

THE RHODE ISLAND DUCKPIN BOWLING PROPRIETORS'

2016-2017 FALL/WINTER TOURNAMENT SERIES

This year's Fall/Winter schedule will consist of eight 5-game handicapped singles events, and the 15th Annual Norm Fleury Memorial Handicap in which bowlers earn qualifying spots in the 2017 Tournament Series Finals, to be held after the conclusion of the 2017 Spring/Summer Tour.

The 2016-2017 Fall/Winter Tournament Series schedule is as follows:

October 21-23, 28-30, 2016	Wickford Lanes
November 11-13, 2016	Meadowbrook Lanes
November 25-27, 2016	Town Hall Lanes
December 9-11, 2016	Mac's Bowlway
January 6-8, 13-15, 2017	Wickford Lanes
January 27-29, 2017	Meadowbrook Lanes
February 10-12, 2017	Town Hall Lanes

March 10-12, 17-19, 2017	Wickford Lanes
The 15th Annual Norm Fleury Memorial Handicap	

March 31, April 1, 2, 8, & 9, 2017	Mac's Bowlway
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ENTRY FEE FOR EACH SINGLES EVENT: \$35.00

(Lineage: \$15.00, Director's Fee: \$2.50, Tournament Series Finals Fund: \$4.00, Event Prize Fund: \$13.50)

MINIMUM GUARANTEED PRIZES FOR EACH SINGLES EVENT:

45 Entries or Less:	1st: \$200.00	2nd: \$100.00	3rd: \$50.00
46 to 55 Entries:	1st: \$250.00	2nd: \$125.00	3rd: \$65.00
56 to 65 Entries:	1st: \$300.00	2nd: \$150.00	3rd: \$75.00
66 to 75 Entries:	1st: \$350.00	2nd: \$175.00	3rd: \$90.00
76 to 85 Entries:	1st: \$400.00	2nd: \$200.00	3rd: \$100.00
86 to 95 Entries:	1st: \$450.00	2nd: \$225.00	3rd: \$115.00
96 to 105 Entries:	1st: \$500.00	2nd: \$250.00	3rd: \$125.00

**If more than 105 entries, the guarantees increase accordingly.

**Exactly 1 in 10 will be paid in each Singles Event of the Series.

**Exactly 1 in 10 will earn a qualifying spot in the 2016 Tournament Series Finals in each Singles Event of the Series

See the reverse side for Official Tournament Rules and Eligibility Requirements.

Note: Additional Tournament Series stops may be added. Check www.ridba.net.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- I.
 - A) Bowlers must be current members of the National Duckpin Bowling Congress and have proof of average.
 - B) Rhode Island entrance average will be:
 1. 2015-2016 Composite Average of all sanctioned games bowled in RI or MA adult leagues and tournaments (21 games or more).
 2. If above does not apply, bowlers will use their 2015-2016 Tournament Series Average (21 games or more).
 3. For bowlers using NDYA averages, bowlers use the highest of: average from an NDYA youth league (21 games or more), an NDYA Youth/Adult league (21 games or more), their NDYA Tournament average (21 games or more), or their Composite Average of all NDYA games (21 games or more).
 4. If above does not apply, then 2014-2015 Composite Average of all sanctioned games bowled in RI or MA adult leagues and tournaments will be used (21 games or more).
 5. If above does not apply, then 2016 highest sanctioned adult summer league or tournaleague average will be used (21 games or more). Proof of average is mandatory.
 6. If above does not apply, then 2016-2017 highest sanctioned adult winter league average will be used (21 games or more). Proof of average is mandatory.
 7. If above does not apply, then the bowler bowls scratch (160 average).
 - C) Out of state bowlers who are not covered by Rule B) 1 will use a composite average comprised of all sanctioned games bowled in their home area plus all sanctioned games bowled in RI or MA (total pinfall / number of games = composite average).
 - D) Non-sanctioned bowlers may bowl upon payment of membership fee.
- II. Bowlers who rolled 21 games or more in the 2015-2016 Tournament Series and averaged more than their 2016-2017 entrance average will have their 2016-2017 entrance average re-rated upwards by 1/2 the difference, with all fractions rounded down.
- III. Bowlers who roll 21 games or more in the 2016-2017 Tournament Series and average more than their 2016-2017 entrance average determined by Rule II will have their average re-rated upwards by 1/2 the difference, with all fractions rounded down.
- IV. Presenting a true average is the responsibility of the bowler.
- V. Bowler must pay entry fee in advance of beginning any event.
- VI. Bowlers may re-enter as many times as they want in each event and cash as many times as they enter, but can cash only once in the guaranteed prize list.
- VII. A bowler qualifies for the Tournament Series Finals by finishing in the regular prize list in any Tournament Series event. A bowler can qualify for the Finals once. If a bowler cashes more than once in the Series, then qualifying spots will be given to bowlers who have yet to qualify for the Finals based on order of finish in each event. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot in a series event, then all bowlers tied for that spot will be allowed to bowl in the Tournament Series Finals.
- VIII. A bowler must bowl in at least 5 Tournament Series events (Fall/Winter Tour and Spring/Summer Tour combined) AND bowl at least 21 Tournament Series games in order to retain their spot in the Finals. If a bowler fails to satisfy these requirements, then that bowler will lose his or her spot in the Finals. Any spot forfeited because of this rule will not be replaced.
- IX. All previous Tournament Series Finals Champions will receive an automatic spot in the Tournament Series Finals, provided they satisfy the requirements outlined in Rule VIII.
- X. Handicap for all single-division events will be 80% based on 160 average limit.
- XI. Total pinfall plus handicap determines order of finish. In each Tournament Series event, all games rolled in that event must be counted when determining order of finish.
- XII. A point system will be utilized for individual bowlers. A bowler will receive 10 points for a win, 7 points for 2nd, and 5 points for 3rd. If additional places are paid, a bowler receives 3 points if paid \$55.00 or more, 2 points if paid from \$45.00 to \$54.99, and 1 point if paid less than \$45.00. Upon accumulation of 18 points, the bowler will use their 2016-2017 RI Tournament Series Average (minimum of 21 games) if it is higher than the original entrance average of that bowler. This point system runs from Fall 2016 through Summer 2017.
- XIII. Questions not covered by the above rules will be governed by NDBC.