

## **It is Official! The PBA USA is back for the 2024 season!**

### **A Note from Scottie Marzonie**

I joined the PBA (Professional Bowls Association) and started Bowling in the US Qualifiers three years ago. I look forward to sharing my knowledge with all of you who are interested in becoming a member. Members can compete in US Qualifier tournaments that give you the opportunity to bowl Internationally based solely on your own results from tournament play in the PBA. First, a little background.

### **What is the World Bowls Tour and the PBA?**

#### **WORLD BOWLS TOUR**

- World Bowls Tour (WBT) was created in 1997, under the then chairman Richard Corsie.
- The World Bowls Tour is an International Organization which promotes bowls worldwide and organizes competitions, including the World Indoor Bowls Championships.

Its partner organizations the **Professional Bowls Association** and International Indoor Bowls Council run qualifying competitions for their players to qualify for WBT events.

Since inception the WBT has worked with partner organisations, broadcast partners, sponsorship teams and online streaming partners to run successful tournaments and promote the sport of bowls.

#### **PBA USA: History**

The aim of the PBA is to promote and develop Professional Bowls worldwide and in doing so, foster, safeguard and encourage the game of bowls at all levels.

The Professional Bowls Association (PBA) was formed in 1997 by bowlers worldwide including Bowls USA Hall of Fame member Frank Souza. The PBA has branches in US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Israel, South Africa, and the UK.

The World Bowls Tour runs a series of events including the Scottish International Open, and the World Indoor Bowls Championships at Potters Resort, UK.

Bowlers compete in their home country to qualify for the honor of playing in the Tour events.

The US branch of the PBA has confirmed the dates and location of our US Qualifiers for this season.

## 2024 PBA USA Qualifiers

**DATES:** September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

(We will have practice available on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>)

We would also love to have Members of the PBA volunteer to help with Rink set-up and Live Streaming production if you are available and interested.

**LOCATION:** Cambria, California USA

Joslyn Recreation Center

Cambria Lawn Bowls Club

950 Main St.

Cambria, Ca. 93428 USA

### **QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS:**

**The three Qualifiers will be run successively, and timing will be dependent on the number of entrants:**

#### Qualifier #1:

Scottish International Open- Open Singles Qualifier

Starts Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 am

WBT Event: The event will take place from the first week of November 2024

#### Qualifier #2:

Starts as rinks become available.

World Indoor Bowls Championships-Open Singles Qualifier

WBT Event: Potters Resort, UK January TBD

#### Qualifier #3

Starts as rinks become available.

World Indoor Bowls Championships-Open Pairs Qualifier

WBT Event: Potters Resort, UK January TBD

Play will be on a knockout basis and played in sets format (2 sets of nine ends) with three end tiebreakers where necessary. Full details will be provided on the website and emailed to those who sign up to play. Singles will be four bowls and Pairs is two bowls per player. Winners of the singles events will receive World ranking points.

Dates, locations, and details of all WBT Tournaments will be available on the website as they become available.

## Who can join?

Anyone can join the PBA! All ages, genders and ability levels are welcome. You do not need to be a member of a club or organization.

## How to Join?

Visit the PBA USA website at [www.pbausa.org](http://www.pbausa.org).

Fill out the Contact form with your name, phone number and email address.

In the notes let us know which of the events you would like to be entered in. Please list your partner's name, as well if playing in the Pairs event. Please request to be on the "looking for partner list" if you would like to play and do not have one yet. We recommend participating in all 3 Qualifiers. It is great fun and an even better experience.

## How to Pay?

**You can pay at the Members page on the website [www.pbausa.org](http://www.pbausa.org). You must pay for Membership (Required yearly to enter tournaments) and for the individual Qualifiers you want to enter. You will have to be available during the week for your matches when they become scheduled as we run the concurrent events. ONLY enter events you will be available to play in if you qualify!**

We accept payment on the website by debit card, credit card or with PayPal. Membership dues are \$100.00 for the season. Qualifiers are \$25.00 per event again this year. You can help support the PBA by donating any amount and not entering events. All of the entry monies from the Qualifiers will be awarded to the winners to help with their international travel. You must sign an intent to travel to the Qualifier you win to receive the monies. If you choose not to go, the monies will be awarded to the alternate for their travel expenses. You do not receive any tournament winnings unless you are one of the Qualifiers going to the event.

If you would rather pay by Venmo or send a check here is the information:

Venmo: @scott-marzonie

Check: Make payable to:

Scott Marzonie

PO Box 783

Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

## **PBA QUALIFIER RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY:**

All the Rules and COP are published on the PBA USA website. The tournaments will run very similarly to the way they will be played on the WBT. If you have any questions, please contact us through the website or by emailing direct at [scottie@pbausa.org](mailto:scottie@pbausa.org).

I look forward to sending more emails with updates and more Qualifier details soon!!!

See you on the Green!

Scottie