

# Tournament Formats

**Regular Singles Format** – This format is open to all SASBA members. Qualifying consists of eight games on Saturday and four games on Sunday morning with the 12 game totals deciding qualifying position. The top qualifiers bowl eight games of match play with 30 bonus pins for winning each match. Total pins from both qualifying and match play will determine the final order of finish. The regular singles format allows for 1 in 3 cashing, plus checks for non-cashing Super Seniors and high Sunday qualifying 4-game block.

**Annual Championship** - This format is open to all SASBA members with at least two tournaments bowled in either region in the current year. Qualifying consists of eight games on Saturday; then, the top half of the field returns Sunday to bowl four more games with the 12 game totals deciding qualifying position. The finalists bowl twelve games of match play with 30 bonus pins for each match won. Total pins from both qualifying and match play will determine the final order of finish. In the Annual Championship, one in two cash and there are no checks for Super Seniors or for high Sunday qualifying blocks.

**Member/Member Doubles** – This tournament format requires two SASBA members to enter as a team. Each team member bowls eight games on Saturday and their total pins are combined to determine their qualifying position. The qualifying teams (1 in 3 up to 24) return on Sunday for Baker doubles style match play games against the other teams with 30 bonus pins for winning each match. The winning team is determined by total pins from Saturday plus Sunday. Eligible teams consist of the following:

- A non-champion and any other SASBA member
- Any two SASBA members age 60 or above
- Any two champions if one is age 60 or above
- No two PBA Tour champs can bowl together

**Trio Tournament** – This tournament format requires three SASBA members to enter as a team. Each team bowls matches against other teams on Saturday and Sunday. Points are awarded for each game won leadoff position vs leadoff position, 2<sup>nd</sup> position against 2<sup>nd</sup> position, anchor against anchor, and team total pinfall against team total pinfall. Each round is a position round and there will be a step ladder finals with position determined by points won in qualifying. The step ladder finals will consist of single game, Baker style matches. Eligible teams consist of the following:

- A SASBA member age 60 or above, a non-champion, and any other SASBA member
- Two SASBA members age 60 or above and any SASBA member
- Any three SASBA members age 60 or above
- No two PBA Tour champs can bowl on the same team

**Trio Over 50/ Over 60/ Over 67 Tournament** – This tournament has the same format as the Trio tournament. Eligible teams consist of the following:

- A SASBA member age 67 or above, a SASBA member age 60 or above, and a SASBA member age 50 or above
- No two PBA Tour champs can bowl on the same team

**Mixed Team Tournament** – This tournament format requires four bowlers to enter as a team. Points are awarded for each game won leadoff position vs. leadoff position, 2<sup>nd</sup> position vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> position, 3<sup>rd</sup> position vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> position, anchor vs. anchor, and team total pinfall vs. team total pinfall. Each round is a position round and there will be a step ladder finals with position determined by points won in qualifying. Total pins is used as the tiebreaker for all positions in the standings. The step ladder finals will consist of single game, Baker style matches. Eligible teams consist of the following:

- A SASBA member age 60 or above, a SASBA member of any age, a woman of any age, and any other bowler of any age/sex
- No two PBA or PWBA National Tour champs can bowl on the same team.

**Senior/Super Senior Doubles** (separate qualifying)– This tournament requires bowlers to enter individually. Eight games of qualifying on Saturday determines qualifying positions for Seniors (age 50-59) and Super Seniors (age 60 and above). The top Senior is paired with the top Super Senior, 2<sup>nd</sup> is paired with 2<sup>nd</sup>, and so on. The doubles teams return on Sunday for Baker doubles style match play games against each of the other teams with 30 bonus pins for winning each match. The winning team is determined by total pins from Saturday plus Sunday. All SASBA members are eligible and you do not need a partner on Saturday to enter.

