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## Troup is now Hall of Fame Eligible

Kyle Troup won a PBA career finals defeating Chris Prather two games to one for his tenth PBA career title. Troup defeated Kris Prather two games to zero averaging 267 in the championship match.

“I had to not think about the Hall of Fame the last few frames,” said an emotional Troup. “With the season that I’ve had, making the switch to grips... that’s number 10. It’s special, man.”

Belmonte set another milestone by becoming the first bowler to bowl three perfect games on national television. Belmonte and EJ Tackett led after first day of competition. However they failed to complete the task. EJ Tackett was looking for his sixth PBA title and his third PBA Tour Finals.

### GROUP 1 SCORES

- EJ Tackett 916 (213, 255, 234, 214)
- Kyle Troup 902 (229, 224, 221, 202)
- Dom Barrett 866 (195, 216, 245, 234)
- Jakob Butturff 806 (190, 204, 215, 197)

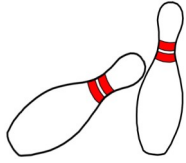
### GROUP 2 SCORES

- Jason Belmonte 969 (234, 246, 230, 259)
- Packy Hanrahan 941 (212, 246, 226, 257)
- Anthony Simonsen 933 (215, 224, 238, 256)
- Kris Prather 887 (238, 239, 209, 201)



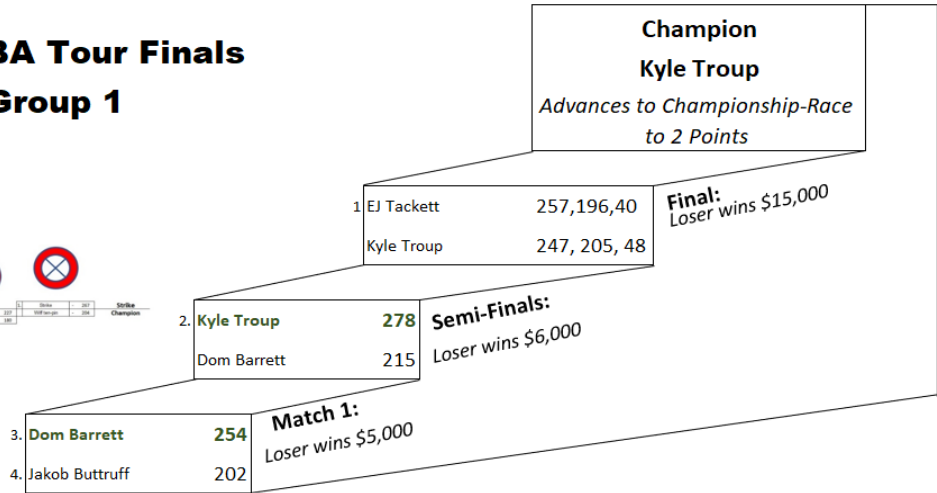
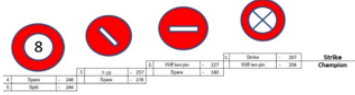
Winner of the 2023 PBA Tour Finals-Kyle Troup



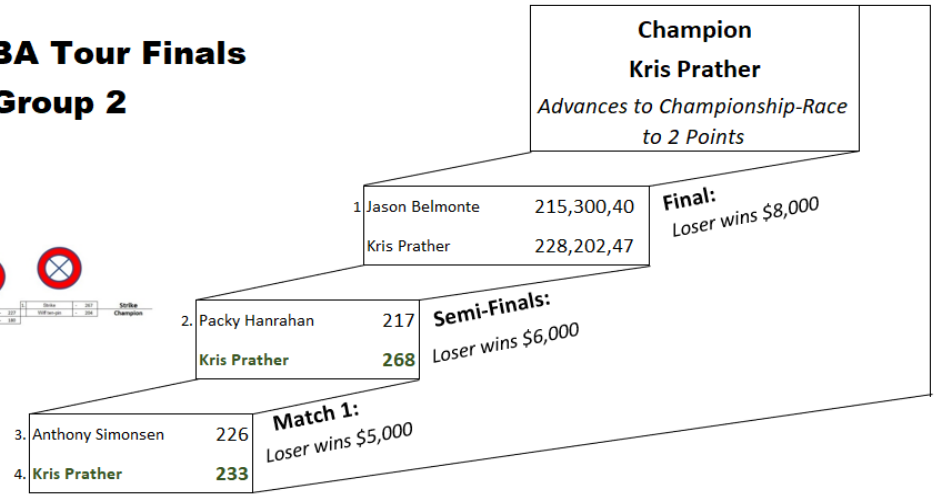
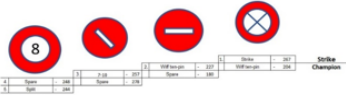


# Messenger Continued: PBA Tour Finals

## 2023 PBA Tour Finals Group 1

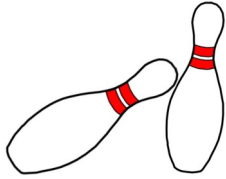


## 2023 PBA Tour Finals Group 2



## 2023 PBA Tour Finals Championship Match

<i>Race to Two Points</i>	
Game 1 Kyle Troup	268
Kris Prather	225
Game 2 Kyle Troup	266
Kris Prather	236
Winner Earns	\$30,000
Loser Earns	\$15,000



# New Specs on Urethane Balls for the PBA

Once again, the PBA has changed the rules for Urethane bowling balls. Starting in the 2024 PBA Tour, all balls need to have a minimum hardness of 78.0HD. In 1973, Don McCune used MEK to soften a ball and had great success, winning six titles and earning Player of the Year. The PBA made a rule the next year that a ball needed to have a minimum hardness of 72.0HD. They measured that the footprint of a ball on the lane measurably increases as the hardness drops below 72.0HD.

