



The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America is once again proud to bring you the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament – the only tournament in bowling today where parent/child teams compete for an international championship and **\$70,000** in scholarship awards. This tournament also offers the opportunity for bowling centers to conduct, and bowlers to compete, in adult/youth and adult/teen divisions through the state/provincial finals.

Family togetherness is spotlighted during this tournament as well as other positive recreational options available to the entire family through BPAA member centers. In-house qualifying for the 2008-2009 QubicaAMF International Family Tournament may be conducted between October 2008 and May 23, 2009. All state/provincial finals must be completed by June 8, 2009. The International Finals are set for July 30 – August 1, 2009 at Main Event in Grapevine, Texas.

Bowling's best kept secret is out and now is the perfect time to seize the opportunity to become involved with this great event. The QubicaAMF International Family Tournament is a winner for everyone involved. It's an opportunity for BPAA members to offer their youth bowlers a shot at over **\$70,000** in scholarship awards and also target the important family market.

Be a part of Bowling's Best Tournament and support the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament by hosting qualifying events!



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RULE CLARIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS

Please take the time to make note of these **rule clarifications and additions**, especially if your state/center did not participate in 2007 – 2008.

- 1) Rule #3a: Great grandparents and great step-grandparents are **NOW** allowed to participate in the Parent/Youth and Parent/Teen divisions.
- 2) Rule # 5: This tournament is now USBC certified for both Youth and Adults. All award applications will need to be sent to USBC.
- 3) Rule # 6: Participation fee has been changed to \$1,200 for the first entry and \$800 for the second. **Travel will no longer be included.** A third entry can now be purchased at a cost of \$1200.
- 4) Rule #9: Handicap is 100% of **440**. Individuals without a verifiable average will be assigned a scratch average of **220**.
- 5) Rule #10: State/provincial finals must be completed by **June 8, 2009** and the state/participants **MUST** return International Finalist Packages to BPAA on or before **June 19, 2009**.
- 6) Rule #13: Each team advancing from the state/province to the International Finals, must have completed a minimum of six (6) games of **regulation** bowling at either the house, regional, and/or state/province level. Baker System or any other modified format does not constitute a game.
- 7) Rule #23: All **youth** International Finalist competitors will receive scholarships. To clarify, it is **ONLY** the youth/teen bowlers that win scholarships.
- 8) Rule #24 & 25: 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.
- 9) Rule #28: All matters not covered by IFT Rules will be determined by the State Tournament Director at the state/provincial level and by the **Designated BPAA Tournament Representative** at the International Finals.

2008 – 2009 QubicaAMF International Family Tournament Rules and Regulations

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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, 2008.
 - 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, 2008.
 - 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, 2008 with a junior bowler who is 12 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2007.
 - 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, 2008 with a junior bowler who is 13 years of age or older but has not reached his/her 19th birthday as of August 1, 2008.
 - 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.

Cost

6. One team in each of the two parent/child divisions of competition from each participating state/province will qualify for the International Finals of the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament. Each state/province will pay a participation fee of \$1,200 to the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. States/provinces may purchase a second entry in the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament at an additional cost of \$800 and a third entry at a cost of the original \$1200. If a state/province exercises the option of purchasing two entries, two teams in each of the two parent/child divisions will qualify for the International Finals. If a state/province exercises the option of purchasing three entries, three teams in each of the two parent/child divisions will qualify for the International Finals. Participating states/provinces have the option of having competition in four divisions – two Adult/Child and two Parent/Child. Parent/Child division winners advance to the International Finals; Adult/Child winners do not. One entry consists of a team of one Parent/Youth and one Parent/Teen.
7. Participation fee is returned 100% in the form of Scholarships and Awards at the National Finals.

Substitute Bowlers

8. 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

9. **Handicap at the International Finals will be 100% of 440, based on a team basis.**

Dates

10. House qualifying dates and times may be scheduled anytime between October 2008 and May 23, 2009. State/provincial finals must be completed by **June 8, 2009 and the state MUST return International Finalist Packages to BPAA on or before June 19, 2009.**
International Finals = Grapevine, Texas **July 30 – August 1, 2009.**

Qualifying Format

11. 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.
12. Formats for qualifying tournaments and entry fees will be solely determined by the sponsoring state/province association.

13. **Each team advancing from state/province to the International Finals must have completed a minimum of six (6) games of regulation bowling at either the house, regional, and/or state level. Baker system or modified format does not constitute a game.**

14. 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

15. Average determination date for the qualifying rounds will be determined by the state/provincial association.
16. **All entering averages must be verifiable or the bowler must bowl scratch (220).**
17. Adult 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.
18. 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).
19. The tournament director reserves the right to reject any entry with the return of the entry fee.

