



2021 PWBA TOUR SEASON KEY POINTS

- The 2021 PWBA Tour schedule has expanded from 14 to 20 tournaments. This is the most events on the PWBA Tour schedule since 2001.
- The PWBA Standard events will have \$35,000 in added money to each prize fund. The remainder of the prize fund will include participant entry fees. The payout ratio will be 1:2 if the number of participants is between 32 and 64 bowlers. If the event features 65 to 96 participants, the top 32 players from the first two rounds of qualifying will cash. If the event has 97 or more competitors, the prize fund ratio will be adjusted to 1:3. The winner of this event will receive \$10,000, and the final cash spot will be at least \$1,100.
- There will be two majors in 2021, the USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open, which collectively have an additional \$190,000 in tournament subsidies paid.
- The 2021 season features a new Classic Series format. The first two tournaments in each Classic Series event will be open to the entire field of entrants, while the third event will use the qualifying totals from the first two tournaments to determine which players will compete in the final tournament.
- The first tournament of the season is Jan. 18-26. The PWBA Kickoff Classic Series will be hosted at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.
- The 2021 broadcast schedule for the PWBA Tour will move exclusively to BowITV.com and feature live coverage from qualifying through the stepladder finals of each event, including both major championships.
- PWBA continues to move around the country, adding four new cities and centers scheduled to host a stop for the first time since the relaunch in 2015.
- PWBA Tour events during the 2021 season will follow safety procedures and protocols due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific event details can be found [here](#).

2021 PWBA MEMBERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does the PWBA Tour season begin?

The 2021 season starts with the PWBA Kickoff Classic Series at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas, from Jan. 18-26.

Do I have to be a PWBA member to compete in an event?

No. Guests will be allowed to compete in all PWBA events in which they are eligible but will pay the full entry fee (see next question for entry costs). PWBA members are entitled to a \$100 discount for all PWBA Standard and Classic events.



How much does it cost to enter each event?

The entry fee for PWBA Standard events is \$300 for members and \$400 for non-members. Entries for the Classic Series is \$900 for members and \$1,000 for non-members.

How much does a PWBA membership cost and what are the benefits?

A PWBA membership costs \$300 for the 2021 season. PWBA members will receive the following benefits:

- \$100 entry-fee discount on PWBA Standard/Classic events
- \$50 entry-fee discount on PWBA Regional events
- Entry priority for PWBA Standard/Classic events
- Discounted practice rates at official PWBA Practice Centers
- A free PWBA award ring for a player's first 300 bowled during PWBA event
- The right to receive a PWBA champion banner for winning a PWBA national tour event
- The right to transport equipment on the PWBA Player Services truck (transport fees apply)
- A personalized membership card
- Five PWBA bag tags
- The right to wear the logo of a pro shop or business they own or operate (subject to PWBA Product Registration rules)
- Complimentary subscription to Bowlers Journal International and BowITV
- The ability to participate in the BowITV Referral Program
- Discount on PWBA merchandise through ShopPWBA.com

Go to PWBA.com to learn more and to submit a PWBA application. Membership registration for 2021 opens on Nov. 5, 2020.

Is there a limit on the number of players for an event?

Yes. The entry field will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available with no more than five competitors assigned to any pair of lanes. PWBA members will have first priority to enter prior to the 21-day deadline, with additional priority given to PWBA Tour national champions and PWBA Hall of Fame members. Priority among members will be determined by date of entry. If a member attempts to enter a tournament at a time when only 10 spots remain in the tournament proper, they will be placed on the PWBA Qualifier list.

What are the PWBA Classic Series events?

Classic Series events will feature three national tour events during one stop, in addition to a PWBA Regional tournament. The first two tournaments in each Classic Series will be open to the entire field of qualifiers, while the third event will use the qualifying totals from the first two tournaments to determine which players are eligible for the final event.



How do entries work at PWBA Regional events?

PWBA members and female guests who average 180 or higher (excluding PWBA Tour national champions, regardless of membership at the time of their win) may enter a PWBA Regional event.

The entry field for PWBA Regional events will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available and no more than five (5) competitors assigned to any pair of lanes. PWBA members will enter PWBA Regional events at member pricing (\$100). Guests will enter at guest pricing (\$150). Entries will close 24 hours prior to the start of the event. The tournament director has the right to accept entries after the 24-hour deadline.

What equipment can I use during PWBA competition?

Only registered products may be used during PWBA competition. A full list can be found on the Format and Product Registration page of PWBA.com.

What rule changes were made for the 2021 PWBA season?

A complete copy of the Official PWBA Rules and Regulations can be found on PWBA.com. Here are some of the key changes that were implemented for the 2020 season that still are in place for 2021:

- **Exhibitions, Clinics, Appearances** – To protect PWBA tournament hosts and sponsors, any member who wishes to participate in any exhibition, personal appearance, clinic, tournament or similar activity within a 100-mile radius of the tournament site either during or up to two days prior to a PWBA tournament must inform the PWBA in writing (penalty will be assessed).
- **Warm-up** – The warm-up period will consist of 10 minutes of practice on the starting pair of lanes immediately prior to the start of each round. The tournament director may add additional time at their discretion.
- **Injury Timeout** – Athletes may request an injury timeout by notifying the tournament director. Athletes may receive up to two injury timeouts per round. Athletes requesting an injury timeout will have five minutes to resume play, or two minutes during a live stepladder final. If play is not resumed at the end of the injury timeout, the athlete will be disqualified.
- **High Average Award** – The official award to be known as the PWBA High Average Award will be determined annually by taking the total number of pins by qualified players and dividing the total by the number of games bowled in a season. The winner of the award must be a national member of the PWBA in good standing and have bowled at least 12 Standard or Classic events during the PWBA Tour season. Pinfall from the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles will not count toward this total.



I see there will be an event near me. How much does it cost to attend a PWBA tournament?

Ticket prices are determined by the PWBA event host. The PWBA Tour schedule can be found [here](#) and more information can be found by clicking the “Details” link on the event.

Can I watch the PWBA Tour on TV?

All PWBA events can be seen exclusively on BowITV.com. Click [here](#) to subscribe.

I think my center would be a great place for a PWBA tournament. How are venues determined?

If you or someone you know would like to host a PWBA tournament, please contact Tennelle Milligan at Tennelle.Milligan@bowl.com

Our local association would really like to help. Do you need any volunteers?

PWBA host centers provide volunteers to help at PWBA tournaments. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the host centers by clicking [here](#) and let them know you would like to help.

If I have other questions, who can I contact?

We would love to hear from you. Click [here](#) to send us your thoughts.