



Press Release 09: Rule changes

At a meeting in the ETBF Presidium on 8 and 9 October, it was decided to change the EBT 2010 Rules in the following three areas.

EBT Masters

As of the EBT Masters 2010, the pin fall will be carried forward from the 18 games qualification (three squads of 6 games) to the 8 player's round robin final, which at the same moment is reduced to 7 matches (no longer any position round).

Detailed rules of the EBT Masters format, which is the same for both the women's and the men's divisions, can be found in the EBT 2010 Rules, Articles 10.6-7.

The EBT Masters 2010 will be conducted in Plus Halle in Vienna Austria on 3-4 May following the conduction of the 1st Ebonite Austria Challenge on 28 April - 2 May.

To improve the atmosphere of the EBT Masters, the schedule has also been revised, meaning that evenings will be in use both competition days. On Monday 3 May the first two qualification squads will be played at 14.00 and at 19.00, while the third qualification squad will be played at 14.00 and the final on 19.00 on Tuesday 4 May.

Possibilities for cancellations in case of a reduced prize fund

The rules covering a situation where the prize pool of a tour stop is reduced, has been amended to allow players to cancel their participation without penalty points will be added, and to give players the right to ask for a non refundable flight ticket to be refunded by the organizer, if they want to cancel their participation after a reduced prize pool has been announced.

In both cases the cancellation and the refunding request must happen inside a three weeks window, beginning the day after the reduced prize fund has been published.

Detailed rules for situations with reduced prize funds can be found in the EBT 2010 Rules, Article 11.8.

Bowling ball adjustments and alterations

Tour stops are already, when it comes to adjusting and altering the surface of bowling balls, conducted in the same way as championships in Europe, namely without possibilities of adjusting and altering surfaces of bowling balls in between games.



To avoid any misunderstandings, rules ensuring all tour stops to be without a limitation in the number of bowling balls and rules limiting adjustments and alterations of bowling balls to be done only in between qualification squads and final steps, before qualification squads and final steps and during practice sessions before qualification squads and final steps, has been implemented in the EBT 2010 Rules.

Detailed rules for bowling balls in tour stops can be found in the EBT 2010 Rules, Chapter 30.

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