



## **From the Desk of Neil Stremmel**

Hello PBA LBC League Bowlers!

We just concluded the main portion of the PBA Tour 2025 season. We will have the PBA Playoff Championships and the Finals over the next 4-6 weeks then just a couple other events late in the year. We've had a very good year with new winners, great performances and millions of viewers this season. Thank you for watching! Please continue to do so over these last few events. I'm sure we'll have some great story lines and of course, some great bowling!

The testing data gathered during this PBA season has been successful. It shows that the equipment being used has remained stable and above/within the specifications. The data was obtained at many of the 2025 National Tour events from January to April 2025. There are no anomalies that stand out as problematic. Additionally, this data compares well to the data of 2024. The testing is open and helps maintain a fair playing environment. It also confirms that the new hardness specifications we put in place prior to the 2024 season has thus far, been successful. Industry issues continue to show/verify that this testing has been important and critical in verifying a fair playing environment – and needs to continue. I have to note that there have been rumors, issues, discussions, etc. across many high level events around the world with regards to bowling ball hardness and potential manipulation. But this has not been the case for any PBA National Tour events. Again, solidifying the fact that we have good methods and procedures in place. Other events around the world are now utilizing our rules and specifications giving us the confidence that we have made the right decisions for our events and members. Leading the way!

The 2025 PBA LBC National Championships will begin May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at Bowlero Mt. Prospect, near Chicago, IL. You can sign up here;

<https://www.pba.com/lbctournament>

Click on "Register Now." For those who did not bowl last year or are not already in a Bowlero League, you will need a LeaguePals account, which is free. There are eight (8) divisions to choose from. The guaranteed first-place prizes for each division is as follows:

- Open Classic: \$25,000
- Women's Classic: \$5,000
- Men's Handicap: \$5,000
- Women's Handicap: \$5,000
- Senior Classic: \$5,000

- PBA Exempt: \$5,000
- Girls Jr. Handicap: \$2,500 (SMART scholarship)
- Boys Jr. Handicap: \$2,500 (SMART scholarship)

In addition, once again, the winner of each division will compete in the PBA LBC Clash Finals. I hope everyone gets a chance to enter this great event. One of the unique aspects of this event is that you may also select to bowl optional events with PBA Exempt Professionals! Just select one of the PBA Pros before you and he compete and you can combine your scores with theirs to win additional events and prizes. Check out the optional side events on the page above for the specifics.

I hope to see you in Mount Prospect at the 2025 PBA LBC National Championships!

Thank you again and please continue to support our sport!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

PBA Director of Rules and Equipment