



Amateur Bowlers Tour

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Mega Events

Since the ABT started in Chicago in 1991 there has been a year end event with money added from a special collection from all of the singles entry fees during the prior 12 months. This resulted in quite a bit of money added to the year end event.

We're changing that concept for the future. Instead of a single event once a year, we are going to hold "Mega Events" 4 times a year (December, March, June, September). We will continue to collect \$1 from every singles entry fee and use it to accumulate the Mega Bonus Pot. We will also continue to add the money collected from the free entry raffle as well as fine money collect. Excess money carried over from the Bonanza Progressive pot will be accumulated into the Mega Bonanza Pot.

You must qualify to be eligible to collect from either of the Mega Pots. The three months prior to each Mega Event will comprise the qualification period. You must bowl three events (not squads) to be eligible to win Mega Pot money. The first Mega Event will be held December 12-13 at Stardust Bowl in Addison. The first qualification period will be September, October, and November. Bowling just once a month will qualify you for the Mega pots. The Mega Event is open to all members. You don't qualify to bowl, you qualify to win the Mega pots. There will be a regular prize fund associated with each Mega Event. There will be a Mega Bonus Pot prize fund will set up with positions based on the semifinals standings. All of the Mega Bonus Pot money will be allocated to the positions of the semifinals. Mega eligible members can collect the Bonus Pot money. Non-eligible members Bonus Pot money will be carried over to the next Mega Event. The Mega Bonanza money will pay out to the bowlers who finish 1st and 2nd, provided they are Mega-eligible. If not, the money will carry over to the next Mega Event.

Mega Events are open to all members. If you are not Mega-eligible you can only collect from the regular prize fund. Each Mega Event will be in the first month of qualifying for the next Mega Event. Participating in a Mega Event even if not qualified will count towards your qualification for the next Mega Event.

One extra bonus ... If you bowl at least 15 singles entries during the qualification period you will automatically be seeded into the semifinals of the Mega Event. You must bowl one squad in the Mega Event and pay the full entry fee. However, no matter what your score, you will be added to the semifinals of the Mega Event. Bowlers added to the semifinals will not affect the number of regular entries making the cut.

Mega Event I - December 2009	Qualification Period (Sep, Oct, Nov 2009)
Mega Event II - March 2010	Qualification Period (Dec 2009, Jan, Feb 2010)
Mega Event III - June 2010	Qualification Period (Mar, Apr, May 2010)
Mega Event IV - September 2010	Qualification Period (Jun, Jul, Aug 2010)

This new program may seem confusing. It is intended to allow more bowlers to share the accumulated money by awarding it 4 times a year, instead of once a year. If you have questions, please talk to Mike.