

CHAPTER 5: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

5.1 TBASA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 5.1.1 The official TBASA Championships are as follows:
- a) SA Singles Championships
 - b) SA Doubles Championships
 - c) Interprovincial Championships (IP's)
 - d) TBASA Championships
 - e) Any other Championships approved by TBASA Executive.
- 5.1.2 The specific rules, which apply to each championship, are specified in Chapters 5.1 – 5.23
- 5.1.3 The applicable universal playing rules are found in the IBF Playing Rules. The equipment specifications are found in the IBF Playing Rules.
- 5.1.4 Bowling expenses
- a) Lane fees for the official practice
 - b) Lane fees for all events of the championships.
- 5.1.5 Expenses related to ceremonies
- a) Opening ceremony
 - b) Medal presentations
 - c) Welcome reception (optional)
 - d) Closing ceremony (optional)
 - e) Farewell banquet (optional)
- 5.1.6 Expenses for meeting facilities
- a) Team Managers meeting
 - b) TBASA Congress (if any)
 - c) TBASA Executive Committee meetings (if any)
- 5.1.7 Expenses for result services
- a) A computerised system for accurate recording of results
 - b) Presentation of results on at least one place/screen in the centre
 - c) A dedicated website (or part of the Member's or TBASA's website/Social Media platforms) for championship information, results and standings
 - d) A completed list of results to be published on the TBASA website or social media platform, immediately after the conclusion of the champio

- 5.1.8 Other expenses
- a) Championship administration costs
 - b) Badges of accreditation (Optional)
 - c) Medical personnel on call (optional)
 - d) Security personnel (optional)

5.2 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 5.2.1 The TBASA championships are open for TBASA member Associations only.
- 5.2.2 To be eligible to enter players in TBASA championships, Associations must be current with their membership fees.
- 5.2.3 Any player in the TBASA championships must be a member of the TBASA member Association, which is entering him (subject to the exceptions below).
- 5.2.4 The TBASA Executive shall resolve all disputes relating to the determination of the Association, which a player may represent in the TBASA championships.
- 5.2.5 Exceptions
- a) There will be no exceptions

5.3 CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

- 5.3.1 Organising Committee
- a) The host Association/Centre shall select a Tournament Manager, who together with designated key persons shall supervise and perform the activities directly related to the operation of the championship
- 5.3.2 Championship Committee
- a) For each championship a Championship Committee shall be established. It shall consist of:
 - TBASA Championship Director
 - TBASA Technical Delegate
 - Tournament Manager
 - b) The Championship Director and the TBASA Technical Delegate shall be appointed by the TBASA Executive. Both of them must come from another Association than the host Association/Bowling Centre
 - c) The Championship Committee shall act as an advisory body to the Organising Committee with regard to the operation of the championship

- d) In due time prior to the Team Managers' meeting the Championship Committee shall perform an impartial lane assignment by lot for all the events of the championship
- e) The Championship Committee will be responsible for the establishment of the lane maintenance procedures and lane dressing pattern(s) to be used during the championship. This will be done in sufficient time before the championship to be able to present latest at the Team Managers' meeting the lane dressing pattern(s).

5.3.3 Duties of the TBASA Championship Director

- a) The Championship Director will assist in preparing bulletins and other relevant publications related to the championships, and will approve the bulletins prior to the publishing.
- b) The Championship Director will be present, in due time, before and during the championships to assist the Championship Organising Committee.
- c) The Championship Director is the Chairman of the Championship Committee and is especially responsible for matters related to the playing rules.

5.3.4 Duties of the TBASA Technical Delegate

- a) It is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate to make sure that the bowling ball inspection preceding the championship follows established rules and procedures.
- b) During the championship it is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate to make sure that the established technical procedures are followed, and that eventual necessary corrections are made. In case of any modifications of the lane dressing the Team Managers must be informed prior to the implementation.
- c) The Technical Delegate is a member of the Championship Committee and is especially responsible for all matters related to the lanes, machines, ball inspection etc.

5.3.5 Duties of the Tournament Manager

- a) The Tournament Manager is responsible for all matters related to the operation of the championship.
- b) The Tournament Manager is responsible for the communication with the local championship staff.
- c) Other duties of the Tournament Manager are as specified by the TBASA.

