



2020 NON-MEMBER GUIDELINES

The following information is provided to familiarize you with the rules and regulations while bowling in PBA tournament competition. They are not all-inclusive and are meant only as a precursor to the non-member meeting that will be held at the bowling center prior to the tournament. Attendance at the non-member meeting is mandatory, as you will be responsible for all information covered.

1. Product Registration. The PBA owns the exclusive right to regulate the use of its name, trademarks and logos. The PBA will provide opportunities, in the form of licensing and sponsorships, for companies to promote and display their products, product names, trademarks and logos to consumers. Companies that desire to take advantage of these opportunities must first register their products with the PBA, so that these products might be cleared for use in PBA competition. **A current list of product registered companies is always available at PBA.com and will be posted in the locker room during the event.**

- Competitors may not use any non product registered or non-cleared bowling balls in PBA competition. (Disqualification)
- Competitors may not use any non product registered bowling products in PBA competition. (Minor Penalty, \$250 fine, Disqualification if the product in question is not immediately removed).

NOTE: Miscellaneous accessory items such as rosin bags (in a pouch or container) cork, tape, slugs, rosin and ball polish are excluded.

NOTE: Bowling balls containing any corporate logo, sports team logo or trademarked character will not be permitted during PBA competition.

- Competitors may not display non-registered company names and/or product logos in PBA competition (Minor Penalty \$100 fine, and the item in question must be removed or obscured by an approved logo, as appropriate).
- Competitors may not darken or in any way obstruct any product registered logo.

NOTE: Just because a ball company is registered does not mean all of their bowling balls are cleared for competition. If you are not sure if the equipment you are using is product registered or cleared, please check for the current list of approved bowling balls prior to competition or by looking at "Approved Equipment" on pba.com. <https://www.pba.com/ProductRegistration/Manufacturers>



PBA PRODUCT REGISTERED COMPANIES

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Note: *The PBA50 & PBA Regional Tours allow competitors to wear bowling shoes of non-product registered companies. However, non-product registered company logos cannot be displayed during competition.*

Bowling Balls

Big Bowling	Brunswick	Columbia300	DV8
Ebonite	Hammer	MOTIV	PBA
Radical	Roto Grip	Storm	Track
900 Global			

Footwear

Brunswick
Dexter
Hammer
Storm
3G (900 Global)
KR Strikeforce

Accessories

Master
Turbo 2-n-1 Grips
VISE
Ultimate Bowling
KR Strike Force
Genesis
High 5 Gear
Power House
Creating the Difference

Apparel (dye sublimated jerseys)

High 5 Gear (H5G)



2. **Bowling Equipment.** The PBA follows all USBC guidelines regarding bowling ball specifications. Plugged equipment is allowed provided it meets all other USBC/PBA specifications.

3. **Effective 8-1-2020 Balance Holes**

Beginning August 1, 2020, the use of a balance hole is prohibited. The rule states all holes in a bowling ball must be used on every delivery; any hole not used is considered a balance hole, making the ball illegal. Bowlers who do not use their thumb no longer can have a thumb hole, as it now is considered a balance hole. They also need to mark their ball to show where they place their palm on delivery.

NOTE: *Holes or indentations for gripping purposes shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for the thumb, all for the same hand. The player is not required to use all finger holes in any specific delivery, but they must be able to demonstrate, with the same hand, that each gripping hole can be simultaneously used for gripping purposes. Any thumb hole that is not used for gripping purposes during the delivery would be classified as a balance hole.*

4. **Balance holes.** Beginning **August 1, 2020**, balance holes of any kind are not legal.

