanes near you will not be tolerated, and will possibly disqualify a bowler from the qualifying Or finals. That decision will be made by Tournament Director immediately. Bowlers prior to The tournament may not converse with the Lane-Man, or the House Management on the condition of the lanes for the tournament or while he is doing the lanes, or after he has done the lanes This goes for the qualifying rounds as well as the finals. If there are two squads, bowlers not Bowling on that particular squad to stay out of the bowler's area while those bowlers are Bowling: **PENALTY: \$50.00**
- E** Kicking or slamming any ball returns, scorers, or any other possible damage to the equipment Of the center, **PENALTY \$100.00 FINE** or deliberate disturbance to any bowler, or rolling a bowling ball from the back of the approach to the lanes from the bowler's seating area or purposely throwing a ball very high into the air from the foul line: **PENALTY: \$25.00 FINE.** (Note) Bowler that damages Any of the equipment of the bowling center will be responsible to pay all damages.

## **X DUTIES OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

- A** The Tournament Director will be responsible for the following: He will handle all lane Assignments of each tournament and run all side-pots. He will also design all formats for Qualifying and Finals of both Regular Div., and Super Seniors of the tournaments. Included In this was the new scheduled finals for super seniors, when only 6 or bowling,

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then an 8 team Schedule will be used. There will be a chart posted by the score-boards with formats of how Many bowlers, number of games to be bowled according to number of entries in both the regular And super seniors entered in the tournament. He will try and get added money If possible for the tournaments, and be responsible to set up all dates for future tournaments for The schedule. All Tournament Reservations to be made with the Tournament Director by Telephone or mail or E-Mail. All Entry Fees and Dues sent to: WCST, 10888 WEST DRIVE #3, MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256. TELEPHONE NUMBER: 760-363-8141. Cell # 760-792-4596. E-MAIL ADDRESS: wcostour@yahoo.com. Confirmation to the bowlers will be sent by E-Mail, Or by telephone, or Regular Mail for your squad times. Tournament Director will also be Responsible of appointing the people doing the brackets.

- B** It will be the Tournament Director's responsibility to make sure all bowlers are on their assigned Lanes for the start of each squad bowled. He will set up Lane assignments and the Rosters of the Squads by WCST Guide-Lines and Regulations, and will abide by all rules of the USBC Not covered by the WCST Guide Lines and Regulations. He will be responsible for all pay-offs Of the prize funds at the tournament sites or by mail with the results of the tournament in the WCST Newsletter mailed no later than (7) seven days from the last tournament bowled. Results of all tournaments will also be on the WCBT Website [www.westcoastseniortour.com](http://www.westcoastseniortour.com) TOURNAMENT RESULT PAGE

## **XI OWNER & TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

- A** **DICK SANDERS:** Entry Fees and Dues will be paid to the WCBT. Expenses to be paid out of the tournament expenses Including the postage of the Newsletters, the telephone bill, and office supplies, and any ads for the WCBT organization to the bowling newspaper

## **X11 RETURNED CHECK:**

- A** If any check is returned to the WCST Office for NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS, REFER TO MAKER, OR PAYMENT STOPPED OR CLOSED ACCOUNT (other than replacing a lost check), that member or guest will be assessed a Twenty (\$25.00) dollar charge. The bowler will then be put on a cash basis Status until further notice, and this means for all future entries. Dues, etc must Be paid by cash, a Cashier's Check or a Money Order. If the bank made the Error, then a letter from said bank is required to the WCST Office will be Necessary to remove from cash status.

- B** Any bowler that fails to pay back to the WCBT, any checks for the reasons above Will not be allowed to bowl in any future WCBT Tournaments, until check has been Paid in Full. May also decide to drop a member's status in this organization. Every effort will be made by this office to collect unpaid items.

## **XIII PENALTY NOTIFICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

- A** The Tournament Director will decide what penalty will be accessed to the bowler, He or she violates any WCBT Guide Lines or Regulations. Depending on the In-fraction, the penalty may be a warning or a fine, and a possible suspension from a number of tournaments from (1) one to (3) three. His decision will be the final One. Bowler may appeal his decision in writing for a possible reversal of the decision. The appeal may be

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turned in within (15) fifteen days to the WCBT Office. After that Appeal will not be recognized. WCBT Tournament Director also deserves the right to bar any bowler not meeting the standards of this organization.

**ALL GUIDE LINES AND REGULATIONS ARE THE RULES BY WHICH THE WCBT WILL BE GOVERNED. NOTE: ANY RULES NOT COVERED IN WCBT GUIDELINES & RULES WILL BE COVERED BY THE USBC RULES. WCST MEMBERS TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN THERE ANY ADMENDMENT CHANGES AND REVISIONS TO THE GUIDELINES. ALL ENTRY FEES AND DUES: SEND TO WCST, 10888 WEST DRIVE #3 MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256. ALL RESERVATIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS: CALL DICK SANDERS, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. 760-363-8141 CELL PHONE # 760-792-4596. E-MAIL ADDRESS: sanders.richard36@yahoo.com**