



PBO Points Rulebook

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This proposal rewards every eligible bowler who participates, gives cashers more points, and increases the reward for higher finishes. First place earns 200 points and second place earns 125. The same finishing place has the same value at every eligible event.

Status. This schedule takes effect only after PBO adopts and publishes it with the season dates. The policies below are proposed for review.

1 Proposed points schedule

Every eligible noncasher earns 25 points. Cashers receive the total below for their official finishing position. Do not add another 25 participation points to a cashing result.

Cashing finish	Total event points
1	200
2	125
3	110
4	100
5	90
6	85
7	80
8	75
9	70
10	65

Cashers finishing 11th or lower

Award 50 points plus 150 divided by the finishing position. Round the result to two decimal places, with an exact halfway value rounded up. For example, 11th earns 63.64, 20th earns 57.50, and 40th earns 53.75.

This keeps lower cashing finishes above 50 points without changing their value when field size changes. Rounded values can coincide in very large fields. All eligible noncashers receive 25, regardless of their finishing position.



Participation and eligible events

2 Events that count

Apply this schedule to PBO singles events designated as points eligible before competition, with a published main division cash purse that includes a first-place award. Open, Senior 50+, and Women's divisions use the same scale and maintain separate standings. Other formats require a separately published points schedule.

The event bulletin must identify points eligibility, division, assigned conference, format, main purse or prize formula, cashing cut, and competitive tiebreaks. The published season notice must identify the counting events and season start and end dates. No multiplier or separate major-event bonus applies under this proposal.

3 Participation requirement

A validly entered bowler who meets the event and division eligibility rules earns at least 25 points after completing one official scored game. Both members and eligible nonmembers earn points. Registration alone, a no-show, or starting but not completing a game earns zero.

Participation points do not preserve advancement or prize eligibility. Bowlers must still satisfy the Competition Rules and the event format, including required games, to advance or retain a competitive result.

A withdrawal after one completed official game retains 25 points unless the bowler is ruled ineligible or disqualified from the event. If the certified result preserves an earned cashing place, award that place's points instead. An event disqualification or an ineligible entry earns zero; a penalty to a ball, game, or round does not automatically erase all event points.

4 What counts as cashing

A casher is entitled to a cash prize for a finishing place in the main division purse under the official final results. Side brackets, jackpots, optional side pools, raffles, merchandise, and special sponsor awards do not create cashing status for these points.

Points follow the certified finish and prize entitlement. A payment delay or a bowler declining the prize does not change the earned points. A later eligibility or disciplinary ruling can change the official result and points.

Award points once per bowler, event, and division. Extra squads, re-entries, or qualifying attempts do not create extra awards. Separate division entries can earn separate division points only when permitted by the event rules and supported by official results.



Ties and worked examples

5 Tied finishes

Resolve first place using the event's published competitive tiebreak so the sole official winner receives 200 points. For an unresolved tie below first, average the points for every position the group occupies. Use each position's rounded two-decimal value, then round the average to two decimals with halfway values rounded up. The next bowler takes the next unoccupied position.

If a tied group shares a main-purse prize at the cashing cut, every bowler in that group is a casher. Use cashing values for all occupied positions, including positions beyond the original cashing cut. A tied group with no main-purse entitlement receives 25 points per eligible bowler.

Example	Calculation	Points each
Two bowlers tied for 2nd	$(125 + 110) / 2$	117.5
Three cashers tied for 10th	$(65 + 63.64 + 62.50) / 3$	63.71
Two eligible noncashers tied	Participation award	25

6 Different field sizes

These are illustrations, not an adopted cashing ratio. Each event publishes its own purse and cashing cut. In every example, first earns 200 and second earns 125.

Entrants	Paid places	Last casher points	Other eligible bowlers
24	6	85	25 each
40	10	65	25 each
80	20	57.5	25 each
160	40	53.75	25 each

For a 40-bowler event paying 10 places, 10th earns 65 and eligible noncashers in 11th through 40th earn 25. If 10th through 12th tie and share the last main-purse prize, all three earn 63.71; the next bowler is 13th.

