



QUBICAAMF PRESENTS
**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY
TOURNAMENT**
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2009 – 2010 International Family Tournament
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Presented by QubicaAMF Worldwide and Pepsi

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility and Participation

1. The BPAA Tournament Committee has the right to accept or reject any entry.
2. Participation in this tournament is not open to any bowler competing as an adult, who has competed three (3) times in the national finals of any BPAA tournament (excluding U.S. Open).
3. Competition will be in four divisions through the state/provincial finals: Parent/Youth, Parent/Teen, Adult/Youth, and Adult/Teen. Once the state/provincial finals are completed, **ONLY the Parent/Youth and Parent/Teen divisions will advance to the International Finals. Adult/Youth and Adult/Teen Divisions do not advance to the International Finals.**
 - a. Parent/Youth Division: For parents, stepparents, grandparents, step-grandparents, great grandparents, step-great grandparents or court-appointed legal guardians bowling with a son or daughter 12 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2009.
 - b. Parent/Teen Division: For parents, step-parents, grandparents, step-grandparents, great grandparents, step-great grandparents or court-appointed legal guardians bowling with a son or daughter who is 13 years of age or older but has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of August 1, 2009.
 - c. Adult/Youth Division: For adults not eligible to compete in the parent/youth division who have reached their 19th birthday as of August 1, 2009 with a junior bowler who is 12 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2009.
 - d. Adult/Teen Division: For adults not eligible to compete in the parent/youth division who have reached their 19th birthday as of August 1, 2009 with a junior bowler who is 13 years of age or older but has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of August 1, 2009.
 - e. Youth bowlers may NOT enter the Adult/Youth or Adult/Teen divisions with their parents, grandparents, stepparents, step-grandparents, great grand parents, step-great grandparents or court appointed legal guardians. These adults MAY ENTER with any other youth bowler in these divisions.
4. The same parent/youth, parent/teen team may bowl in the International Finals no more than **twice**. After such time, parents may qualify for the International Finals with another child/grandchild and youth may qualify with another parent/grandparent.
5. This tournament will be certified by USBC. Only entrants who are USBC members before participation in the tournament are eligible for USBC awards.

Substitute Bowlers

6. Substitutes are not permitted at any level of the tournament. If for any reason an entrant is not able to advance to any level of competition with his/her team, entry will be forfeited and the team in the next place will be eligible (i.e. If the first place team cannot advance, the second place team would then be eligible.)

Handicap

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| 7. Handicap at the International Finals will be 100% of 440, based on a team basis. |
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Qualifying Format

8. A minimum of 1 out of 10 teams will advance from the house level to the state finals. If scholarship money is paid at house and/or state level the ratio is a minimum of 1 in 10.
9. Formats for qualifying tournaments and entry fees will be solely determined by the sponsoring state/province association.
10. Bowlers may qualify for one spot only in the International Finals of the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament. Should a parent or adult qualify for the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament in more than one division of competition, he or she will advance to the International Finals with the oldest youth bowler.

Averages for Qualifying

11. Average determination date for the qualifying rounds will be determined by the state/provincial association.
12. **All entering averages must be CERTIFIABLE or the bowler must bowl scratch (220).**
13. ALL entrants who have ever been re-rated, refused a re-rate or been disqualified in a tournament must report this at every level of the tournament for a possible re-rate.
14. The tournament director has the right to re-rate a bowler at anytime at the local or state level. The adjustment must be accomplished before the entrant bowls and if the adjusted average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded (USBC Rule 319c).
15. The tournament director reserves the right to reject any entry with the return of the entry fee.

Averages At State/Provincial Finals

16. The adult bowler and youth bowler must use the in-house entering average (21 or more games) unless the current certifiable average of 21 or more games is higher at time of bowling, then that average must be used. **If the adult or youth bowler has neither average, bowler must then bowl scratch (220).**
17. Ties at the state/local level will be decided using a one game roll-off, with allotted handicap, to determine the team that will advance.

International Finals Format & Prizes

18. Format for the International Finals will consist of two 3-game blocks of qualifying using 100% of 440 for each team's handicap. In the semi-finals, the top eight teams in each division will bowl eight Baker-style games of match play. The final championship will also be Baker competition featuring the top three teams in each division. International Finalists receive a 3-night hotel stay, meals, and activities.
19. All youth contestants reaching the International Finals will receive scholarship money. All award fees will be returned 100%. Funds are placed in SMART Account #9450 – BPAA IFT/North Pointe Insurance Scholarship Fund. No monetary prizes, side pots or gambling are allowed at the International Finals

International Finals Averages

20. Adult bowlers shall use their highest average from the 2007-2008 season, 2008-2009 season, or the current season (2009-2010) as of May 1, 2010. All averages must have a minimum of 21 games. The highest average will be compared with the average obtained from the state/provincial finals. The state/provincial finals tournament average is defined as the average of all scores bowled in all levels of competition that led to winning the state/provincial championship (minimum of six games). If the state/provincial finals tournament average is ten pins or more than the highest average, then the two averages will be added together and divided by two to develop a composite average. This composite average will be the bowler's entering average at the International Finals. An adult bowler who reaches the International Finals without a certifiable 21-game average must bowl scratch at 220. Bowlers are responsible for providing score verification of all games bowled in all levels of competition that led to winning the state/provincial championship. Failure of the bowler to provide ALL scores for possible re-rate may result in disqualification from the International Finals.
21. Youth bowlers shall use their highest average from the 2008-2009 or current season (2009-2010) as of May 1, 2010. All averages must have a minimum of 21 games. This average will be compared with the average obtained from the state/provincial finals. The state/provincial finals tournament average is defined as the average of all scores bowled in all levels of competition that led to winning the state/provincial championship (minimum of six games). If the state/provincial finals tournament average is ten pins or more than the highest average, then the two averages will be added together and divided by two to develop a composite average. This composite average will be the bowler's entering average at the International Finals. Bowlers are responsible for providing score verification of all games bowled in all levels of competition that led to winning the state/provincial championship. Failure of the bowler to provide ALL scores for possible re-rate may result in disqualification from the International Finals.

General Playing Rules

22. Qualifying for this event at all levels will be conducted in **BPAA member establishments only**.
23. Participation in any tournament sponsored, conducted or held by or on behalf of BPAA is open, upon the same terms and conditions, to all bowlers who do, or have done, any league, tournament, advertised exhibition or any other type bowling (a) in a BPAA member establishment, (b) in a non-BPAA member establishment, (c) whether such bowler is or is not a member of any bowler's membership organization. Any owner or employee of any bowling establishment may participate if otherwise eligible. Rules and regulations conducted by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, Inc.
24. All matters not covered by these Rules and Regulations will be determined by the State/Provincial Tournament Director at the state/ local level and by the **Designated BPAA Tournament Representative** at the International Finals. All decisions will be final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Youth Rule 329.

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