## European Tenpin Bowling Federation





## Press Release 02: European Bowling Tour 2015

The program of the European Bowling Tour 2015 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium. The program is presented at the following page and at the ETBF Website: <u>www.etbf.eu</u>.

The EBT 2015, which is the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 20 tournaments, conducted in 15 different member federations.

From the 20 tournaments included in the EBT 2014, we are unfortunately missing the QubicaAMF German Open. This tournament **will** indeed be conducted in 2014 as scheduled, but unfortunately not in 2015.

On the positive side we are warmly welcoming the Irish Open Championships back in the European Bowling Tour with a Satellite status after 9 years absence. The tournament has two previous appearances in the tour back in 2005 and 2006.

The 20 tournaments in the EBT 2015 are divided in 4 categories:

EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund), 3 tournaments

EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund), 4 tournaments

EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund), 3 tournaments

EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund), 10 tournaments

The EBT 2015 is very well geographically presented in our zone; from Dublin in the West to Ekaterinburg in the East and from Helsinki in the North to Catania on Sicilia in the South.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2015 is approximately 1 million  $\in$ ; giving an average prize fund of approximately 50.000  $\in$  per stop.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men after 20 stops are qualified for the 9<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters; hosted on 25 July 2016 by the organizer of the 12<sup>th</sup> San Marino Open.

The last 5 years, 19-20 tournaments were annually included in the tour; a number we are able to repeat also in 2015. The ETBF Presidium is very satisfied about the high quality of the tour and the high number of dedicated organizers taking part every year.

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## **Tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2015**

Stop	Period	Federation	Tournament	Category
01	02.01-11.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Platinum
02	11.01-18.01	Ireland	27 <sup>th</sup> Irish Open Championships	Satellite
03	08.02-15.02	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015	Silver
04	18.02-22.02	Poland	9 <sup>th</sup> International Wroclaw Open by Hammer	Satellite
05	10.03-14.03	Russia	Ekaterinburg Open 2015	Satellite
06	14.03-22.03	Germany	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Platinum
07	02.05-10.05	Turkey	10 <sup>th</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open	Gold
08	18.05-24.05	Denmark	Kegel Aalborg International 2015	Silver
09	24.05-31.05	Denmark	Odense International	Satellite
10	27.06-05.07	Spain	III Brunswick Madrid Challenge	Silver
11	11.07-19.07	San Marino	11 <sup>th</sup> San Marino Open	Gold
12	18.07-26.07	Germany	Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger	Gold
13	29.08-06.09	Italy	Brunswick Etna Open	Satellite
14	11.09-13.09	Russia	Russian Open	Satellite
15	13.09-20.09	Netherlands	Chandra Open 2015	Satellite
16	28.09-04.10	Austria	13 <sup>th</sup> Vienna Open	Gold
17	02.10-11.10	Norway	Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick	Satellite
18	12.10-18.10	Gibraltar	Gibraltar Open 2015	Satellite
19	31.10-08.11	Italy	4 <sup>th</sup> Florence International	Satellite
20	04.12-10.12	Qatar	Qatar Bowling Open	Platinum