



Press Release 02: Presentation of the EBT 2012

The ETBF Presidium is proudly presenting the European Bowling Tour 2012, with a record number of 23 tournaments included. The EBT 2012 is presented at the following page and more detailed information of each stop is available at www.etbf.eu.

Not less than 20 tournaments from the EBT 2011 will continue in the EBT 2012, while 3 new tournaments are added to the tour in 2012, namely Croatia Open 2012 (Satellite) to be conducted in Zagreb in April, Brunswick Italia Challenge (Silver) to be conducted in Asti in June and Brunswick French Open (Silver) to be conducted in Grand Quevilly in October.

The organizer of English Open announces that the tournament WILL be conducted in 2011, but also that the tournament will take a break from the tour in 2012. We hope to be able to welcome English Open back in the EBT 2013.

The 23 tournaments adopted in the EBT 2012 are divided in 4 categories as follows:

EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund): 2 tournaments

EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund): 5 tournaments

EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund): 9 tournaments

EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund): 7 tournaments

As always, since the beginning of the tour, the first stop is Brunswick Ballmaster Open, presenting the third highest prize pool of 90.300 €, while Brunswick Euro Challenge (Platinum) in France presents the second highest prize pool of 106.000 € and the last stop of the tour since 2007, Qatar Bowling Open (also Platinum), presents the highest prize pool of 125.000 €.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2012, including tour prize money, will be approximately 1.2 million €; an average prize fund of approximately 50.000 € per stop.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the ongoing EBT 2011, will qualify for the 5th EBT Masters, which will be hosted by the organizer of the 3rd Dream Bowl Palace Open in Munich on 30 April and 1 May 2012.

As of the EBT 2012 / EBT Masters 2013, the number of finalists in the EBT Masters will be reduced to 12 women and 12 men, with the primary purposes to increase the lowest prize for a finalist from 300 to 600 € and to reduce the duration of the final to 1 day.

The format of the 6th EBT Masters 2013, which will be conducted in Bratislava just after the conclusion of the BNC Open, will be an 11 games Round Robin followed by two one game matches in a three persons Stepladder Final; the EBT Masters 2013 dates will be decided later.

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Tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2012

Stop	Period	Federation	Tournament	Category
01	06.01-15.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Gold
02	06.02-12.02	Poland	6 th International Wroclaw Open	Satellite
03	12.02-19.02	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2012	Silver
04	13.03-18.03	Catalonia	X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa	Silver
05	16.03-25.03	France	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Platinum
06	09.04-15.04	Croatia	Croatia Open 2012	Satellite
07	17.04-22.04	Slovenia	6 th Qubica/AMF Open 2012	Silver
08	25.04-29.04	Germany	3 rd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2012	Silver
09	05.05-13.05	Turkey	9 th Istanbul Bowling Open	Gold
10	21.05-27.05	Denmark	Bowltech Aalborg International 2012	Silver
11	27.05-03.06	Denmark	Odense International	Satellite
12	16.06-24.06	Italy	Brunswick Italia Challenge	Silver
13	07.07-15.07	San Marino	8 th San Marino Open	Gold
14	17.07-22.07	Catalonia	34 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona	Gold
15	24.08-02.09	Norway	Norwegian Open 2012	Satellite
16	03.09-09.09	Slovakia	BNC Open	Silver
17	12.09-16.09	Russia	Russian Open	Satellite
18	24.09-30.09	Netherlands	Chandra Open 2012	Satellite
19	02.10-07.10	Austria	10 th Columbia 300 Vienna Open	Gold
20	06.10-14.10	Finland	Ebonite Lahti Open	Silver
21	19.10-28.10	France	Brunswick French Open	Silver
22	03.11-11.11	Italy	3 rd Roma International	Satellite
23	09.12-15.12	Qatar	Qatar Bowling Open	Platinum