

THE RHODE ISLAND DUCKPIN BOWLING PROPRIETORS' 2023-2024 FALL/WINTER TOURNAMENT SERIES

This year's Fall/Winter schedule will consist of six 5-game handicapped singles events, and the 21st Annual Norm Fleury Memorial Handicap in which bowlers earn qualifying spots in the 2024 Tournament Series Finals, to be held after the conclusion of the 2024 Spring/Summer Tour.

The 2023-2024 Fall/Winter Tournament Series schedule is as follows:

September 23, 24, 30, & October 1, 2023	Dudek Lanes
October 13 – 15, 2023	Meadowbrook Lanes
October 27 – 29, 2023	Wickford Lanes
December 8 - 10, 2023 (NEW DATE)	Meadowbrook Lanes
January 5 - 7, 12 – 14, 2024	Wickford Lanes
April 5 – 7, 12 – 14, 2024	Wickford Lanes
The 21st Annual Norm Fleury Memorial Handicap	
May 17 – 19, 2024	Dudek Lanes

****** ENTRY FEE FOR EACH SINGLES EVENT: \$40.00**

(Lineage: \$17.50, Director's Fee: \$3.00, Tournament Series Finals Fund: \$5.00, Event Prize Fund: \$14.50)

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 2024 Tournament Series Finals in each Singles Event of the Series*

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

Note: Tournament Series stops may be added or dates may be changed. 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. 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Tournament Series Average (21 games or more).
 3. For bowlers using NDYA averages, bowlers use the highest 2022-2023 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 2021-2022 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 2023 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 2023-2024 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 2022-2023 Tournament Series and averaged more than their 2023-2024 entrance average will have their 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Tournament Series and average more than their 2023-2024 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 2024 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 4 points if paid \$75.00 or more, 3 points if paid \$55.00 to \$74.99, 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 2023-2024 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 2023 through Summer 2024.
- XIII. Questions not covered by the above rules will be governed by NDBC.