

2025 TAT Masters Rules

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1. **PLAYING RULES** - Rules of the 2025 TAT Masters ("the tournament") 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 or female bowlers meeting the below listed qualifications.
For bowlers 60 years of age and over, items b, c, f, g, and h do not apply.
 - a. Current or recent PBA/PWBA/PBA24/PBA50 card holders may bowl in the TAT Masters, but only if they also meet all other restrictions below and have NEVER won a PBA/PWBA national or regional title. Must bowl in the Scratch or the 50+ Senior Division with 0 handicap.
 - 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 national title in the past 20 years, including the U.S. Open and USBC Masters, along with both the Senior and Women's versions of the same events.
 - 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 the Tournament Director.
 - f. Have not won \$5,000+ more than once in any scratch event where PBA/PWBA national champions are permitted in the last 5 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/PWBA Singles Regional title in past 2 yrs or Non-Champions in past year.
 - i. To bowl in a handicap division, bowler must have a USBC composite average of at least 21 games in past two years or have bowled in at least one TAT DSW handicap division in past year.
 - j. Bowlers in both Handicap and Scratch divisions who have won a single TAT event in the past year are permitted to bowl in this special event without the typical restrictions.
 - k. Failure to disclose prior tournament winnings when requested may result in disqualification and forfeiture of winnings and entry fees.
 - l. Employees of Lakeview Lanes after December 1, 2024 are not eligible.
 - m. 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.
3. **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 in a division. Directors reserve the right to declare anyone ineligible and the right to refuse entry.
4. **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.
5. **Attire** - In the TAT Finals only, PBA/PWBA approved attire must be worn. No jeans, shorts, cargo pants, or hats in the finals, but are permitted during qualifying. Name jerseys are encouraged but not required. The Tournament Directors have the right to disqualify any entrant under this rule at any time during the main finals.
6. **Courtesy** - A one-lane courtesy will be observed by all bowlers.
7. **Persons under 18 years of age** must use a SMART FUND and have a signed parental consent form. Bowler's age for the event will be as of the first day of competition.
8. **Qualifying and Finals rounds** will be by division. Each division qualifies separately by squad(s).
9. **Maximum score** with handicap for VIP tournament and Finals is 300.
10. **Cut scores** are 1 in 5 for each division of paid entries. With ties for the last qualifying spot, each player will cash but will split the \$300 prize. If 3 or more are tied, each bowler will receive \$100. If any division does not have at least 3 bowlers in a cut (except for the final cut of the tournament), the cut will be carried over to the next cut.
11. **IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY MAKING THE CUT.** Bowlers receive a zero for frames missed and forfeit the match when the other bowler on the pair finishes the 5th frame of the first game. Qualifying board is frozen (no changes) at the start time of the Finals unless someone is DQ'd or put in the wrong division.
12. **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 and 3rd place, ties result in prize money being split evenly.
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **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.**
16. **Payment for Entries** - Anyone who does not pay for their entry upon completion of the tournament may forfeit all winnings.