

NWOTBA Rules

- Sanctioning o All tournaments conducted by the NWOTBA will be sanctioned through the United States Bowling Congress.
- Player Qualifications o Any bowler not sanctioned with USBC must pay a \$5.00 participation fee. This fee must be paid prior to participation. Penalty for non-compliance or any misrepresentation shall be loss of points, prize money and awards for all tournaments bowled as a non-member. o Current PBA national exempt players are not eligible to compete in any tournament.
- Entry Fees o Entry fee to all tournaments shall be \$65, of which \$40 will be used as prize money and the balance used to cover the cost of bowling, expenses and year-end tournament prize fund. All prize money collected will be paid out 100% at each tournament.
- Practice o A free practice session will begin 10 minutes prior to the start of each shift. No other practice will be allowed prior to bowling.
- Entry Closing o Entries close at the start of the last squad at each tournament. All pre-paid entries not showing up will forfeit all fees paid unless vacant spot is filled.
- Full Field o All squads will be limited to a maximum of 10 bowlers per pair with the exception of the year end invitational tournament or at the request of the host proprietor. . Pre-paid and pre-registered entries will be considered first. Vacancies will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Any non-paid entry received by the tournament director or the host center must be paid no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled squad time or the spot will be considered vacant and available.
- Late Bowler o A bowler may begin after the squad has begun competition as long as there is a vacant spot or the bowler has pre-paid. The bowler enters the tournament at the frame and game designated on the score sheet on their pair of lanes. A score of zero will be taken for all frames missed.
- Multiple Shifts o In the event that more than one squad will be needed, bowlers may bowl in more than one shift as long as any vacancies occur. Bowlers may request to be placed on a waiting list by notifying the tournament director during their squad. Entries will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Bowlers who do bowl multiple squads will only receive points based on their best finish.
- Lane Assignments o All bowlers will draw for starting lane assignments.
- Scores o All bowlers will be responsible for the accuracy of their scores. Any question or discrepancy in a qualifying score must be brought to the tournament director before the start of the match play portion of the tournament, at which time all scores are considered final. The tournament director may correct any and all obvious errors.
- Cash Prizes o Cash prizes will be paid out on a minimum of 1 out of 4 entry ratio per squad. In multiple squad events, players that qualify for a cash prize for the 1st squad that decide to re-enter the 2nd squad will forfeit their prize to the next player by score.
- Dress Code o Proper attire should be worn out of respect for the tournament and the host center. Please wear shirts with collars or crew neck bowling shirts. Dress shorts are permitted. Please do not wear hats or jeans with holes in them.

- Format o All bowlers will bowl a 4 game qualifying round o The number of bowlers advancing to match play will be determined as follows:
 - Less than 32 man field - 1 out of 4 ratio
 - 32 – 39 man field - 8 bowlers
 - 40 – 79 man field - 10 bowlers
 - Over 80 man field - 16 bowlers o In multiple squad tournaments, one out of four bowlers in the first squad will advance to match play; with a maximum of the half the number of total match play spots available. o Bowlers advancing to match play will bowl a 2 game match on 1 pair of lanes. The bowler with the highest 2 game total will advance to the next portion of the tournament. Matches will be aligned by using a high/low qualifying total method. In the event of a tie, the highest last game will be used to determine position. The higher finishing qualifier will draw lane assignments. In the event of an odd number of bowlers advancing to match play, the high qualifier will receive a bye, but must bowl 2 games for the purpose of seating. In the event that a bye is used and a tie occurs for high qualifier, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will determine the winner. Higher qualifier will have choice of starting lanes for both games of each match. o Winners of the match play portion will be seated into stepladder style finals by using the 4 qualifying round scores plus the 2 match play scores. The tournament director will determine final lanes. o Players advancing to the finals will receive 2 practice balls on each lane. Highest position will have choice of starting lane. All matches begin on the left lane. Players coming on to meet the winner will receive 2 practice balls on each lane, and the player winning the previous match can take 4 practice balls on the practice pair.
- Other Rules o Any rule not covered here will be decided on by the tournament director using USBC and PBA rules as guidelines. Any intention to appeal a decision by a player must be done so before the next stage of the tournament and before any prize money has been paid. All decisions will be final at the conclusion of each tournament, other than an appeal to the USBC.
- Bowler Recognition o A special recognition will be given to the “Dexter Bowler of the Year”. This honor will be determined by the following point system:
 - o Tournament winner 8 points
 - o 2nd Place 7 points
 - o 3rd Place 6 points
 - o 4th Place 5 points
 - o 5th Place 4 points
 - o Match Play losers 3 points
 - o Cash only 2 points
 - o Participation only 1 points
- High Qualifier 4 points o The top 5 points winners for the season will receive a cash award. This prize fund will equal \$1 per entry in all tournaments combined. o A special recognition will be given

to the “Dexter Bring a Friend” member. This honor will be determined by the number of new bowlers introduced to the tournaments each season.

- End of Year Tournament o Any member in good standing that has participated in a minimum of 3 tournaments during the season is eligible to bowl in the final tournament. Any member in good standing will receive \$10 credit toward entry into the End of Year Tournament for each event bowled or paid for after the minimum of 3 events. Maximum credit allowed will be \$65.