- 5.3.6 Jury of Appeal
- a) For each TBASA championship the TBASA Executive shall appoint a Jury of Appeal, consisting of three members. Three different Associations must be represented on this body
 - b) It is the responsibility of the Jury of Appeal to handle appeals against decisions taken by the Championship Committee
 - c) The Jury of Appeal may decide on an issue after all material involved has been studied by the members of the jury, either at a regular meeting, or by an e-mail vote, or by an online conference.
 - d) Minutes of all meetings of the Jury of Appeal shall be kept, and shall be forwarded to the TBASA Executive soonest possible after a decision has been made
 - e) All decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be presented in writing
 - f) The fee for an appeal shall be forwarded to the TBASA Treasurer for inclusion in the TBASA financials

5.4 ASSIGNMENT OF SQUADS AND LANES

- 5.4.1 When all participants are known it is the responsibility of the Tournament Manager that an impartial squad assignment is performed for the events of the championship.
- 5.4.2 It is also the responsibility of the Tournament Manager that an impartial lane assignment is performed for the players in each squad.
- 5.4.3 In all blocks players assigned to commence bowling on odd numbered lanes will move left and players assigned to commence bowling on even numbered lanes will move right for each successive game. The Tournament Manager will determine the number of lanes to be moved after each game of the event. The lane movements must be consistent for all squads in an event.
- 5.4.4 All squad assignments, lane assignments, and lane movements shall be approved by the Championship Committee before being presented at the Team Managers' meeting.

5.5 TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

- 5.5.1 Prior to the start of the official practice, a meeting shall be held to provide all necessary information about the competition and related activities, and to answer questions.

- 5.5.2 The TBASA Championship Director, the TBASA Technical Delegate and the Tournament Manager shall attend the meeting.
- 5.5.3 From the participating Associations only team managers and coaches may attend the meeting.

5.6 CEREMONIES

- 5.6.1 An opening ceremony and award ceremonies are mandatory. Other ceremonies, such as welcome reception, closing ceremony, and farewell banquet are optional.
- 5.6.2 Opening ceremony
- a) The Opening Ceremony shall, at a minimum, include a bowler parade with flag display and appropriate remarks by representatives of the host Association and TBASA
 - b) The program is subject to the approval of the TBASA Championship Director
- 5.6.3 Medal presentations
- a) The award ceremonies should be conducted after each event and preferably before the commencement of the next event
 - b) Theme songs shall be played for the winners
 - c) Medal presentations shall follow a plan established by the host Association and approved by the TBASA Championship Director

5.7 BOWLING BALL PROCEDURE

Reference can be made to the following rules, Rule 18. USBC Rules.

- 5.7.1 Only bowling balls that are included in the USBC Approved Bowling Ball list may be used in competition. The official list of approved bowling balls is published on the website www.bowling.sport
- 5.7.2 Bowling balls manufactured prior to 1991 cannot be found on the USBC Approved Bowling Ball list. However, the Championship Committee may accept such bowling balls to be used during the championship if it is proven that they were produced prior to 1991.

- 5.7.3 While bowling in TBASA Championships, a bowling ball **cannot**:
- Have the surface altered by the use of an abrasive.
 - Be cleaned with any liquid substance or cleaning agent.
 - Have any foreign material on it including, but not limited to, powder, rosin, marker or paint.

All bowling balls so altered or cleaned must be removed from the competition.

NOTE: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from a tournament committee.

- 5.7.4 You are permitted to sand, polish, or clean the surface of your bowling ball between squads, during competition. However, not during games in a block. Once the squad begins, altering the surface of a bowling ball is strictly prohibited. This includes balls that have not yet been introduced into play.

NOTE: Definition of Championship play – Championship play refers to the block of games during a tournament. It starts once you play for score and ends after that block of games concludes.

- 5.7.5 The list of approved as well as not acceptable products for cleaning and adjusting of the surface of bowling balls can be found on the website www.bowling.sport

- 5.7.6 Prior to the start of the Official Practice the bowling balls to be used during competition shall be inspected and registered. The inspection shall be limited to
- Eligibility of the ball as specified in the list of approved bowling balls
 - Serial number
 - Visual inspection with regard to material, surface, plugs, etc.

- 5.7.7 Random checks of the identity of the bowling balls used in competition will be performed during the squads at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

- 5.7.8 The penalty for violation of the rule is disqualification and all scores null and void.

