



Press Release 14: EBT 2007 reduced

During the last week we have unfortunately received two cancellations from tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2007.

For some days ago the organizer of Kungsbacka International Tournament (EBT 2007-21) notified us about a cancellation of his tournament and to day we received another cancellation from the organizer of Gutperle Viernheim Open (EBT 2007-15).

The organizer of Kungsbacka International Tournament announced the EBT Rules 2007 to be the reason for his wish to cancel. To this we will state that all central parts of the EBT Rules for 2007 has been unchanged since they were published for a year ago, which also indicates that all premises for the organizer in Kungsbacka would have been exactly the same, when the tournament should have been conducted in December this year, as they were when the organizer in June 2006 applied for his tournament to be adopted in the EBT 2007. In general ETBF never changes the central rules and premises for one year's tour, after the tour has been published.

Adding a very good attendance of 261 players in the 2006 issue of the tournament, it is hard for ETBF to understand the real rational behind the cancellation, but it is anyhow a fact that the organizer do not want to conduct the tournament in 2007.

Concerning the Gutperle Viernheim Open, the organizer is announcing the German tax rules, and indeed a very though interpretation of these rules in 2006, to be the main reason for the cancellation. We have no reason to doubt in this factual information from the organizer, but anyhow we regret very much the loose of Gutperle Viernheim Open in the EBT 2007.

According to the general EBT Rules, it is de facto not possible for any tournament to leave the tour after the composition of the tour is published. The two tournaments will therefore keep their tour stop numbers (15 and 21); no matter they will not be conducted.

The tournaments are furthermore obliged to pay their EBT fees, exactly as it is the case for the previously cancelled Olympia Tournament in Helsingborg, for the purpose to contribute financially to the EBT 2007 thy once joined and for the benefit of the players in the tour. We indeed expect all three organizers to fulfil their obligations concerning the EBT 2007 fees.

Despite this hick up's in the ongoing tour, there is still many more excellent tour stops to enter for all interested bowlers from all over the World and ETBF will continue unabated to develop its EBT products over the coming years for the benefit of bowling in Europe.

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