

RANKING FINAL 2006 AMERICAN ZONE

Schedule

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
February 1-6 2007

Wednesday – January 31, 2007	
All day	Arrival of delegations
Thursday – February 1, 2007	
All day	Last day of arrival for delegations
09:00-11:00	Technical committee
11:00-12:00	Lane maintenance
12:00-13:00	Official practice – Ladies
13:00-14:00	Lane maintenance
14:00-15:00	Official practice – Men
15:00-16:00	Lane maintenance
16:00-17:00	Official practice – Ladies / Men
17:30-18:00	Opening ceremonies
18:00-20:00	Welcoming toast
Friday – February 2, 2007	
Qualifying Games	
09:00-13:00	1 st round Ladies , 8 games short oil
13:00-14:00	Lane maintenance
14:00-18:00	1 st round Men , 8 games short oil
18:00-19:00	Lane maintenance
19:00-23:00	1 st round Ladies / Men , 8 games short oil
Saturday – February 3, 2007	
Qualifying Games	
09:00-13:00	2 nd round Ladies , 8 games long oil
13:00-14:00	Lane maintenance
14:00-18:00	2 nd round Men , 8 games long oil
18:00-19:00	Lane maintenance
19:00-23:00	2 nd round Ladies / Men , 8 games long oil
Sunday - February 4, 2007	
Qualifying Games	
09:00-13:00	3 rd round Ladies , 8 games long / short oil
13:00-14:00	Lane maintenance
14:00-18:00	3 rd round Men , 8 games long / short oil
18:00-19:00	Lane maintenance
19:00-23:00	3 rd round Ladies / Men , 8 games long / short oil
THE TOP 8 BOWLERS OF EACH FIELD QUALIFY FOR THE WRM 2007	
Monday – February 5, 2007	
All day	Departure

Note: Ball checks will be done before and after each day's squad. Bowlers will be picked at random for this.

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RULES

**Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
February 1-6 2007**

The **RANKING FINAL FOR THE AMERICAN ZONE 2006** will be held in Punta Cana Lanes, Dominican Republic, from Wednesday, January 31st to Monday, February 5th 2007. This tournament will be the [Ranking FINAL of the FIQ-WTBA American Zone - 2006](#).

The Ranking Final 2007 will give out a prize fund of \$15,000 USD.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PARTICIPANTS

- The female division will hold a maximum of 60 bowlers.
- The male division will hold a maximum of 60 bowlers.
- Both divisions will bowl with the same format, presented in this document.
- The first 12 ladies and 12 men in the North Region Ranking, American Zone.
- The first 12 ladies and 12 men in the Caribbean Region Ranking, American Zone.
- The first 12 ladies and 12 men in the Central Region Ranking, American Zone.
- The first 12 ladies and men in the South 1 Region Ranking, American Zone.
- Two players picked by the host country.
- The first 12 ladies and men in the South 2 Region Ranking, American Zone.
- Two eligible players picked by the host country.

1.2 FEES (\$85.00 PER NIGHT HOTEL FEE AND \$ 50.00 ENTERING FEE)

- The tournament has a cost of \$475.00 USD for the bowlers. This fee includes the tournament games, 5 nights of the hotel, meals, transportation hotel-bowling center / bowling center-hotel as well as the closing party.
- The bowlers that have qualified for the ranking final are responsible for these fees.
- The bowlers may be sponsored by their national federations as well as commercial sponsors.

1.3 QUORUM

The tournament has a maximum capacity of 120 bowlers (female and male). No more than 60 bowlers per division.

1.4 WITHDRAWALS

- If a qualified bowler resigns, the next bowler on the list of that specific region will be invited to participate.
- If the bowler or bowlers picked by the host country resigns BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT, it is the host's responsibility to pick another bowler in accordance to the general rules of the American Zone Rankings.

1.5 BOWLING CENTER

The Ranking Final 2007 – American Zone will be held at "Punta Cana Lanes", located in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (Phone #: (809) 959-4444). The bowling center is equipped with 18 HPL-9000 synthetic AMF lanes and synthetic approaches; two oiling machines for the lane maintenance, a Kustodian and Kustodian plus; as well as Popshop, Virtual golf machine, billiard tables and the MANINO'S BAR AND GRILL restaurant.

<http://www.pclanes.com/>

1.6 LODGING

- The official hotel will be the Catalonia Bávaro, located in the city of Bávaro, Punta Cana. Guests for the tournament will be charged \$450.00 USD which will cover the hotel, meals, social activities and transportation. Extra nights will have a price of \$160.00 USD for a double room. For more information go to <http://www.countryinns.com/panamacityfl>

2. COMPETITION

2.1 DIVISIONS

- There will be a **LADIES** and **Men** division.
- Both divisions will abide by the same format, presented in this document, but will function independently from each other.

