



A new experience has been unleashed!

Welcome to the PBA Experience, a USBC Sport Bowling program. Here's your chance to face the exact lane oil patterns used on the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour. Put yourself in the shoes of your favorite PBA pro and compare your game to the world's greatest bowlers.

This inside information straight from the pros will help you break down the oil pattern, choose the right equipment to match up with your bowling style and give you tips and insight to help you tame the Shark.

SHARK unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!

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What the Pros say... unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!



"The key for me on this pattern is to control the mid-lane during the first few games, then let the ball take over in the back end when the lanes open up."
 – Jeff Carter



"Learn to control your ball speed. It is imperative to be a little more accurate on this pattern because of the length and out of bounds area."
 – Chris Collins



"Stay soft with the speed and start between the third and fourth arrows. Keep moving your feet and target left as the pattern breaks down." –Tim Criss

2005-06 Denny's PBA Tour champions on Shark: unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!

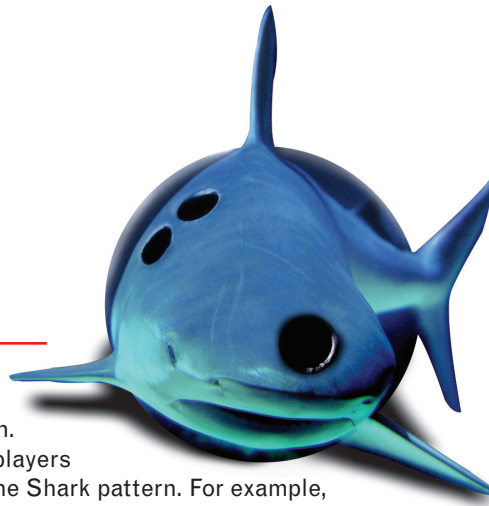
- Wes Mallott: PBA Mile High Classic – Lakewood, Colo. (215-211 over Mika Koivuniemi)
- Brian Himmler: PBA Earl Anthony Medford Classic – Medford, Ore. (214-204 over Mika Koivuniemi)
- Ritchie Allen: PBA Motel 6 Phoenix Classic – Phoenix, Ariz. (232-207 over Del Ballard Jr.)
- Chris Collins: PBA Pepsi Championship – Fairlawn, Ohio (245-201 over Walter Ray Williams Jr.)



How the Pros play the Shark:

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How PBA straight players (less than 250 rev rate) attack Shark:

Where to play: Straight players agree that the best place to start is around the second arrow.

Adjusting to carry down: Straight players agree that the best way to attack carry down on the Shark is to move further out on the lane and either use the same ball or change to a more aggressive ball.

Adjusting to lane break down: Right-handers tend to move in and either stay with the same ball or change to a weaker ball. Left-handers stay in the same area and change to a weaker ball.

How PBA tweener players (250-350 rev rate) attack Shark:

Where to play: The unanimous choice for tweeners is to start somewhere near the third arrow (15th board) and then gradually move deeper inside on the lane.

Adjusting to carry down: A majority of tweeners change to a more aggressive ball and move deeper on the lane.

Adjusting to lane break down: All players agree that you must move inside on this pattern, but opinions vary on ball choice. A small majority believe that changing to a weaker ball is the answer but others think the same or a more aggressive ball work best for them.

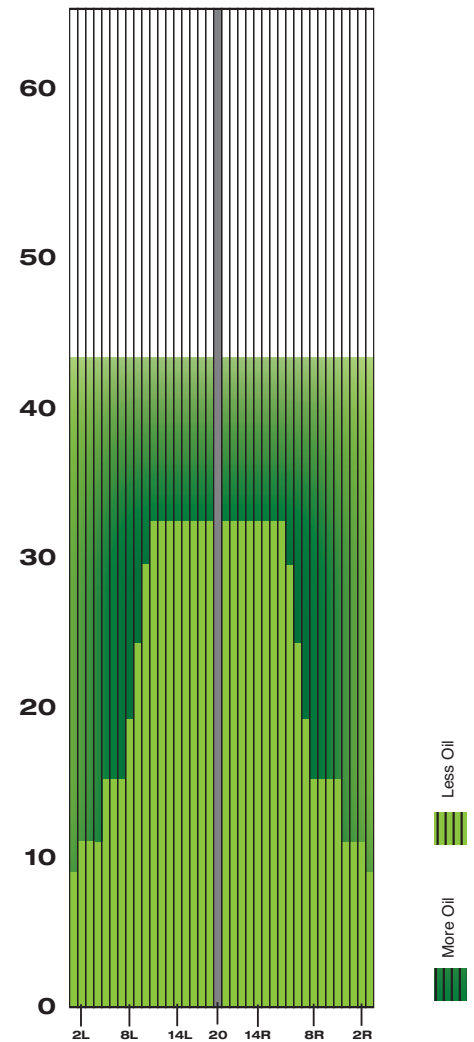
How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Shark:

Where to play: Most power players indicate they start around the fourth arrow (board 20). The furthest right any power players said they start is third arrow (board 15). All agree that once the Shark pattern begins to break down, you must move deeper inside on the lane.

Adjusting to carry down: Most power players highlight that they change to a weaker ball and move deeper on the lane.

Adjusting to lane break down: Most players change to a weaker ball and every power player moves deeper on the lane.

For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Shark, refer to page 16 of your Sport Bowling membership Handbook or visit bowl.com.



Length: 44 feet

Description: Shark is the longest of the five Denny's PBA Tour patterns. Typical to the length and design, professionals will migrate toward the center of the lane as the ball normally will not hook back to the pocket if it strays too far outside near the channel. This pattern usually requires extreme inside angles to get to the pocket after five or six games.

Scoring: All styles of players believe that the Shark pattern is medium to high scoring.

Ball types: A majority of players prefer aggressive balls and the balance choose medium balls when playing the Shark pattern.

2005-06 averages:

Amateurs	183.8
Non-exempt pros	195.2
Exempt pros	210.5