



Press Release 02: ETBF Opens for EBT 2010 Applications

The ETBF Presidium has opened for applications from organizers, who want their tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2010.

The ultimate deadline for organizers to apply is Friday **19 June 2009**. Shortly after the deadline, the composition of the EBT 2010 will be published.

As of the EBT 2010, it will be easier for new organizers to join the tour, since a new category named EBT Satellites, with a minimum prize pool of 20.000 €, is introduced. In addition the previous category names, EBT Challenger, EBT Major and EBT Premier, will change to EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum.

The details of the categories are presented below.

Definitions in use in the category presentations:

Entry Value:

Sometimes the entry value is misunderstood as the entry fee, but it's not. The entry value is a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the entry fee. It is calculated as the total prize fund divided with the maximum primary entry fee.

Prize fund:

All prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

Clash:

Tournaments ending at the same dates. A tournament, ending in for instance the same weekend when another tournament is beginning its first squads, is an overlap and not a clash.

EBT Satellite Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000

The entry value must be minimum 150

An EBT Satellite Tournament cannot clash with tournaments in any of the other categories

EBT Satellite Tournaments can clash with each other, but normally only if they are scheduled with a suitable geographical distance and in each case after careful and complete investigations carried out by the ETBF Tournament Committee.

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 1

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 1.500

EBT Silver Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225



An EBT Silver Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 2
The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 2.500

EBT Gold Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000
The entry value must be minimum 325
An EBT Gold Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3
The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 4.000

EBT Platinum Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000
The entry value must be minimum 500
An EBT Platinum Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 5
The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 5.000

A tournament can enter for the first time in the tour only in the categories EBT Satellite or EBT Silver.

To achieve the EBT Gold or the EBT Platinum status, the tournament must have been adopted at least once in a previous EBT.

There will be a maximum of 3 tournaments from a federation in total for the categories EBT Platinum, EBT Gold and EBT Silver.

There is in principle no limit of the number of EBT Satellites from the same federation in the tour, but the number will, with considerations for the general tour calendar, be regulated by the ETBF Presidium from year to year.

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