5. **Scorekeeping.** Your score is the most direct way for you to measure your success in a PBA event. It is extremely important for you to ensure the accuracy of your scores, as well as attesting the scores of one other player on your pair. **Any violation of the following guidelines will result in a scorecard violation and a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine.**

- Your match play opponent must verify and sign your scorecard. If a scorecard error is discovered, **both** players will be assessed a scorecard violation. Scorecard violations include, incomplete ball information, incomplete or incorrect block/grand totals, or score sheet not signed and verified.
- The player finishing the game first should record the game scores during all phases of the tournament.
- Record all equipment used during competition by the end of the first game it was put into play. The documentation of each ball on the score sheet should include: 1) The last four digits of the serial number, 2) Grips used (if any), 3) Slugs or plugs used.
- You must record each re-rack taken with a small mark next to the game number on your score sheet. You are permitted two (2) re-racks per game during competition and must verify each re-rack with an opposing player before taking it. In the event you take a third re-rack, you will be given a zero (0) for the shot.



6. **Appearance Guidelines.** As a non-member competing in a professional event, you should make every effort to maintain a professional appearance in both clothing and personal grooming at all times while in the bowling center. While competing in this event the following guidelines must be adhered to:
- Competition includes all official practice sessions, pro-ams and all rounds of tournament competition.
 - For men, dress pants must be worn during competition and the length must extend to the top of the shoe. Women may also wear dress pants using the same guideline.
 - For women, skirts may be worn provided the hemline is no shorter than the end of the fingertips when arms hang naturally at the bowler's side.
 - Jeans, draw strings or parachute type pants may not be worn during competition.
 - Shorts or T-Shirts may not be worn during competition.
 - Mock turtlenecks are permitted.
 - Items that hang or protrude from apparel may not be worn in competition.
 - Hats may not be worn during competition.
 - Personal listening devices like MP3 players and similar devices may not be used while bowling for score. These items may be used during practice and warm-up only.
 - If a shirt is tucked into pants with belt loops, a belt must be worn.
 - While in competition, your last name (first names are optional) must appear in permanently attached letters at least two (2) inches high in the central back area of the shirt.
 - Removable name placards will not be allowed.
 - Airbrushed or stenciled names will not be allowed.
 - You may wear an optional PBA logo on the lower right sleeve of your shirt. These logos will be available for a nominal fee at the tournament site.
 - All logos used on apparel (and bowling balls) must be product registered and/or formally approved by the PBA in writing.
 - Competitors may not display nonregistered company names or product logos in PBA competition.

NOTE: Only High 5 sublimated shirts may be worn in PBA Competition.



7. **Non-Subliminal Dye Shirts.** Displayed logos may not be more than six square inches in size. The right sleeve and back yoke of shirt shall be reserved for the PBA logo and corporate tour sponsors. Logos may be displayed as follows:

- Three logos on the left sleeve
- Logos may NOT be worn on the right sleeve. The right sleeve is reserved for use by the PBA and corporate tour sponsors.
- Two logos on the upper left chest
- Two logos on the upper right chest
- The upper chest logos can be combined to accommodate one logo, not to exceed twelve square inches
- The front collar has two approved logo positions. The collar positions are reserved for product registered manufacturer logos
- Logos may not be worn anywhere other than the three designated areas on non-subliminal dye shirts, which are the Sleeve, Upper Chest, and Collar locations.
- Fully registered companies in the Ball or Shoe category may display up to three (3) logos. All other product registered companies may display up to two (2) logos.
- Any violation of appearance guidelines will result in a one-hundred dollar (\$100) fine. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any offender at any time for severe violations of the dress code.

8. **Pre-Tournament Procedures.** Before participating in the tournament, there are several things that you must know to ensure that your tournament experience is a smooth one.

- Find out your squad assignment and what time your squad is scheduled to compete. An alphabetical assignment sheet will be posted in the player locker room and a copy placed at the host center control counter the afternoon prior to the scheduled practice session for the event. This information is also available on the pba.com website by clicking on schedule under PBA Tour, then the name of the tournament and then roster.
- You are not required to pre-register your bowling equipment for use in PBA competition. However, you are responsible for ensuring that your equipment meets PBA/USBC specifications. You may be subject to random spot checks at anytime during the tournament. PBA staff is available to assist you in checking your equipment, as needed. The penalty for illegal equipment is as follows:
 - Ball does not meet PBA specifications: \$200 first offense, \$500 second offense, and then disqualification.



