

TATurday Rules

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1. **PLAYING RULES** - Rules of TAT Desert Southwest "TATurday" events stated herein will govern all participants. PBA and USBC Rules may apply at director's discretion. The tournament director will have the right to resolve all questions and disputes arising. All decisions shall be final and binding.
2. **Eligibility** - The tournament is open to male and female bowlers meeting the below listed qualifications. For bowlers 60 years of age and over, items b, c, f,g, h, j, and k do not apply.
 - a. Have not held a paid membership in the PBA, PWBA, or PBA24 for at least 1 year prior to event.
 - b. Have not appeared on a nationally-televised PBA finals in the previous 10 years.
 - c. Have never had PBA Tour 1 status and have not held Exempt status in the previous 10 years.
 - d. Have not won a PBA, PWBA/LPBT National title or PBA National Sr. Tour title in past 20 years, including the U.S. Open, U.S. Sr. Open, USBC Masters/Queens and USBC Sr. Masters/Queens.
 - e. Have not competed as a National Team member in previous 10 years or Junior National Team in previous 5 years. Anyone under 215 average may bowl at discretion of Tournament Director.
 - f. Have not won more than one \$10,000 prize in any scratch tournament in the previous 5 years and have not won \$20,000+ in any scratch tournament where PBA/PWBA bowlers are permitted in the previous 20 years.
 - g. Have not won a Regular Division title (eagle) in the USBC Open Championships in the previous 5 years in Singles, Doubles, All Events, or Team All Events.
 - h. Have not won a PBA Singles Regional title in the past 2 yrs or Non-Champions in the past year.
 - i. To bowl in a handicap division, the bowler must have a USBC composite average of at least 21 games in the past two years or have bowled in at least one TAT Desert Southwest handicap division in the past year.
 - j. Any 215 division bowler who wins \$4,000+ in TAT Desert Southwest or TAT national events in the previous year must bowl in the Scratch Division in their next TAT DSW tournament.
 - k. Any 189 division bowler who wins their division in a TAT Desert Southwest or TAT national event must bowl in the 215 & Under, 50+ Senior, or Scratch Division in their next TAT DSW tournament.
 - l. Scratch Division bowlers are limited to winning no more than two TAT events per 12-month period, including national events, regional events, and TATurdays. Upon winning the second such event in 12 months, the bowler becomes ineligible for TATurdays for the remainder of the 12-month period or 3 months after the last win, whichever is longer.
 - m. Employees of the hosting bowling center within one month prior to competition are not eligible.
 - n. Participants must sign an eligibility affidavit. If the bowler is later deemed ineligible, that bowler must forfeit/repay any prize money won and sit out corresponding events.
2. **Decisions of the Tournament Directors are final**, including, but not limited to eligibility of players, equipment, conduct, and any other factors that may lead to a player's disqualification or re-rating. Directors reserve the right to declare anyone ineligible and the right to refuse entry.
3. **Bowling balls** must be within compliance with PBA and USBC specifications and have met their worldwide release date. The surface of any ball must not be altered once each squad begins. Surfaces may be modified between squads and between rounds of the Finals.
4. **Attire** - In the Finals only, portions of the dress code are mandatory and portions are optional. Finalists who comply with the entire rule throughout the Finals may be granted additional compensation. Mandatory: No headphones. Optional: Collared shirts or jerseys, including those with mock collars. Name shirts encouraged. Slacks for men. Slacks or skirts/skortis for women. No jeans, shorts, cutoffs, cargo pants, t-shirts, or hats. The Tournament Directors have the right to disqualify any entrant under this rule at any time during the Finals.
5. **Courtesy** - A one-lane courtesy will be observed by all bowlers.
6. **Persons under 18 years of age** must have a USBC SMART Fund into which winnings will be paid, and must have a signed parental consent form. Bowler's age for the event will be as of the first day of competition.
7. **Qualifying and Finals rounds** will be by division. Each division qualifies separately by squad(s).
8. **Cut scores** are 1 in 6 for each division of paid entries. With ties for the last qualifying spot, each player will make the finals but will split the \$200 prize. If 3 or more are tied, each bowler will receive \$100. If any division does not have at least 4 bowlers in a cut (except for the final cut of the tournament), the cut will be carried over to the next cut.
9. **IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY MAKING THE CUT.** Bowlers receive a zero for frames missed and forfeit the match when all bowlers on the pair finish the 3rd frame. Qualifying board is frozen (no changes) at the start time of the Finals unless someone is DQ'd or put in the wrong division.
10. **Ties** to advance in TAT Finals are broken by a 9th & 10th frame roll-off with any applicable handicap applied at 20% of full game handicap, rounded half up. If still tied, bowlers will throw one ball each (without handicap) until the tie is broken. It is the bowler's responsibility to be present. In the main event finals for 2nd through 4th place, ties result in prize money being split evenly.
11. **Re-rating** Bowlers may be re-rated to a higher or lower average and/or division based on past scores at both TAT regional & national events.
12. **Event Cancellation** caused by any act of God, war, catastrophe, or legalities, etc. determined by the Tournament Director will result in the return of any unused entry fees.
13. **Neither TAT Desert Southwest, TAT Las Vegas, TAT staff, nor any of the sponsors of this tournament are responsible for errors made in the brochure or at the tournament.**
14. **Payment for Entries** - Anyone who does not pay for their entry upon completion of the tournament may forfeit all winnings.