2.2 FORMAT

- There will be at least one hour of official practice before starting the tournament.
- All the bowlers will play 24 qualifying games.
- The top 8 of each division will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2007, which will be celebrated in Doha, Qatar.

2.3 QUALIFYING ROUNDS

ROUNDS

- There will be 10 minutes of practice before each round begins.
- Players will bowl 3 rounds of 8 games, for a total of 24 games bowled.
- On the first round, all the lanes will be oiled with the short pattern.
- On the second round, all the lanes will be oiled with the long pattern.
- On the third round, the left lane will have the short pattern and the right lane will have the long pattern (within the same pair).

LANES USED

- The technical committee will designate the lanes that will be used for the tournament.
- The same lanes will be used on all the rounds, unless technical issues force us to use the reserve lanes.
- The 8 games of each round will be bowled on 8 different pairs of lanes.

LANE ASSIGNMENT

- The maximum number of bowlers on a pair of lanes will be 6.
- The initial lane assignment will be done by the bowlers themselves in a raffle.
- Lane rotation: left lane goes left, right lane goes right.

RANKING PER ROUND

- On each round, the bowlers will be positioned in accordance with the scores after the 8 games bowled.
- In the event of a tie in the round, the bowler with the higher last game will be considered to be in the top position. If the tie persists, the bowler with the higher next to last game will be considered in the top position. And so on.

QUALIFYING RANKING

- The bowlers will be positioned in accordance of the total pin after the 24 qualifying games.
- In the event of a tie at the end of the 24 games, the bowler with the higher last game of the final round will be considered to be in the top position. If the tie

persists, the bowler with the higher next to last game in the final round will be considered in the top position. And so on.

- The top 8 bowlers will be seeded 1 through 8 in accordance to their position after the qualifying rounds.

WITH DRAWLS

- In the event of a bowler withdrawing in a qualifying round, said bowler must be replaced by a pacer.
- If a bowler withdraws from a qualifying round due to illness or injury, said bowler is automatically disqualified and replaced by a pacer.

2.4 OFICIAL PRACTICE

LANES TO BE USED

- The official practice will be held on the lanes that will be used for the qualifying rounds.
- During the official practice the bowlers will cover all the lanes used in the tournament.
- The first pair of lanes will be oiled with the short pattern; the second pair will have the long pattern, third pair the short pattern, and so on.

LANE ASSIGNMENTS

- The starting lane for each player will be decided by raffle.
- There will be several shifts and each shift will use a certain amount of lanes depending on the number of bowlers on it.
- The duration of each shift will depend on the amount of lanes being used; the duration of the practice will be in accordance to the Rules of the WTBA/FIQ American Zone.

2.5 LANE CONDITIONING

- There will be two conditions during the whole tournament: **short oil pattern and long oil pattern.**
- In the official practice, bowlers can alternate between the two.
- In the qualifying rounds, the oiling patterns will be applied in accordance to what the official program indicates.

3. AWARDS

The total prize fund for the tournament is \$15,000 USD; it will be distributed evenly between the ladies and men.

Prize list:

PLACE	Total Prize fund (\$15,000)	
	Men (\$7,500)	Women (\$7,500)
1 st Place	US\$ 1,200.00	
2 nd Place	US\$ 1,125.00	
3 rd Place	US\$ 1,050.00	
4 th Place	US\$ 975.00	
5 th Place	US\$ 900.00	
6 th Place	US\$ 825.00	
7 th Place	US\$ 750.00	
8 th Place	US\$ 675.00	

4. OTHERS

BALL CONTROL AND REGISTRATION:

The ball verification will be done each day before starting the round. This will be done (according to the technical committee criteria) with a few bowlers only that will be selected at random.

OILING PATTERNS:

The oiling patterns will be determined by the Technical Director of the tournament. The WEB site of the tournament will make this available for everyone as soon as possible.

<http://www.pclanes.com>. The FIQ – WTBA American Zone’s WEB site www.amzone.org will also have this information available.

COMPLAINTS:

Any bowler can request a review of his results. The appeals will be conducted in accordance to the FIQ – WTBA American Zone Rule Book.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

The technical committee, in accordance to the FIQ – WTBA American Zone Rule Book, is as follows:

Event Administrator	=	Manuel Fernández – Dominican Republic
Event Director	=	José Aguilar – México
Technical Delegate	=	John Davis (or his representative) – USA.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

The American zone president will designate the appeals committee during the technical meeting.

5. UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS

In the event of a situation that is not contemplated on this document, the rule book of the FIQ – WTBA American Zone will be used to resolve the issue. If the situation persists, the rule book of the WTBA will be used to clarify the situation.

6. FINAL QUALIFYING

The first 8 competitors of each division will qualify to represent the FIQ – WTBA American Zone in the World Ranking Masters, to be celebrated in Doha, Qatar.

7. LANGUAGES

If there are interpretation differences between the Spanish and English versions of this document, the Spanish version will prevail.

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