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## **WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS ALL BUT SET WITH ONE EVENT LEFT**

ARLINGTON, Texas – The top three men and top three women who will advance to the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour Finals are all but set with just one event remaining on the 2012 schedule.

With the recent conclusions of the PTT World Bowling Tour Thailand Tournament and the Columbia 300 Vienna Open, the World Bowling Tour rankings picture has become clearer heading into the season-ending finals, which will take place Nov. 10 in Las Vegas, United States.

On the men's side, Mika Koivuniemi of Finland has earned the top seed for the three-player stepladder finals with 408 points, while a pair of Americans, Mike Fagan (342 points) and Chris Barnes (328 points), are second and third, respectively.

Barnes sits 54 points ahead of the United States' Sean Rash with just one event to go. With a max of 50 points available to the winner of the AMF Australian Masters this month, Rash cannot move into the top three.

Barnes put himself in position to lock up a spot in the finals by finishing second in Thailand and defeating Rash in the championship match of the Vienna Open.

The women's rankings are dominated by the United States with Missy Parkin leading the way with 329 points. Kelly Kulick is second with 319, while Liz Johnson is third with 295.

One player outside of the top three could mathematically move up, however, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard will not compete in the season's final event, which solidifies the top three.

The World Bowling Tour is made up of various events around the world and players earn points based on how they finish in each event. The top three men and top three women are invited to compete in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the Professional Bowlers Association.

The World Bowling Tour Finals will feature a total prize fund of \$70,000. The top three men and top three women will bowl a stepladder finals format in their respective divisions. The prize money for each division is the same, with the winner taking \$20,000, second place earning \$10,000 and third place winning \$5,000.

The World Tenpin Bowling Association, which is made up of 115 bowling federations, governs the sport throughout the world. For more information on WTBA and the World Bowling Tour, visit [WorldTenpinBowling.com](http://WorldTenpinBowling.com).



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## **WORLD BOWLING TOUR POINTS**

Top 10 (Pos., Name, Country, Points)

### **MEN**

- 1, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 408.
- 2, Mike Fagan, USA, 342.
- 3, Chris Barnes, USA, 338.
- 4, Sean Rash, USA, 284.
- 5, Osku Palermaa , Finland, 221.
- 6, Tommy Jones, USA, 218.
- 7, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 200.
- 8, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 189.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, USA, 148.
- 10, Dominic Barrett, England, 148.

### **WOMEN**

- 1, Missy Parkin, USA, 329.
- 2, Kelly Kulick, USA, 319.
- 3, Liz Johnson, USA, 295.
- 4, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, USA, 280.
- 5, Diandra Asbaty, USA, 201.
- 6, Sandra Andersson, Sweden, 198.
- 7, Nina Flack, Sweden , 137.
- 8, Krista Pollanen, Finland, 133.
- 9, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 116.
- 10, Shannon Pluhowsky, USA, 115.

(Complete rankings available on [WorldTenpinBowling.com](http://WorldTenpinBowling.com))

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