7 How results add up

Results during the season	Total points
One win	200
One 2nd, one 10th cash, and one noncash finish	215
Eight eligible noncash finishes	200

Winning carries a 75-point advantage over second place. Participation also builds a season total; the standings tiebreak in Section 9 favors the bowler with more wins when totals are equal.



The National Championship

8 The invitation race

Bowlers compete for a place among the top 10 in their conference points race to earn an invitation to the PBO National Championship. Invitations are determined from final season standings after official results and any qualifying ties are resolved.

\$50,000 is the total added prize fund, shared among the championship divisions. Each division's allocation will be announced with the final payout schedule. The national champion will be crowned through the championship competition that day. Season points determine qualification; the published championship format determines the national champion.

Separate division standings

Open, Senior 50+, and Women's points are tracked separately. Before qualifying begins, PBO will identify the championship divisions in the season notice. The top-10 invitation rule applies separately within each included division and conference. A combined list of different divisions is not a qualifying ranking.

Points earned while traveling

Points count in the conference assigned to the event, including when the bowler lives in another conference. A bowler can appear in more than one conference race. National standings combine eligible event results within the same division, counting each result once.

Ties at the invitation line

Apply the season standings tiebreak described in Section 9. If a tied group still spans the tenth invitation, its invitations remain pending until the additional competitive tiebreak published for that season is completed. Alphabetical display order does not decide who qualifies.

Invitations and championship details

A bowler who qualifies in multiple conferences receives one invitation for the same championship division. Before qualifying begins, PBO will publish the policy for declined or duplicate invitations, any replacement invitations, acceptance deadlines, and championship eligibility requirements.

PBO will announce the championship date, venue, entry terms, competition format, prize distribution, and title procedures.

During an open season, a top-10 label means a bowler is currently in an invitation position. It becomes a final qualifying position only after the season is finalized and any outstanding ties or eligibility issues are resolved.



Standings and administration

9 Season and conference standings

Add every eligible result within the published season dates. This proposal has no best-results limit or dropped scores. Bowling more events creates more opportunities to earn points, so the season notice must make that clear before the season begins.

An event contributes to its assigned conference standings and to national standings for the same division. Travel to another conference earns points in that event's conference, not the bowler's home conference. Conference totals and national totals are separate views of the same result; do not add them together. Keep Open, Senior 50+, and Women's totals separate.

When season totals tie, compare the number of wins, then second-place cashing finishes, then third-place cashing finishes, continuing through the cashing places. Count a tied finish at its recorded shared position. If still tied, share the standing. Any tiebreak for a limited championship berth or award must be published separately before qualifying begins.

Final top-10 conference qualification earns a championship invitation as described in Section 8. Membership benefits, prize awards, entry acceptance, and title eligibility remain subject to their published requirements. The National Championship itself does not add points to the season that qualified its entrants.

10 Interrupted events and corrections

A shortened event can award full points when PBO certifies a valid final order, a sole winner, and the main-purse results under the Competition Rules. If an eligible event is abandoned without that certification, award only 25 points to each otherwise eligible bowler who completed an official game. An event canceled before any games are completed awards no points.

Publish points with the official results. Identify the event, date, season, division, conference, bowler, final place, cashing status, and total points. Standings must sum the awarded two-decimal event values. A second review of ties and the cashing cut should occur before posting.

Bowlers should report suspected errors promptly. PBO may correct a discovered scoring, clerical, eligibility, or disciplinary error, revise the points and standings, and notify affected participants. Formal rulings and appeals follow the Competition Rules; this schedule creates no new appeal deadline.

11 Adoption and controlling rules

Before use, PBO must adopt and publish the final version, its effective date, the season dates, and the events that count. The adopted schedule applies prospectively. Any later change must state its effective date and be published before affected competition begins; corrections apply to results as provided above.

This proposal supplements Article 13.5 of the PBO Official Competition Rules and Membership Standards, Board Approved September 4, 2026. Existing competition, eligibility, discipline, prize, and appeal rules remain controlling. Articles 7.19 and 13.8 address tied results and corrections.