

# ABTA Rules-Regulations

1. The ABTA is open to all bowlers Men/Women up to a 209 Average. No PBA, or PWBA Professionals are allowed. Tournament is open to members only.
2. To Join, Bowlers must provide, or make available correct information concerning entering averages. (Last Book average of 21 games or more) USBC and also Non Sanctioned. Organized League averages are used to determine Average/Handicap to bowl in ABTA events. If an ABTA Member has not bowled with the ABTA tournament in a calendar year, it is his / her responsibility to report any new average changes in respect of the ABTA Tournament and handicapping fairness to you.
3. A Bowler may enter at 209 averages if no book average in the past 2 years and is accepted by the ABTA tournament officials as ABTA Eligible.  
\* ANY BOWLER HAVING WON A MAJOR NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL EVENT, or MAJOR TOURNAMENT, is NOT ELIGIBLE to join the ABTA. Current ABTA members are exempt from this rule.
4. All General USBC rules will be enforced and the ABTA Tournament Director will settle all disputes and Questionable / Ambiguous happenings if they exist. Any decision made by the ABTA Tournament Director is Final. All will be ruled fairly and decently reasonable as possible for you.
5. **HANDICAP:** All Events are handicapped at a ratio of 75% of 215 averages with a max of 51 pins Handicap per game. BONUS PINS are gained by having 3 non-cashing squads or 6 non-cashing Reduced Entry squads. All Scores are based at 200 with Handicap                      Example  $189 + 11 \text{ pins hdcp} = 0$
6. **QUALIFYING:** There are separate qualifying boards (Men / Women) but they bowl the squads together. There are guaranteed Minimum qualifying spots, usually 1 in 5 entrants to advance to the semi finals and added over the guarantee if/when entries increase to such. Qualifying is comprised of 3 game squads. If you qualify on 2 entries we will take the entry that would have paid you more.
7. **SEMIFINALS:** All bowlers who advance to the Semi Finals will cash, and in extenuating circumstances receive a paid entry to a future ABTA Event. All Prize Funds are guaranteed.
8. **FINALS:** In most ABTA Events the top 16 Single Elim Format (3 Women at minimum are guaranteed to this) will be used. The 16 bowlers are the top scores from the Semi Finals. The Top Shooter in the Semis will sit out and bowl for the title (in case of a tie, there is a 1 game roll-off to determine the top seed). 2<sup>nd</sup> in Semis will receive a bye in the first round of the finals and enter in round #2. (NOTE: some events will use a different format based on Host Center time constraints). All matches in the finals are handicapped, and in case of a tie there will be a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off with pro-rated handicap. In case of a tie during the title match, this will be a Full Game roll-off.  
In case a bowler is not able to bowl the 1<sup>st</sup> round of match play, then we will take the next person into the finals, this is only valid on 1<sup>st</sup> round.
9. **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:** Men act as gentlemen, Ladies act as ladies. No yelling to disturb other bowlers. There will be no cheating, or falsifications allowed and the ABTA reserves the right to Re-Rate, Disqualify, or Refuse any entrant in respect and fairness to the ABTA Members/Bowlers.