Below is the list of options regarding how to handle the new specs for urethane balls for the entire PBA.

1. Ban all urethane balls completely.
2. Ban any ball that gets softer with use.
3. Raise the hardness of traditional urethane to 78.0HD.
4. Change the hardness of all balls to 78.0HD.
5. Leave the rule as is and test extensively.

In reviewing the list above, Neil Stremmel, Director of Rules and Equipment for the PBA, states that either a separate specification should be created for the urethane/urethane-like balls or they should be banned altogether. After much testing and deliberation, as of 1/1/2024, all urethane/urethane-like balls must be tested. A traditional urethane ball would be legal for PBA Tour competition if it were 78.0HD or higher and made on or after 8/1/2022 (see #3 above). For the remainder of 2023, all balls on the list made after 8/1/2022 are legal. With regard to the future of the PBA, they are deciding whether or not a ball is resin-reactive or urethane depending on the hardness of the ball rather than how the manufacturer categorizes the ball.

X	X	X
300		

## Tenth Frame - Editorial PBA Specs for Bowling Balls

Back in 1973, Don McCune revolutionized the game by soaking his ball in MEK. It was in the year that McCune would win 6 of his 8 titles. This allowed the ball to hook on the lane. Thereafter, bowlers would imitate his style. The PBA would make this illegal disallowing bowlers to soak their balls in MEK. Yes, this seemed to be an appropriate change in the rules. Bowlers need specification oversight to make the game more competitive. However, when the PBA or USBC adds more rules to the sport, it hinders the creativity of the bowlers' skills and what they bring to the sport.

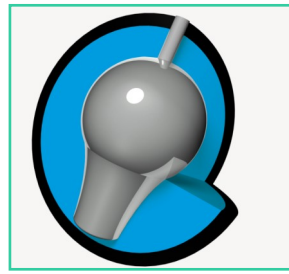
Additionally, the manufactures determine whether or not a ball is resin-reactive or urethane. In reading the PBA.com press release, it seems like the PBA is now going to determine whether or not a ball is resin-reactive or urethane rather than Storm, Brunswick or Motiv.

If the PBA is not careful, bowlers are not going to participate in PBA tournaments due to the multitude of rules. I can see this as a rabbit hole. What next? The PBA could institute a rule saying that two-handed bowlers are ineligible to bowl on the PBA Tour.



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# Vintage Teal Rhino Pro & Quantum Evo Response



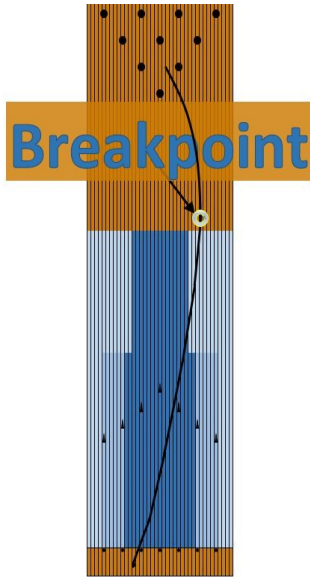
<b>LEVEL</b>	Advanced
<b>PART NUMBER</b>	60-106989-93X
<b>COLOR</b>	Teal
<b>CORE</b>	Vintage Light Bulb
<b>COVERSTOCK</b>	Activator Plus 3.0 Solid
<b>COVER TYPE</b>	Solid Reactive
<b>FINISH</b>	500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pad
<b>WEIGHTS</b>	16-12 lbs.
<b>RG</b>	2.568 (15 lb.)
<b>DIFF</b>	0.032 (15 lb.)
<b>WARRANTY</b>	Two years from purchase date
<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	August 17, 2023



<b>LEVEL</b>	Pro
<b>PART NUMBER</b>	60-106987-93X
<b>COLOR</b>	Violet / Scarlet / Carbon
<b>CORE</b>	QCS-24
<b>COVERSTOCK</b>	HK22 - Evolution Reactive
<b>COVER TYPE</b>	Pearl Reactive
<b>FINISH</b>	500, 1000, 1500 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound
<b>WEIGHTS</b>	16-12 lbs.
<b>RG</b>	2.511 (15 lb.)
<b>DIFF</b>	0.053 (15 lb.)
<b>ASY</b>	0.024 (15 lb.)
<b>WARRANTY</b>	Two years from purchase date
<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	August 17, 2023



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## PBA Junior Regional Qualifier Schedule

On June 29, the PBA Announced the PBA Junior Regional qualifier schedule for 2024. The two top boys and top girls of these qualifiers will receive an entry into the PBA Junior National Championship. The regional qualifiers will bowl five games on three different oil patterns; EJ Tackett, Bill O’Neill, and Danielle McEwan. After fifteen games, they will cut to the top 16 in a best-of-three games match play. The final top 20 will go to the PBA Junior Nationals Championship. All of the qualifiers will be held on the same weekend, August 11-13.

### Locations:

#### East Region

Bowlero North Brunswick  
North Brunswick, N.J.

#### Midwest Region

AMF West Lanes  
Milwaukee, Wis.

#### West Region

Forest Lanes  
Lake Forest, Calif.

#### South Region

Bowlero Austell  
Marietta, Ga.

#### Southwest Region

Northrock Lanes  
Wichita, Kan.



Jason Belmonte became the first player to roll three perfect games on National Television. The third game was at the 2023 PBA Tour finals.