**Over 70/Over 60 Doubles** – This tournament format requires two SASBA members to enter as a team. Each team member bowls six games on Saturday and three games on Sunday and their total pins are combined to determine their qualifying position. The qualifying teams then bowl Baker doubles style match play games against the other teams with 30 bonus pins for winning each match. The winning team is determined by total pins from Saturday plus Sunday. Eligible teams consist of the following:

A SASBA member age 70 or above and a SASBA member age 60 or above

- No two PBA Tour champs can bowl together

**Annual Team Tournament** – This tournament requires bowlers to enter individually. Teams are selected by a computer program based on each bowler's SASBA average from that year. The program defines teams so that each team average is as close to the same as possible. Each team bowls matches against other teams on Saturday and Sunday. Points are awarded for each game won leadoff position vs leadoff position, 2<sup>nd</sup> position against 2<sup>nd</sup> position, 3<sup>rd</sup> position against 3<sup>rd</sup> position, 4<sup>th</sup> position against 4<sup>th</sup> position, anchor against anchor, and team total pinfall against team total pinfall. Each round is a position round and there will be a step ladder finals with position determined by points won in qualifying. The step ladder finals will consist of

single game, Baker style matches. All SASBA members who have bowled in a combined total of three tournaments in either SASBA region in the past year are eligible. Exceptions would include tournaments missed due to injury or illness.

**Masters Tournament** – This tournament requires bowlers to enter individually. Qualifying consists of match play games against bowlers on the same pair with bonus pins awarded for each win. The top qualifiers (score plus bonus pins from both days) enter the step ladder finals consisting of single game elimination matches. There are separate divisions for Seniors (age 50-59) and Super Seniors (age 60 and above). All SASBA members are eligible to bowl.

**Champions/Non-Champions** – This tournament requires bowlers to enter individually. There are three separate tournaments run independently of each other. All Seniors (any age) who have not won a SASBA championship bowl together using the regular singles format. All SASBA champions (age 50-59) bowl together using the Masters Tournament Format. All SASBA champions (age 60 & over) bowl together using the Masters Tournament Format. All SASBA members are eligible to bowl.

**Firecracker Tournament** - There are two separate tournaments in the Firecracker Tournament...60 and over (Super Seniors) and 50-59 (Seniors). Qualifying is eight games on Saturday and eight games on Sunday. The top 16 in each tournament make the finals on Monday. The finals is match play (two games total pins)...double elimination. Everyone bowls each of the first four rounds. The winners' bracket survivor then gets two byes before bowling the losers' bracket survivor. The losers' bracket survivor has to win two straight matches to win the tournament.

**Member/Guest Doubles Format** - This tournament requires the bowlers to enter with their partner. Each team member bowls eight games on Saturday and their total pins are combined to determine their qualifying position. The qualifying teams (1 in 3 up to 24) return on Sunday for Baker doubles style match play games against the other teams with 30 bonus pins for winning each match. The winning team is determined by total pins from Saturday plus Sunday. Eligible teams consist of the following:

- Any SASBA member and another bowler of any age, unless they both have won a member/guest tournament, regardless of age and who their partner was. A listing of previous member and guest champions can be found on the SASBA web site.
- No two PBA Tour champs can bowl together.

**Notes:** Most SASBA tournaments allow for a 1 in 3 cash ratio except the Annual Championship, which is 1 in 2. We also give checks for high non-cashing Super Seniors (except for Super Senior tournaments and Annual Championship) and for high non-casher Sunday blocks (in singles tournaments...except for annual championship).

In the Southeast region, some rules may differ (ex: only 1 tournament required instead of 2; team championship may be 4-man teams instead of 5).

For eligibility purposes, an annual team title does not count against you in the member/member doubles, trio or any tournament that has restrictions on a champion, with the exception of the

champs/non-champs tournaments. In those events, a team champion must bowl on the champs side. A singles, doubles, trio or foursome title does qualify you as a champion in all formats.

"PBA Tour champs" means winners of a PBA or PWBA National Tour event and does not include winners of PBA Regional Tour events or PBA Senior Regional Tour events."