



# **TBNZ Inc.**

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## MODIFICATION and REVISION RECORD

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| 1.01 | Rule 128     | Rule added to provide a definition of Session of Games to help clarify when a ball may be cleaned and when its surface may be changed as in rules 601.4 and 601.7                          | 21 - 01 - 10 |
| 1.02 | Rule 513     | Code of Ethics extended to apply to registered managers as well as registered coaches and national squad members.  | 02 - 03 - 10 |
| 1.02 | Rule 716     | Dress code is modified to require males to wear dress trousers and to permit the wearing of dress trousers skirts or shorts for females and the wearing of branded bowling shirts for all. | 02 - 03 - 10 |
| 1.03 | Rule 122     | Average definition modified to include delivering of ball two (2) handed must be delivery the same way.  | 05 - 02 - 11 |
| 1.03 | Rule 205     | Membership group defining eligibility.   | 05 - 02 - 11 |
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| 1.03 | Rule 601.7.1 | Ball Cleaning  | 05 - 07 - 11 |
| 1.03 | Rule 121     | Foul Appeal. Re wording and clarification.   | 08 - 09 - 11 |
| 1.04 | Rule 513     | Ant-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Policy  | 01 - 01 - 12 |
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## ACRONYMS OF OTHER BOWLING ORGANISATIONS

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|------|--|
| ABC  | means American Bowling Congress              |
| TBA  | means Tenpin Bowling Australia               |
| USBC | means United States Bowling Congress         |
| WIBC | means Women's International Bowling Congress |
| WB   | means World Bowling                          |

### EXPLANATION OF CONTENT

The TBNZ Rule Book has been updated to reflect the current NZ bowling environment and the services that TBNZ now provides. With NZ athletes now frequently bowling in tournaments in Australia, it is appropriate to try to make it easier for NZ athletes to understand the significant requirements in both countries. The following provides an explanation of the source of the content of each chapter in this TBNZ Rule Book.

**Chapter 1, "General Playing Rules"**, is generally the same as the TBA Chapter, but has minor changes to reflect the lack of state structure in NZ. It also has a couple of points of additional clarification.

**Chapter 2, "General Rules"**, is also similar to the TBA Chapter, but has changes to reflect the lack of a state structure in NZ.

**Chapter 3, "League Rules and Guidelines"**, has no similarity to the TBA Chapter, as the league situation in NZ is quite different to that of Australia. This TBNZ Chapter 3 also includes Guidelines that are contained in the TBA Chapter 9.

**Chapter 4, "Awards and Conditions"**, has no similarity to the TBA Chapter, as the awards offered in NZ are currently quite different to that of Australia.

**Chapter 5, "Offences and Suggested Penalties"**, is generally the same as the TBA Chapter, but has some changes to reflect the structure in NZ.

**Chapter 6, "Equipment Specifications"**, has been based on the WB rules since this is the body which determines Equipment Specifications throughout the world. The WB equivalents are Chapter 10 "Lane Specifications", Chapter 11 "Pin Specifications", and Chapter 12 "Ball Specifications". The overall content of the TBNZ Chapter 6 is still very similar to the TBA Chapter 6 but the TBNZ chapter has expanded information that is available from the WB rules.

**Chapter 7, "TBNZ Tournament Rules"**, has no similarity to the TBA Chapter, as the situation in NZ is quite different to that of Australia.

**Chapter 8, "Requirements and Rules for Sanctioned Tournaments"**, has no similarity to the TBA Chapter, as the situation in NZ is quite different to that of Australia.

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**CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PLAYING RULES**

**RULE 101 - SCORING THE GAME:**

- a) A game of TBNZ Tenpin shall consist of ten frames. Each player shall bowl two balls in each of the first nine frames, except when they shall make a strike. A player who scores a strike or spare in the tenth frame shall deliver three balls.
- b) A ball is legally delivered when it leaves the athletes possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory. A bowling ball must be delivered entirely by manual means and shall not incorporate any device either in the ball or affixed to it, which detaches at time of delivery, or is a moving part in the ball during delivery, except that any person who has had their hand or major portion thereof amputated may use special equipment to aid in grasping and delivering the ball providing the special equipment is in lieu of the amputee’s hand.
- c) Where an artificial or medical aid is necessary for grasping and delivering the ball because of any other disability of the hand or arm, permission to use the aid in sanctioned competition may be granted by the TBNZ office under the following conditions:
  - i. The aid does not incorporate a mechanical device with moving parts, which would impart a force impetus to the ball.
  - ii. A description or drawing and model of aid are furnished to TBNZ.
  - iii. A doctor’s certificate describing the disability together with their recommendation that the aid should be used is furnished to TBNZ.

If permission is not granted, the claimant shall have the right of appeal to the TBNZ Board. Should permission be granted for the use of an artificial or medical aid, a special identification card (not a TBNZ membership card) will be issued to the applicant indicating that the aid may be used in sanctioned competition providing the athlete has a current membership card and the use of the aid is specifically authorized by the league or tournament management. Permission to use the device may be withdrawn for cause.

