

No Tap Tournament Rules

2025

1. HAVE FUN
2. All decisions made by the tournament director are final and the tournament director has the right to deny any entry, re-rate any bowler and disqualify any bowler if necessary.
3. All participants 18 years and older, who have access to Ramstein Air Base are eligible to bowl in the No Tap tournament.
4. Knock down No Tap means you receive a STRIKE when you knock down nine (9) or (8) pins with your first ball depending on the division you are assigned (see rule 5). All other scoring is the same as regular 10 pin bowling.
5. Two divisions are based on current verifiable league averages:
 "Scratch Division"
 Highest current league averages of 161 and above: Knock down 9 pins in your first throw of each frame = Strike
 "Handicap Division"
 Highest current league averages of 160 and below: Knock down 8 pins in your first throw of each frame = Strike
 If current league average cannot be provided and verified, then the previous year's USBC book average will be used. If no previous year's book average is available, then the bowler is placed in the "scratch" group. It is the bowler's responsibility to use correct average.
 If there are enough participants in the 160 and below category (8 minimum), a separate division will be created for them with a modified placement and payment for the tournament as determined on site by the director. Otherwise, they will be a part of the main tournament as described.
6. FORMAT: All participants shall bowl four (4) games in the Qualifying round. Bowlers will receive ten (10) minutes of practice before the qualifying round. After the first two (2) games, participants shall change lanes then bowl games three (3) and four (4). If you bowled your first two games on an odd number lane, you would move one pair to the left. If you bowled your first two (2) games on an even number lane, you would move one pair to the right. For example, if you bowled your first two games on lane five (5), you will move to lane three (3) for games 3 (3) and four (4). If you bowled on lane six (6) your first two games, you would move to lane eight (8) for game three (3) and game (4).
7. Scores will be cleared and reset to zero between each qualifying round.
8. The top 50% from the Qualifying round will be assigned lanes for the Advancer round and bowl two (2) games on the same pair of lanes.
9. At least the top five (5) positions, depending on tournament participation, by score after the Advancer's round will be assigned lanes to bowl one (1) game to determine final placements. Final place payouts will be determined by the amount of tournament entries and will be communicated before the end of Advancer's round with a minimum of five (5) places to be paid unless the tournament director deems necessary for less due to participation. (Refer to rule 2)
10. This is not a USBC CERTIFIED TOURNAMENT, but all USBC rules not listed here will apply.
11. Optional side pots will be offered and are subject to participation.
12. Entry fee will be \$35.00 ("breakdown based on 20 bowlers" = \$375 to lineage payable to bowling center, \$300 to prize fund, \$25 for expenses).
13. 100% of prize fund will be returned to bowlers.