- 5.7.9 BALANCE HOLES ARE NOT PERMITTED AFTER 1 AUGUST 2020

- 5.7.10 REFER TO ADDENDUM ATTACHED - BOWLING BALL PROCEDURES
Commonly Asked Questions – USBC Rule 18.

5.8 LANE DRESSING PROCEDURES

- 5.8.1 The general goal for the lane maintenance shall be to achieve a fair and equitable scoring condition, which places a premium on bowler versatility, accuracy and consistency.
- 5.8.2 It is the responsibility of the TBASA Technical Delegate that the lane dressing procedures to be used during the championship are being developed a couple of days before the start of the championship's Official Practice.
- 5.8.3 Following the establishment the lane dressing procedures shall be published at the Team Managers meeting.
- 5.8.4 In unforeseen and/or unusual circumstances when the lane condition must be changed during the championship, the team managers/coaches must be informed.

5.9 PLAYING UNIFORM

- 5.9.1 Players shall wear a standard uniform approved by their affiliated member. In a team event (doubles, trios, team) players of the same team must wear uniforms of the same colour and type.
- 5.9.2 The name of the Association the player represents must appear on the uniform.
- 5.9.4 Players are to be dressed neatly at all TBASA Championship events.
 - a) **MEN** will be permitted to wear Golf/Chino type shorts only (no multi-pocket cargo pants). Shorts will be tapered to the knee with belted waste. Long chino type pants, no draw string pants, no denim pants or tracksuit pants.
 - b) **LADIES** will be permitted to wear shorts, Golf/Chino type shorts. Long pants, $\frac{3}{4}$ calf length pants, skorts and skirts. Skirts, skorts and shorts must be a decent length.
 - c) No yoga pants or denim.
 - d) Round neck bowling shirts can be worn.
 - e) Collared Golf shirts and mandarin collar shirts for both men and ladies can be worn.

5.10 SMOKING AND DRINKING

- 5.10.1 Athletes, coaches or administrators may not consume alcohol while wearing the standard uniform of their Provincial Team in the bowling centre during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion of the competition. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be;
- a warning for the first violation
 - a second violation (R1000 will be paid by the respective Provincial body to the Federation on behalf of the incumbent for the violation) - for any subsequent violation, suspension for the duration of the Championships
- 5.10.3 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the players' and spectators' areas.
- 5.10.4 If a bowler is caught smoking during a game the penalty will be zero pinfall in that game. If a bowler is caught smoking in between two games of a block of games, the penalty will be zero pin fall for the succeeding game.

5.11 ANTI-DOPING RULES

- 5.11.1 Anti-doping regulations as appearing in the IBF Anti-Doping Control Manual will be applicable for the TBASA championships when so decided by the TBASA Executive.
- 5.11.2 Doping control tests may also be conducted at the discretion of the national doping control agency of the championship host Association.

5.12 PLAYER'S AREA

- 5.12.1 The players' area shall be clearly defined and be separated from the spectators' area.
- 5.12.2 Only one coach or official from any Association will be permitted in the players' area in the immediate vicinity of each pair of lanes on which their players are competing.
- 5.12.3 A player must not have more than four bowling balls in the players' area.
- 5.12.4 It is not permissible to bring in or consume food in the players' area. This does not include sweets, chocolates or fruit.

5.12.5 Non-alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the players' area provided they are kept in a way, which eliminates the risk of contaminating the players' area, approaches or lanes.

5.12.6 The use of any other liquids, such as bowling ball cleaners, must be controlled in a way that would eliminate the risk of contamination of the players' area.

5.13 PRACTICE

5.13.1 The players of each Association shall be nominated prior to the start of the Official Practice.

5.13.2 Each Association will have one session of Official Practice prior to the start of the first event. Minimum one hour practice is required for each Association.

5.13.3 If the dual lane condition will be used during any event each second pair of lanes shall be dressed with the short oil condition and the lanes between shall be dressed with the long oil condition.

5.13.4 After the lanes have been prepared and the Official Practice concluded, no play whatsoever by the participants of the championships shall be allowed on the competition lanes during the entire duration, except the championships proper. This will not preclude efforts (e.g. exhibition) to promote bowling before, after or in between events. However, this does not allow any play by participants on the competition lanes after the last event of the day when the bowling centre is available to the public for open bowling. Violators are subject to disqualification.