**SCORE A GAME**

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| X  |  | X  |  | X  |  | 7  | 2 | (8) | / | F   | 9 | X   |  | X   |  | -   | 9 | X   | X | 8 |
| 30 |  | 57 |  | 76 |  | 85 |   | 95  |   | 104 |   | 124 |  | 143 |  | 152 |   | 180 |   |   |

**RULE 102 - STRIKE:**

A strike is recorded when the player completes a legal delivery and bowls down the full setup of ten pins on the first ball. It is designated by an (X) in the small square in the upper left-hand corner of the frame in which the complete set of ten pins is bowled down with the first ball. The count in each frame where a strike is bowled shall be left open until the player has completed two more deliveries. The maximum count on one strike when followed by a spare is 20.

**RULE 103 - DOUBLE:**

When a player bowls two strikes in succession legally delivered, they shall have scored a double. The count in the frame where the first strike was bowled shall be left open until the player has completed their next delivery. When all pins are down twice in succession the count for the first strike is 20 plus the number of pins knocked down with the first ball of the third frame following. The maximum count on a double, figuring a ninepin count on the first ball following the second strike is 29.

**RULE 104 - TRIPLE OR TURKEY:**

In scoring three successive strikes, the player shall be credited with 30 pins in the frame in which the first strike was bowled. Thus, in a game of ten full frames, a player must bowl 12 strikes in succession in order to bowl a game of 300.

**RULE 105 - SPARE:**

Any player who bowls down the remaining pins with a legally delivered second ball in any frame has scored a spare. A spare is designated by a (/) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame in which it is made. The number of pins knocked down after the first delivery before the player bowls for the spare should be marked by a small figure in the upper right corner of the frame. The count in such frame proper is left open until the player shall have bowled their first ball in the next frame following, when the number of pins knocked down by the first ball shall be added to the ten pins represented by their spare and the total shall be credited therein. When a spare is scored in the tenth frame, a third ball shall be bowled in that frame.

**RULE 106 - ERROR:**

A player shall have made an error when they fail to bowl down all ten pins after having completed two deliveries in a given frame provided the pins left standing after the first ball bowled do not constitute a split. An error is designated by a (-) in the small square in the upper left-hand corner by the frame in which the error is made (first ball missing all pins). The number of pins knocked down after the first delivery, before the player bowls at the remaining pins, should be marked in the upper right corner of the frame. The count in every frame where an error is committed shall be recorded immediately following the player’s second delivery.

**RULE 107 - SPLIT:**

A split shall be a setup of pins remaining standing after the first ball has legally been delivered provided the head-pin is down, and:

- a) At least one pin is down between two or more pins, which remain standing, as for example, 7-9 or 3-10;
- b) At least one pin is down immediately ahead of two or more pins that remain standing, as for example, 5-6. A split may be designated by a bracket around the number of pins bowled over with the first ball. E.g. (7) or (8)

**RULE 108 - PINFALL - LEGAL:**

Every ball delivered by the player shall count, unless declared a dead ball. Pins must then be re-spotted after the cause for declaring such dead ball has been removed.

- a) Pins which are knocked down by another pin or pins rebounding in play from the side partition, rear cushion or sweep bar when it is at rest on the pin deck prior to sweeping dead wood are counted as pins down.
- b) If when rolling at a full setup or in order to make a spare it is discovered immediately after the ball has been delivered that one or more pins are improperly set, although not missing, the ball and resulting pin fall shall be counted. It is each player's responsibility to determine if the setup is correct. They shall insist that any pins incorrectly set be repotted before delivering their ball, otherwise this implies that the setup is satisfactory. No change in the positions of any pins which are left standing can be made after a previous delivery in order to make a spare, unless the pin setter has moved or misplaced any pin after the previous delivery and prior to the bowling of the next ball.
- c) Pins which are knocked down by a fair ball, and remain lying on the lane or in the gutters, or which lean so as to touch kickbacks or side partitions, are termed dead wood and counted as pins down, and must be removed before the next ball is bowled.