- Ball is not product registered or cleared for competition: Disqualification.
 - Roll Call will be called thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of your round. Your presence is required in roll call to confirm tournament entries and obtain any information that may be promulgated by the Tournament Director. If you are late for roll call, you will be fined ten dollars (\$10).
 - Practice/Warm Up will begin thirteen (13) minutes prior to the start of your round (5 on a pair), ten (10) minutes prior for four on a pair, eight (8) minutes for three on a pair, and five (5) minutes for two on a pair.
9. **Lane Courtesy.** The PBA uses one (1) pair lane courtesy at all times. This rule is also referred to as the “Double Jumping” rule. A “Double Jump” occurs when, following another player’s delivery on your pair, you step onto the approach before one (1) competitor on the pair to your left and one (1) competitor on the pair to the right have thrown a shot.
10. **Altering the Surface of the Bowling Ball.** Altering the surface of any bowling ball is not permitted after a player throws his or her first ball for score during each round of competition. When altering the surface of the ball, the entire ball surface must be sanded or scuffed. Altering only partial surface areas (flares for example) is not permitted. If the equipment is used during the round, the player will be disqualified.
11. **Foreign Material on Ball Surface.** All foreign material (such as rosin, powder or lane conditioner) may not be applied directly to the surface of the ball.
First Offense: \$100 Fine. 2nd Offense: Disqualification.
- NOTE: The Tournament Director may allow a player to remove foreign substances from the bowling ball on a case by case basis.**
12. **Dead Ball Situations.** The Tournament Director must be notified whenever someone has bowled on the wrong lane, out of turn, or when a pin must be removed from the lane or gutter. It is always best to ask rather than continue without being sure of the rule. For example, if you bowl on the wrong lane or out of turn and strike, the score will not count. However, if you bowl out of turn or on the wrong lane and do not strike, you will complete the frame, and the score will stand.
13. **Coaching.** Coaching is allowed in all PBA competition. However, coaches and/or ball manufacturers may not be in the bowlers’ area at any time during competition.
14. **Locker Room.** Maximum of nine (9) bowling balls per competitor will be allowed in the locker room during the qualifying portions of a PBA event. All bowlers advancing to match play will then be allowed an unlimited number of bowling balls in the locker room. Loose bowling balls will not be permitted in the locker room. However, single ball and case boxes are permitted provided the bowlers name is clearly marked on the box.



15. **Alcohol Consumption**. Competitors may not consume alcohol on the tournament host premises until their competition is completed for the day (including Pro-Ams). Competitors may only consume alcohol in a designated area to be determined by the Tournament Director. Competitors may not consume alcohol while wearing a name shirt.
16. **Use of Tobacco Products While Competing**. Competitors may not use any type of tobacco product or visible nicotine delivery system (e-cigarettes for example) while competing (including Pro-Ams). Competitors can only use these products in a designated area to be determined by the Tournament Director. Competitors may not use these products while wearing a name shirt.
17. **PBA Tour Tournament of Champions Eligibility**. Any tournament entrant who competes as an amateur in any portion of a PBA tournament is **NOT** eligible for a berth into the PBA Tournament of Champions (T of C). To be eligible for a berth into the T of C, bowlers must be members prior to the official start of the event in which the berth into the T of C will be awarded.
18. **Amateur Two Cash Rule**. An amateur may cash in a maximum of two (2) PBA events per season (aggregate PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional Tour).

NOTE 1: If an amateur has cashed in two (2) PBA events in a season and wishes to participate in another event, he or she must declare prior to the tournament that is he or she cashes, he or she will not be allowed to accept the prize money unless he or she becomes a PBA member.

NOTE 2: If an amateur chooses to accept the prize money, an application for membership must be completed and the initiation fee and dues for a full year be deducted from the prize money won.

NOTE 3: PBA Regional Tour Member/Non-member doubles events shall not count towards the amateur two cash rule.

NOTE 4: The amateur two cash rule shall not apply to amateur bowlers whose prize money earnings are deferred to a SMART account for continuing education.