

BYES AND SUPER BYES

What is a bye? Byes are a “free pass” to certain rounds of the finals. The more byes you earn the later you enter the finals which means you need to advance less rounds to win the tournament. In other words, the more byes you earn the more money you are guaranteed and the closer you are to bowling for the \$20,000 top prize.

The most important bye you can earn is called the **Super Bye** which gets you **6 byes** in the finals and puts you directly into the last match of your division. All Super Bye winners are guaranteed to earn a minimum of \$4,000. There is one Super Bye awarded in each division. At the last Mini-Eliminator all three bowlers that advanced to the final shootout were Super Bye winners.

The Mini-Eliminator Finals usually takes 8 elimination (beat half-the-field) rounds to crown a champion. To give yourself a better chance at winning the \$20,000 top prize you should try and earn as many byes in the finals as possible.

- Bowlers earning 1 bye start their finals in Round 2 (guaranteed \$500)**
- Bowlers earning 2 byes start their finals in Round 3 (guaranteed \$750)**
- Bowlers earning 3 byes start their finals in Round 4 (guaranteed \$1,000)**
- Bowlers earning 6 byes start their finals in Round 7 (guaranteed (\$4,000)**

HOW TO EARN BYES AND SUPER BYES

All bowlers making the finals through a qualifying squad automatically earn 1 bye and are guaranteed a minimum of \$500. To earn multiple byes, including the \$4,000 Super Bye, a bowler must re-enter a qualifying squad **AFTER** they have advanced to the finals. The byes will be earned as follows:

- The 8 highest re-entry series by finalists in the senior and the 210 & under divisions will advance to their own match play tournament to determine who gets the byes in their respective divisions.
- The 16 highest re-entry series by finalists in the 49 & under division will advance to their own match play tournament to determine who gets the byes.
- The Match Play “Bye” Tournament will be held after the last qualifying squad- Saturday, July 3rd at 10pm.
- Each division will have its own match play competition with all matches using single game elimination.
- First round matches will be determined by the re-entry series; highest re-entry series bowls against the lowest re-entry series in each division, etc.
- If you win 1 match you earn 2 byes (start your finals in Round 3 and guaranteed \$750).
- If you win 2 or 3 matches you earn 3 byes (start your finals in Round 4 and guaranteed \$1,000).

- The winner of each Match Play Bye Tournament earns the Super Bye and enters the finals when 1 bowler remains in their division. The Super Bye winners are guaranteed a minimum of \$4,000 and if they win their one match they advance directly to the Championship Shootout and guaranteed a minimum of \$7,500 and 1 win away from \$20,000!

THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE WAY TO EARN BYES IS TO PURCHASE A MARATHON ENTRY WHICH GUARANTEES YOU 5 QUALIFYING SQUADS!