# RTB Northwest 2020 Rules & Guidelines

**1. Basic rules & guidelines**

1.1    In general, we follow USBC rules as it comes to code of conduct and play structure.  Our most basic rule about conduct is "DON'T BE A JERK" and "HAVE FUN FIRST".

1.2    If you are signed up for an event and need to drop, please let me know ahead of time, ESPECIALLY in a team event.  Don't leave your team hanging the morning of the event unless it is an emergency.

**2. Tournament Fees and Costs**

2.1    Membership is $20/yr.  Our "season" runs January-December, but membership is a 12 month rolling cycle, so if you buy a membership on June 1, it is good until May 31$^{st}$ of the next year.  You can bowl as a guest 4 times for an extra $5 above the entry fee.  At the time of the 4$^{th}$ guest fee, you are made a member retroactive to your first guest fee.

2.2    Singles events are GUARANTEED First Place ONLY.  All other spots are by entry count.  All other event types are payout based upon entries, but usually the first place payout is roughly $350/person.

**3. Eligibility – Tournament of Champions**

3.1    TOC is for ANYONE who has won a tournament in the Portland region.  Including previous champions from before our transition.  I consider anyone who has won a tourney that I RAN to be a champion.  This is a lifetime invite.

**4. Tournament Scoring**

*4.1    Averages*

4.1.1    Averages are based on cashing at events and not necessarily scoring.  This allows us to weed out sandbagging in general.  Winners/cashers at events lose handicap pins earned, regardless of how they performed that day.  You could have a terrible day, but if you team held you up and you cash, you still lose pins.  On the flip side, if you don't cash you can gain a couple pins.  No bowler can earn more than 2 pins in ANY tournament.  Handicap will be capped when the bowler reaches a total of 215 with average and handicap combined.  We do award bonus pins and that is how a cap can be reached.  Once a bowler cashes, we will remove a few pins in accordance with how high they cashed that day.

*4.2    Handicaps*

4.2.1    There is a MAXIMUM of 52 pins for any bowler.  Based on our 80% of 215 configuration, that is a 150 average.  Entering averages are calculated based on a 3 year composite on www.bowl.com.  Anything less than three years we will take what they have and composite that with a current season average.

4.2.2    All our events are handicap, however scratch players are able to compete as we do not have reverse handicap.

**5. Grand Finals & Player Of The Year points**

5.1    Points determine Grand Finals and Player of the Year.

5.2    All players earn 20 points per event attended.

5.3    Bonus points are earned for cashing.  5 points for a non stepladder cash.  30-10 points for stepladder cashes.  In the event of no stepladder, it goes 30-20-10-5-5-5-5…..

5.4    Player of the Year is determined by bonus points earned from cashing.  Most points earned from cashing earns the Player Of The Year trophy and a custom jersey designed by the bowler and myself.

**6. Dress Code**

6.1    Please wear nice attire.  A nice collared shirt is requested.  Please no ripped clothing or inappropriate attire.  Just use COMMON SENSE.  Shorts and athletic wear is accepted.