



From the Desk of Neil Stremmel

Hello PBA LBC League Bowlers! I hope everyone that supports our great sport has a great Holiday Season! For the start of the 2024 PBA season, we have posted a new PBA Rulebook, updated the urethane balls allowed in all PBA Tour competition and began posting revised PBA Patterns to be used in this years' PBA Tour events. Just to be clear, the newly posted PBA Rules and ball list does not affect the PBA LBC Leagues out there.

In my last update I said we'd post an updated serial number document to explain the manufacturing date of each bowling ball. That has been done and can be seen on the Rules page with these other Letters from the Desk. Also in the last update I mentioned that I'd discuss each new rule in the PBA Rulebook. It is a long (and mostly boring) list, but here you go;

- A. TV Shot Clock: During televised events a competitor will have twenty-five (25) seconds to initiate his/her delivery from the time the competitor picks up his or her bowling ball or within 10 seconds of when the bowling ball from the previous shot comes back to the ball return and touches another ball/object on the rack or stops. 1st Offense = Warning, 2nd Offense = zero (0) for the shot. The timeout may be requested at any time during the competitors turn. After a timeout the shot clock will restart after 15 seconds or at the discretion of the Tournament Director. See updated Rules 17.7 and 17.13 for details.
- B. Urethane and 8/1/22 Rule: For National Tour, all equipment must be manufactured on or after August 1, 2022. All urethane and urethane-like equipment must be manufactured on or after August 1, 2022 and be manufactured above 78.0 HD. Older spare/fill balls of plastic or rubber may be approved by the Tournament Director or the Director of Rules and Equipment. Review updated Rule 11.0 for changes.
- C. Jersey/Logo updates: See revised Rule 14 for updates.
- D. Television warm up: last seed will again get 8 minutes of warmup. See Rule 16.4.
- E. Competition bowling ball without holes: Must be marked. See Rule 11.5.1.f.
- F. Fine via email: TD to verify member is notified, then submit electronically. See Rule 15.3.
- G. Prize money split with non-casher: See Rule 20.3.7.
- H. Member priority rule: See Rule 14.7.4.
- I. Speaking with Media: See Rule 1.4.
- J. Slow play during qualifying: See Rule 17.5.
- K. Standard membership clarification: See Rule 2.1.1.

Please check out these changes for 2024. I hope you all have great success on and off the lanes!

Thank you again and please continue to support our sport!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Sandhu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "N" and "S".

PBA Director of Rules and Equipment