

DPBA Update July 2023

Dear DPBA Members,

We have had a very successful start to the 2023 DPBA Tour season and hopefully we have an even stronger finish throughout the last three events of the season! I wanted to send out a communication to the membership regarding some concerns that have come up during just about every Governing Body Meeting this year.

Patches are now available. Make an effort to get your hands on one and get it on your shirt (in a reasonable timeframe). Consider this a short amnesty period. When this changes we will notify the membership. Patches other than DPBA are not allowed.

Behavior/Language Let's all just be conscious of our surroundings especially during time of live streaming. These microphones really pick up everything. Believe it or not there are other bowlers, Youth Bowlers, house bowlers etc. who really enjoy watching the "Best in Duckpin Bowling" when it is in their area. Let's all do our best to always be professional on the lanes even during the most intense situations.

2-Ball Courtesy

I feel like I need to explain what exactly "2-ball Courtesy" means.... After a bowler on your left or right has thrown their first two balls, if the appropriate scenario arises, you may deliver your first ball. There are so many different "what if" instances where you may or may not be able to abide by the 2-ball courtesy in a certain frame for whatever reason. It's OK I promise.... Let's all make an attempt to complete any "pre-shot" routines or rituals prior to your lane being available and be ready to bowl when it is your turn. Please let's all make an attempt to bowl "2-ball Courtesy" and keep up with the pace of play.

AT THIS TIME, we DO NOT bowl BALL-FOR-BALL unless ANNOUNCED in the INVITE LETTER! Just because you and your group prefer ball-for-ball, you think the tour should be ball-for-ball, you bowl ball-for-ball at your home center, other tournaments or you just plain like it better, that does not change the fact that **OUR CURRENT FORMAT** is "**2-BALL COURTESY**". I will acknowledge that we are fully aware that ball-for-ball is quicker and that currently under normal circumstances the pace of play is painstakingly slow.... We are all very aware... So let's work together to mitigate this issue for now with the potential for change in the future.

Best Regards,



DPBA President, William Rigney