5.13.5 Practice immediately before events in each block of games shall be 10 minutes, except that Team of Five players shall be allowed 15 minutes.

5.14 SLOW BOWLING

5.14.1 Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following obligations and rights

- a) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left is clear
- b) They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.
- c) They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right.

- 5.14.2 If a player/team does not observe the procedures outlined above, it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player/team failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows
- a) A verbal warning for the first offence
 - b) A yellow card for the second offence
 - c) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games in an event. The penalty shall be a zero-pin fall for the frame

5.14.3 Whenever there is any question concerning the enforcement of the rule, or lack thereof, in a Masters event or Finals, the TBASA Championship Director, notwithstanding the reference to the referees, shall make the final decision.

5.15 **STYLE OF PLAY**

5.15.1 In dual lane style of play competing individual players or teams shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane of a pair of lanes, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane of the pair until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair. For the next game the players move to another pair of lanes.

5.15.2 In single lane style of play competing individual players or teams shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame at a time on the same lane until 10 frames are bowled on that lane. For the next game the players move to another lane.

5.15.3 Unless otherwise specified for any event the dual lane style of play shall be used.

5.16 **TARDY PLAYERS**

5.16.1 Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count beginning with the frame then being bowled on the lane or lanes to which they are assigned.

5.16.2 If they are scheduled alone, they will start in the earliest frame then being bowled on the squad.

5.17 INTERRUPTED GAME

5.17.1 The tournament officials may authorize the completion of a game and block of games on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the block.

5.18 TIE BREAKING

5.18.1 Definition of a game score

- a) Actual pin fall in the game for an individual player
- b) Actual pin fall for any size of team in a game for the players of the team

5.18.2 The following will apply to all events except in head-to-head matches

- a) In case of a tie the highest positioned will be the player/team with the highest game score of the block.
- b) If a tie still exists the highest positioned will be the player/team with the highest second game score of the block, etc.

5.18.3 The following will apply to head-to-head matches

- a) In case of a tie in a game a one ball-roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken
- b) In the case of dual lane style of play the players will for the first roll off delivery be positioned on the lanes where they ended the game. The highest ranked player after the qualification will chose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery the players will switch lanes and the order of deliveries will be opposite to the first one and so on
- c) In the case of single lane style of play all roll off deliveries will be played on the same lane as the tie occurred. The highest ranked player after the qualification will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery the order of play will be the opposite of the first one, and so on

5.18.4 The following will apply to the semifinals and finals of the Doubles, Trios, and Team events:

- a) In case of a tie in a match, each team member will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins. After all players of both teams have completed their roll offs, the total pin fall is counted to break the tie.
- b) For the first roll off delivery the teams will be positioned on the lanes where they ended the game. The players of each team will make the roll off deliveries in the same order as the line up for the whole match. The highest ranked team after the qualification will chose which of the teams to start.

- c) When the first player of the team chosen to start the roll off has made his delivery, the first player of the other team makes his delivery, followed by the second player of the starting team and the second player of the other team, and so on until all players of both teams have made their deliveries.
- d) When both teams have made their deliveries and there is still a tie, the teams switch lanes and the order of the team to begin will be reversed. The line up of each team will remain the same as for the previous round of roll offs. This procedure will continue until the tie is broken

5.19 PENALTIES

- 5.19.1 Unless otherwise specifically stated in a rule, the penalties for rule violations shall be as follows.
- 5.19.2 A player/team failing to observe a rule shall be warned by an authorized tournament official with a yellow card for the first offence.
- 5.19.3 For a second offence in the same championship, the player/team will be disqualified from the championship, and will not be allowed to participate in TBASA approved tournaments and TBASA championships for 90 days.
- 5.19.4 All offences shall immediately be reported by the Tournament Manager to the TBASA Secretary General, who will report to all member Associations.

5.20 APPEALS

- 5.20.1 All matters, which cannot be settled by the referee, shall be heard and reviewed by the Championship Committee. The decision of the Championship Committee is final unless there is an appeal to the Jury of Appeal within 24 hours after the decision is announced, or before the medal presentation, whichever is the sooner.
- 5.20.2 Protests on eligibility arising after the conclusion of the championships shall be filed directly with the Jury of Appeal within 30 days.
- 5.20.3 All appeals from the Championship Committee's decisions must be filed in writing with a member of the Jury of Appeal, or with the Secretary General of TBASA. Each appeal must be specific and include a fee of R1000. If the Jury of Appeal does not uphold the appeal, the fee will be forfeited to TBASA. The foregoing also applies to protests filed directly with the Jury of Appeal.

