



BPA RULES 37th ANNUAL PINS-OVER-AVERAGE TOURNAMENT

1. ELIGIBLE: Every adult bowler who is at least **21 years of age by February 5, 2017** and is a member of an organized league in the establishment through which he/she is entered and has an average based on a minimum of 15 games in the league by February 5, 2017.

2. NOT ELIGIBLE: Bowling proprietors and immediate family members may not participate at the center(s) in which they maintain an ownership interest. Any employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible.

3. AVERAGES: The average to be used in the contest each week is the average that is being used in that week's league competition.

4. QUALIFYING FOR THE SECTIONAL & FINAL ROLLOFF: The men and women bowlers who are most pins over average in each week of the contest competition February 5-18, 2017 will qualify to advance to the Sectional Roll-off (Minimum 2 men and 2 women). **NO PREBOWL or POSTBOWL SCORES** are allowed for qualifying.

Each week is a separate contest...the first week's scores will be graded first. Any bowler who qualified for the Sectional Roll-off from the first week is not eligible to qualify again from the second week.

IN ADDITION: When total entries in the MEN'S Division reach 251, an extra man will qualify, at 501 another man, 751 another man, etc. The same formula will apply to the WOMEN'S Division. These additional qualifiers will be picked on the basis of most pins over average in one week, regardless of which week it occurred.

100% League Incentive Advancement- Leagues that qualify as 100% participation are eligible to advance their top two (male or female) bowlers overall, regardless of gender or the week it occurs.

There will be a Sectional Roll-off for participating BPA affiliates, scheduled on one of the following dates: April 1, 2, 8 & 9, 2017. Qualifiers must advance to the Sectional Roll-off site in the affiliate in which they qualified. No bowler may participate more than once in a Sectional Roll-off. If an individual bowler qualifies from more than one establishment, the bowler must represent establishment where he/she had the most pins over their average. All qualifiers are guaranteed a minimum cash prize of \$20.

BPA FINALS: The Finals field will consist of 32 men and 32 women. The advancement ratio from each Semi-final Roll-off will be determined on a percentage factor based on the total entry in each respective affiliate. The top 32 men and women finalists will be selected on the basis of most pins over average for three games recorded in the Semi-finals.

The finals will be conducted on Saturday, May 6, 2017. All finalists will bowl three games. All 64 finalists will be awarded prizes in the order of their final position at an awards presentation held immediately following the Finals competition. The Men's and Women's Champions will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Runners-up will each receive a four-day vacation for two in Las Vegas. All positions will be determined on the basis of most pins over average.

5. IN CASE OF TIES: If there should be a tie for first place in either division in either week, the bowlers involved in the tie will compare their pins over average for the week of Feb. 19-25, 2017 using the same average they used in the week the tie occurred.

6. NOTIFICATION: All qualifiers for the Sectional Roll-offs and the BPA finals will be notified by mail as to the site and time of bowling.

7. AVERAGES FOR THE FINALS: The averages used in the Sectional Roll-offs and the BPA Finals will be the highest of the bowler's entering average and the average as of March 25, 2017 or his/her final 2015-16 average. Minimum averages allowable will be 120 for Women and 140 for Men.

The CBPA Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust the average of any bowler in the finals. If the bowler does not accept the assigned average, the entry fee shall be refunded.

All matters not covered by these rules will be decided by the Chicagoland BPA Tournament Director and all decisions of same shall be final.