Averages At State/Provincial Finals

20. The adult bowler and youth bowler must use the in-house entering average (21 or more games) unless the current verifiable 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).**
21. 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 to the International Finals.

International Finals Format & Prizes

22. 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.
23. 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

24. Adult bowlers shall use their highest average from the 2006-2007 season, 2007-2008 season, or the current season (2008-2009) as of May 1, 2009. 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 verifiable 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.
25. Youth bowlers shall use their highest average from the 2007-2008 or current season (2008-2009) as of May 1, 2009. 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

26. Qualifying for this event at all levels will be conducted in **BPAA member establishments only**.
27. 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.
28. 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 705.

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SUGGESTED IN HOUSE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT FORMATS

While these are suggestions, all formats must comply with your state/provincial rules, guidelines and entry fees. When choosing a format, especially one that uses “regular” league scores, remember that a minimum of three (3) games must be designated for advancement to the state/provincial finals.

Format #1: In center qualifying at a suggested cost of \$20 per team. Each team of parent/child bowls three games and the results are decided on actual pin fall plus handicap.

Format #2: Add one week to your parent/child league and use this week’s scores to qualify teams to advance to the state finals based on your state/provincial advancement ratio.

Format #3: Add an additional amount to your regular weekly charge and qualify league teams to the state finals, based on your state/provincial advancement ratio. Remember that each team advancing from the state/province to the International Finals must have competed in a minimum of six (6) regulation games of bowling.

Format #4: If your parent/child league runs for 16 weeks, add an additional weekly charge (example, \$2.00) to your weekly cost and have the entire league travel to the state finals. Remember that each team advancing from the state/province to the International Finals must have competed in a minimum of six (6) regulation games of bowling.

Format #5: Use your regular parent/child league scores and just add an entry fee (suggested \$8.00), qualifying teams based on your state/provincial advancement ratio.

Format #6: Run your in-center qualifying at a minimum entry fee; lineage only plus a small administrative fee (example \$2.00). Then qualify based on your state/provincial advancement ratio to the house finals. At the house finals, you just charge for the lineage plus a state advancement fee (this fee will be given to you by your state/provincial association). Many centers have increased participation rapidly using this option. Research has shown that parents are willing to pay at the house/state finals to bowl with their children.

You are not limited to the above-suggested formats. We encourage new in-house qualifying formats and would appreciate your sharing any winning promotional ideas with us. We may use your ideas for publication in future tournament manuals. Call the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America at 1.800.343.1329 or e-mail wendy@bpaa.com



GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

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- Become thoroughly familiar with the Rules and Regulations of the QubicaAMF International Family Tournament.
- Your state/provincial coordinator is responsible for determining specific details regarding the tournament in your state/province. Please review your specific information on in-house competition dates, state/provincial finals competition date, qualifying tournament format requirements, handicap to be used at the in-center level, minimum number of games to be bowled, average determination date for qualifying rounds, and entry fees. If you have any questions, please contact your state/provincial Tournament Coordinator.
- Marketing is the key to success!!!
 - Advertise the fact that **ALL** youth International Finalists will receive part of the **\$70,000** in scholarship monies.
 - Display poster and flyers in the center. BPAA provides posters for all centers through state/provincial offices. All state/provincial offices will provide entry forms.
 - Post the eligibility rules at the control counter or at the location of tournament entry.
 - Make tournament announcements including dates/times of qualifiers during league play and at times when you have many bowlers present.
 - During heavy open play times, recruit bowlers for league and tournament play. Once an in-house average of 21 games is obtained, the bowlers are eligible for tournament competition.
 - Consider building the cost of tournament entry into your league packages for youth/adult promotional leagues. All bowlers are entered in the house finals and the entry fees are paid from the league fees.
 - Give the youth league champions a free tournament entry. Build this benefit into the promotional advertising for youth league sign-ups.
 - Hold an employee contest and reward the employee who signs up the most teams for the house finals. As an alternative and an ideal way to encourage employee teamwork, consider setting a house participation goal and reward all employees when the goal is met.
 - Check with your state/provincial coordinator to see if any arrangements have been made to advertise the tournament and participating centers in local bowling publications. If possible, mention it in your bowling advertisements or contact your local bowling writers and ask them to mention it in their weekly/monthly columns.
- Hold tournament update meetings with your staff. These may be integrated into your weekly staff meetings. Everyone must be well informed about the tournament and work as a team to produce a quality event.