

RAMSTEIN MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS

Presented by RBA

I. OVERVIEW

1. All monthly tournaments will be 9 pin no-tap and held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Some months will have an added tournament.
2. All 9 pin no-tap tournaments will be handicapped at 50% Of 200. Additional tournaments will be scratch.
3. Entry fees will be \$35 if paid prior to the day of the tournament and \$40 if paid the day of. Only U.S. Dollars will be excepted. Submit entry fees to Bobby Higar RBA tournament director, Brandon Allen, or any RBA board member.
4. RBA will be adding \$50 to each 9 pin no-tap tournament prize fund.
5. There will be an End of Year tournament held the first weekend of June. Eligibility for end of year tournament will be as follows:
 - a. Monthly champions will receive a paid entry and automatic bye into advancer's round.
 - b. Those bowling in at least half of the monthly tournaments (scratch tournaments count as double and entry fees will be higher.)
 - c. For those that do not bowl in half of the tournaments can try to earn a spot through a Desperado. The desperado tournament will be held the Friday prior to the End of Year Tournament. Number of bowlers qualifying for End of Year Tournament will be based on entries submitted into Desperado and the tournament proper. Desperado winner not eligible for bye.
6. Monthly winners will have the option to pay lineage and bowl in qualifying squad of End of Year Tournament. However, they will not count towards number in the cut.

II. 9 PIN NO-TAP RULES AND FORMAT

1. **9 PIN NO-TAP**= 9 pins or more on first ball counts as a strike. Must cover all pins on second ball for a spare.
2. Payouts and cut determined by entries. Payout will be no less than 1:4. Minimum 8 (5 for Ladies) bowlers to run tournament. If minimums are not met, men and women will be combined into one division.
3. Average verification required if no average established at Ramstein. Handicap based off 2022/2023 season, highest average, of 21 games or more. If no average from 2022/2023, current average with 9 games or more. Bowler will bowl scratch if there is no average on record or proof of average. Tournament director reserves the right to re-rate any bowler at any time.
4. Open to anyone with access to Ramstein Air Base ages 18 and over.
5. All bowlers will bowl 3 games on one pair of lanes, advancer round will re-draw lanes and bowl 2 Games on same pair with pins carrying over, casher's round will clear scores, re-draw lanes and bowl a 1 game roll off.
6. All bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice on their starting pair. Advancer and Casher's round will receive 2 balls on each lane.

7. Ties for last cut spot and first place in casher's round will be determined by 9/10th frame roll off. All other ties will split prize fund for those positions.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated!
9. Dress code: nothing obscene, vulgar, or offensive. Tournament director and bowling center have final approval.
10. Employees of Ramstein Bowling Center, tournament directors, and RBA Board members are eligible to bowl.
11. All rules not covered will be determined by USBC rules.

III. END OF YEAR TOURNAMENT RULES AND FORMAT

1. **9 PIN NO-TAP**= 9 pins or more on first ball counts as a strike. Must cover all pins on second ball for a spare.
2. Payouts will be determined by carry-over prize fund.
3. Entry fee will be \$20 for Non-Champions, Free for Champions.
4. Average verification required of no average established at Ramstein. Handicap based off 2022/2023 season, highest average, of 21 games or more. If no average from 2022/2023, highest 2023/2024 average will be used. Bowler will bowl scratch if there is no average on record or proof of average. 10 Pin rule will also be used; if 2023/2024 average is 10 pins higher- this year's average will be used. Tournament director reserves the right to re-rate any bowler at any time. Appeals will be routed through RBA board. RBA Board ruling will be final.
5. Tournament only open to those bowlers who qualify. (Please see I.5.A-C above)
6. Format:
 - a. Qualifying round- bowlers will bowl 4 games moving 1 pair to the right after each game. Field will then be cut in half with the monthly champions added in. (Monthly champions bowling in qualifying round will not be factored into the cut.)
 - b. Advancers Round- Scores will carry over. Bowler will bowl 3 games moving 1 pair to the right after each game.
 - c. Casher's round- top 5 will bowl TV Style step-ladder finals. Higher seed determines starting lane. Left lane starts first and finishes last.
7. Bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice for qualifying round. Advancers will receive 2 balls practice on each starting lane.
8. Ties for last cut spot and stepladder will be determined by 9th/10th frame roll off.
9. All rules not covered will be determined by USBC rules.