

9/1/05: Qualifier/Nationals Rules:

REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS:

For every eight or more players, a room may send one player to the Nationals. Players must be USBA members and not previously qualified to play in the up coming National championship (by definition, this means no player may participate in a Regional Qualifier after winning another qualifying tourney).

The Room must send \$500.00 to the Secretary/Treasurer of the USBA for each player who qualifies for the Nationals. The USBA will use \$300.00 for the entry fee. Upon arrival at the Nationals, each player will receive \$200.00 expense money. If any top player declines, the honor falls next in line in order of placement in the qualifier.

The USBA will pay half the cost of the cloth for tables used in the Regional Qualifier as long as six players per table participate in the tournament. Room owners will buy the cloth and send a copy of the bill to the Secretary/Treasurer who will reimburse the owner one-half the amount paid for the cloth. Either Simonis or Granito may be purchased.

All participants in the Regional Qualifying tournaments, as well as the National Championship, must be limited to members in good standing for a minimum of the prior six (6) months from the tourney date and who are citizens of the United States or who are legal resident aliens that have a valid green card.

ENTRY IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

The Tournament Director will determine the size of the field. Top four finishers from the previous year (entry is seeded and the player receives \$200.00 expense money.)

Players qualifying in Regional tournaments (entry is paid by Room, \$500.00, and each player receives \$200.00 expense money.)

Remaining openings in the field will be filled on a first come, first served, basis as follows:

- (A) Players who have played in a Regional tournament pay an entry fee of \$300.00
- (B) Other USBA members – as they have incurred no expense to this point, these members will pay a \$500.00 entry fee.