5.20.4 The Jury of Appeal shall be empowered to cite before it all documents and persons involved in the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting or if deemed appropriate, the Jury of Appeal may decide an issue by a mail vote after all material involved in the matter has been studied by each of its members.

5.21 PROTESTS

5.21.1 Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before the medal presentation, whichever is the sooner.

5.21.2 When a protest involving a foul or the legality of pin fall is entered, an official representative of the Associations involved may be present when evidence is taken relative to the protest.

5.21.3 If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration period as stated, the game or games shall stand as bowled.

5.21.4 Each rule under this rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

5.22 MEDALS

5.22.1 The medals to be awarded will be the same for all events in all championships.

5.22.2 The medals will be provided by TBASA.

5.22.3 The medals to be presented will be the following

- a) Gold medal(s) will be presented to the highest positioned in an event
- b) Silver medal(s) will be presented to the second highest positioned in an event
- c) Bronze medal(s) will be presented to the third highest positioned in an event or to both losers of eventual semi-finals in the event

5.22.4 Medals will be presented to the player(s).

5.23 AMENDMENTS

This Chapter was adopted by the e-mail ballot of 16th September 2024.

ADDENDUM – BOWLING BALL PROCEDURES

RULE 18. USBC BOWLING BALL RULES.

When may I alter the surface of my bowling ball?

You are permitted to sand, polish, or clean the surface of your bowling ball prior to the start of competition.

However, once tournament begins, altering the surface of a bowling ball is strictly prohibited. This includes balls that have not yet been introduced into play.

When does competition start?

Competition starts once any bowler throws a ball for score in a tournament.

Can I pat my ball with rosin or powder if I wipe the ball before it is delivered?

No. Wiping the ball with a towel does not make the ball compliant to the rule. Patting a ball with a product is adding a foreign substance to the ball and cannot be done during competition.

A product can only be applied to a bowler's hand and not leave residue on the surface of the ball.

Can I clean my ball with an approved cleaner during practice?

You can clean your ball with an approved cleaner during practice, unless otherwise specified by tournament rules.

If I take a ball out of my bag that I have not bowled with, can I clean it with an approved cleaner?

No, approved cleaners cannot be used once competition has begun. This rule applies to balls from a bowler's bowling bag, locker or car, etc. We suggest you clean all your bowling balls prior to the start of competition

A tournament consists of doubles and singles events. The singles event is bowled first immediately followed by the doubles. Can I "alter the surface of" my bowling ball between events?

No. Rule 18 does not allow the outer surface of any bowling ball to be altered after the start of competition. Since the tournament is conducting singles and doubles concurrently, you cannot alter the surface of the bowling ball

between events. **This rule applies if there is no break between, (for oiling and) practice**

Can a bowler use an abrasive, cleaner or polish on just the track or only just a portion of the track of the ball?

No. USBC specifications require that the entire surface of the ball be prepared in a uniform manner. Preparing the surface of a ball in any other manner would be a violation of Rule 17a, Item 1- Further explanation can be found on the USBC website.

The penalty for a violation of this rule can include disqualification, forfeiture, removal from the tournament, and/or suspension of your membership.

What happens if a bowler uses a cleaner, abrasive, or puts a foreign substance on the ball?

If the bowler was not aware of the rule, the ball is removed from competition. The bowler also should be given an explanation of the rule. Conversely, if the bowler knows a ball cannot be cleaned, patted with rosin or powder or use an abrasive, the ball must be removed from competition and the games are subject to forfeiture. If there is a question as to whether a bowler knew the rule or not, the Championship Committee will make the determination. If the bowler refuses to remove the ball from competition, the games are subject to forfeiture.

If my ball comes back with residue on it and I cannot clean it with my dry towel, rag or shammy, can I use an approved cleaner?

Yes, provided you get permission from a tournament official. If you clean your ball without prior permission, you may be asked to remove the ball from competition, and/or the games may be subject to forfeiture.

When I have permission to clean my ball, may I clean the entire ball?

Yes, you may clean the entire surface of a bowling ball.