

NOTICE REMINDER: FOR BALL HOLES, BALANCE updates in TBNZ Rule Book has been updated.

601.12 Drilling Specifications - Holes:

The following limitations, as specified, shall govern the drilling of holes in the ball:

- Holes or indentations, not to exceed five, for gripping purposes.
- **(until 1 August 2020)** One hole for balance purposes not to exceed 1¼ inch (31.8 mm) in diameter. (Including the surface opening).
- No more than one vent hole to each finger and/or thumb hole not to exceed ¼ inch (6.4 mm) in diameter. (Including the surface opening).
- One mill hole for inspection purposes not to exceed 5/8th inch (15.9 mm) in diameter and 1/8th inch (3.2 mm) in depth.

601.13 Static Balance:

The following tolerances shall be permissible in the balance of the bowling ball used in sanctioned competition:

a) From 1 January 2019, to 1 August 2020, there are two bowling ball balancing systems for balls weighing more than 10 pounds (4.35 kg):

1) Traditional System (valid to 1 August 2020)

- Not more than 3 ounces (85 g) difference between top half of the ball (finger hole side) and the bottom half (side opposite the finger holes).
- Not more than 1 ounce (28 grams) difference between the half of the ball to the left and the half of the ball to the right of the center of grip (side weight).
- Not more than 1 ounce (28 grams) difference between the half of the ball toward the thumb hole side of the center of grip and toward the finger holes side of the center of grip (thumb/ finger weight).
- A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than 1 ounce of difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A balance hole is permitted to be used with this system.

2) New System (valid from 1 January 2020)

- **Not more than 3 ounces (85 grams) difference between any two halves of the ball.**
- **A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than 3 ounces (85 grams) of difference between any two halves of the ball.**
- **A balance hole cannot be used with this system.**

Either system can be used from 1 January 2019 until 1 August 2020. From 1 August 2020 only the New System can be used and no balance holes will be permitted. Any existing ball with a balance hole will need to be plugged before 1 August 2020.