



JBT Lane Conditions



Over the course of a season, the JBT uses a full spectrum of lane conditions, and are not announced until the day of the event- thus our slogan of 'be ready for any pattern at any time'. We believe this helps create well rounded bowlers, and prepares them for all kinds of other bowling- college, pro, local and national tournaments, etc. - where they will encounter the same wide variety of environments to test their skills. In 2008-09 alone, the JBT bowled on all 5 of the PBA Experience patterns, 9 of the 12 Kegel patterns, the US Open pattern, many other sport and modified sport patterns, as well as good old walled up house shots too.

In a 'big picture' view, this also creates what we feel is the fairest tournament club for bowlers of all styles and skill levels. Any lane condition will by default favor certain styles- that's a fact of bowling. But by bowling a full JBT season, everyone will hit patterns they like, and patterns they need to work on, thus creating an equal opportunity for all skill levels. In our scratch events, the bowlers with the most physical and mental versatility, and willingness to adapt, will rise to the top of the season-long points. In handicap, the same higher-average, high rev-rate bowler who looks unbeatable one day might look as clueless as I do every league night on the next day's pattern!

All this is not just wishful thinking either. Take some time to browse through our 'schedules and results' section of our website, www.bowljbt.com. You'll quickly find exactly what I'm talking about- all ages, averages, skill levels, genders, and every other classification you can think of are represented at the top of final results sheets in a virtually perfect ratio of the total JBT membership. This is a fact we are proud of, and continue to closely monitor to ensure a fun and fair season-long playing environment for everyone. Please also visit the 'lane conditions' section of the website, where you can see the condition used for all previous JBT events, and their corresponding cut scores.

This is just the tip of a very complicated iceberg- lane conditioning has never been more complicated, and thus more controversial. The more educated you are, the more you'll understand and enjoy what's going on in our sport. I'd be happy to 'talk shop' anytime about this, or anything else related to JBT- drop me a line anytime at bowljbt@aol.com.

Thanks!

Jeff ☺