

ABTA Rules-Regulations

1. The ABTA is open to all bowlers Men/Women up to a 209 Average. No PBA, or PWBA Professionals are allowed. Tournament is open to members only.
2. To Join, Bowlers must provide, or make available correct information concerning entering averages. (Last Book average of 21 games or more) USBC and also Non Sanctioned. Organized League averages are used to determine Average/Handicap to bowl in ABTA events. If an ABTA Member has not bowled with the ABTA tournament in a calendar year, it is his / her responsibility to report any new average changes in respect of the ABTA Tournament and handicapping fairness to you.
3. A Bowler may enter at 209 averages if no book average in the past 2 years and is accepted by the ABTA tournament officials as ABTA Eligible.
ANY BOWLER HAVING WON A MAJOR NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL EVENT, or MAJOR TOURNAMENT, is NOT ELIGIBLE to join the ABTA. Current ABTA members are exempt from this rule.
4. All General USBC rules will be enforced and the ABTA Tournament Director will settle all disputes and Questionable / Ambiguous happenings if they exist. Any decision made by the ABTA Tournament Director is Final. All will be ruled fairly and decently reasonable as possible for you.
5. **HANDICAP:** All Events are handicapped at a ratio of 75% of 215 averages with a max of 60 pins Handicap per game. BONUS PINS are gained by having 3 non-cashing squads or 6 non-cashing Reduced Entry squads. All Scores are based at 200 with Handicap Example $189 + 11 \text{ pins hdcp} = 0$. Those making match play each week will loose pins based on how far you advance, except when special hdcp events are ran. Your HDCP and 60 Game Block average cannot exceed 218, if above that you will not gain any additional HDCP.
6. **QUALIFYING:** There are separate qualifying boards (Men / Women) but they bowl the squads together. There are guaranteed Minimum qualifying spots, usually 1 in 5 ½ entrants to advance to the semifinals and added over the guarantee if/when entries increase to such. Qualifying is comprised of 3 game squads. If you qualify on 2 entries we will take the entry that would have paid you more.
7. **SEMIFINALS:** All bowlers who advance to the Semi Finals will cash, and in extenuating circumstances receive a paid entry to a future ABTA Event. All Prize Funds are guaranteed.
8. **FINALS:** In most ABTA Events the top 16 Single Elim Format (3 Women at minimum are guaranteed to this) will be used. The 16 bowlers are the top scores from the Semi Finals. The Top Shooter in the Semis will sit out and bowl for the title (in case of a tie, there is a 1 game roll-off to determine the top seed). 2nd in Semis will receive a bye in the first round of the finals and enter in round #2. (NOTE: some events will use a different format based on Host Center time constraints). All matches in the finals are handicapped, and in case of a tie there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off with pro-rated handicap. In case of a tie during the title match, this will be a Full Game roll-off.
9. In case a bowler is not able to bowl the 1st round of match play, then we will take the next person into the finals, this is only valid on 1st round.
10. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:** Men act as gentlemen, Ladies act as ladies. No yelling to disturb other bowlers.
11. There will be no cheating, or falsifications allowed and the ABTA reserves the right to Re-Rate, Disqualify, or Refuse any entrant in respect and fairness to the ABTA Members/Bowlers.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the ABTA, we will do our best to organize and direct a fair and honest tournament for you with the highest payoffs possible. The ABTA is open to bowlers with a 209 and below average. No PBA or WPBA bowlers are allowed.

MEMBERSHIP

Is \$10 first time you bowl, as long as you stay active there is no renewal, however if you stop bowling for 6 months then the renewal fee is \$5.00.

Entry Fees

For regular tournaments, the first Regular entry is \$57, 2nd is \$54, all others are \$47. Reduced entries are \$39 and \$36. Reduced entries qualify you for \$500 First Place and 60% of all other places. Regular Entries qualify you for \$1,000 first place. Some Events will have different amounts for 1st place, in those cases the reduced entry qualifies you for what First place was guaranteed at. For bigger events, the entry fees will be higher resulting in a higher payoff.

OPTIONALS INCLUDE

Side Pots (Handicapped) only \$7 per game during qualifying, \$5 total during semis. Many are guaranteed.

Cash & Carry \$1 to \$10 for new members, and \$1 to \$20 for members who have bowled in 5 or more tournaments in a calendar year. This pays \$85 to every \$1 no matter the entries. Only pays if you win the event. Larger tournaments will have higher amounts in them.

Honor Scores For 300 Game, bowler receives a Plaque and shirt, all others are Plaques

3-6-9 Pot \$5 Entry to get in, the format is 9 or strike during the 2nd game. POT ESCALATES WEEKLY UNTIL BROKEN with a Reserve/Back-up pot being added. This Pot will max out at \$3,000. You qualify during the 2nd game only. Bowlers must get a 9 or strike in the 3rd, 6th, 9th to qualify to the roll-off. Qualifying bowlers return for a roll-off prior to the Semifinals. Bowlers are then assigned to a lane. In the roll-off they must continue to get 9 or strike to stay in, while moving 1 lane left each shot until all but 1 bowler is eliminated. Bowler will draw for a lane, Men must throw 5 9's or better, and Ladies must get 4 9's or better. Again after each shot the bowler will move 1 lane left. If bank is not broken the bowler gets a \$50 consolation.

Match Game 3 Pot \$5 Entry to get in. Anyone can enter and their 3rd Game (scratch) in the qualifying, and/or the Semis will be used (provided they paid). The drawing will be done after the Semi-Finals from a pot containing beads numbered from 100-300 by the High Qualifier during the Semis. If your score matches the game drawn, you will win the pot which is Very Lucrative at times. The pot will be capped at \$5,000 with the balance going to a reserve pot for the following event. Ties will split the pot. If you have not bowled 4 tournaments in the last 12 months then the pot is pro-rated, 25% for the 1st, 50% for the 2nd, 75% for the 3rd and 100% for the 4th.

Match Series \$5 Entry to get in. Anyone can enter and their 3 Games (scratch) scores in the qualifying, will be used (provide they paid). The drawing will be done after the last qualifying squad a pot containing beads numbered from 410-720 by the High Qualifier during the Qualifying Rounds. If your score matches the game drawn, you will win the pot which is Very Lucrative at times. The pot will be capped at \$5,000 with the balance going to a reserve pot for the following event. Ties will split the pot. If you have not bowled 4 tournaments in the last 12 months then the pot is pro-rated, 25% for the 1st, 50% for the 2nd, 75% for the 3rd and 100% for the 4th.

Payoffs Payoffs in the ABTA are Second to none. We Guarantee all weekly tournaments with a minimum of 35 cashers 26 (men) and (6) women, plus 1 in 5 ½ Entrants will cash in the weekly events. We also add Super seniors to the board that did not make the regular board. 2 (men) and 1 (female) will be added. All payoffs will be made the same day.