**RULE 109 - PINFALL - ILLEGAL:**

When any of the following incidents occur, the ball counts as a ball rolled, but pins knocked down shall not count:

- a) When pins are knocked down or displaced by a ball, which leaves the lane before reaching the pins.
- b) When a ball rebounds from the rear cushion.
- c) When pins come in contact with the body, arms or legs of a pinsetter and rebound.
- d) A standing pin which falls upon removing dead wood or which is knocked down by a human pin setter or touched by mechanical pin setting equipment shall not count and must be replaced on the pin spot inscribed on the pin deck where it originally stood before delivery of the ball.
- e) Pins which are bowled off the lane, rebound and remain standing on the lane must be counted as pins standing.
- f) If in delivering the ball a foul is committed, any pins knocked down by such delivery shall not be counted.
- g) Pins knocked down by a ball illegally delivered. *As a point of clarification, if the ball has a thumb hole drilled, the ball must be delivered with the thumb in, or over, the thumb hole. The thumb may not be 180 degrees away from the thumb hole. Any delivery which doesn't comply with this requirement is an illegal delivery.*

**RULE 110 - DEAD BALL:**

A ball shall be declared dead if any of the following occur, in which case such ball shall not count. The pins must be re-spotted after the cause for declaring such dead ball has been removed and player shall be required to re-bowl:

- a) If after the player delivers their ball and attention is immediately called to the fact that one or more pins were missing from the setup.
- b) When a human pinsetter removes or interferes with any pin or pins before they stop rolling or before the ball reaches the pins.
- c) When a player bowls on the wrong lane or out of turn.
- d) When a player is interfered with by a pinsetter, another athlete, spectator, or moving object as the ball is being delivered and before the delivery is completed. The player must then and there accept the resulting pin fall or demand that pins be re-spotted.
- e) When any pins at which they are bowling are moved or knocked down in any manner, as the player is delivering the ball and before the ball reaches the pins.
- f) When a player's ball comes in contact with any foreign obstacle.

**RULE 111 - NO PINS MAY BE CONCEDED:**

No pins may be conceded and only those actually knocked down or moved entirely off the playing surface of the lane as a result of the legal delivery of the ball by the player may be counted. Every frame must be completed at the time the player is bowling in their regular order.

**RULE 112 - REPLACEMENT OF PINS:**

Should a pin be broken or otherwise badly damaged during the game, another as nearly uniform in weight and condition as possible shall replace it at once with the set in use. The league or tournament officials shall in all cases will be the judges in the matter of replacement of such pins. A broken pin does not change the score made by an athlete. The number of pins knocked down is counted, after which the broken pin is replaced.

**RULE 113 - BOWLING ON WRONG LANE:**

When only one player or the lead-off athlete on both teams bowl on the wrong lane and the error is discovered before another player has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the player(s) required re-bowling on the correct lane(s).

When more than one player on the same team has bowled on the wrong lane, the game shall be completed without adjustment and the next game shall be started on the correctly scheduled lane.

In singles match play competition, where a player normally bowls two frames each time it is their turn to bowl, and a player bowls on the wrong lane for these two frames, dead ball shall be declared and the player required to re-bowl both frames on the correct lanes providing the error is discovered prior to the time the opposing player has made a legal delivery. If the error is not discovered until the opposing player has bowled, the score shall count and the player shall be required to bowl their subsequent frames on the correct lanes.

**RULE 114 - BALL PRIVATE OWNERSHIP:**

Bowling balls used in the game and marked by their owners are considered private and other participants in the game are prohibited from using the same, unless the owner consents to such use.

**RULE 115 - FOUL - DEFINITION OF:**

A foul is committed with no pin fall being credited to the player although the ball counts as a ball rolled, when a part of the athlete's person encroaches upon or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after executing a legal delivery. A ball is in play and a foul may be called after a legal delivery has been made and until the same or another player is on the approach in position to make a succeeding delivery.

If the player commits a foul which is apparent to both captains or one or more members of each of the opposing teams competing in a league or tournament on the same pair of lanes where the foul is committed, or to the official scorer or a tournament official, and should the foul judge or umpire through negligence fail to see it committed or a TBNZ approved automatic foul detecting device fails to record it, a foul shall nevertheless be declared and so recorded. A foul is designated by a (F).

**NOTES:**

- a) *When foreign objects such as a pencil, finger insert etc., drops from an athlete's possession on or across the foul line and no part of the athlete's person touches on or across the foul line, no foul is committed. The athlete must call "Time out" by signaling the opposing team or foul judge before retrieving the fallen object.*
- b) *A foul is not committed when the athlete enters the foul area but retains possession of the ball. The athlete should not be charged with a foul because they have not executed a legal delivery.*

**RULE 116 - FOUL COUNTS AS BALL BOWLED:**

A foul ball shall be recorded as a ball bowled by the player, but any pins bowled down when a foul is committed shall not count. When the player fouls upon delivering the first ball of a frame, all pins knocked down must be re-spotted, and only those pins knocked down by the second ball may be counted. If the player bowls down all the pins with their second ball after fouling with the first, it shall be scored as a spare. A player who fouls when delivering their second ball of a frame shall be credited with only those pins bowled down with their first ball, provided no foul was committed when the first ball was delivered. When a player fouls during the delivery of his first ball in the tenth frame and bowls down all ten pins with their second ball (making a spare), he bowls a third bowl and is credited with a spare plus the pins bowled down with the third ball. When a player fouls while delivering their third ball in the tenth frame, only those pins bowled down in delivering their first two balls shall be counted.

**RULE 117 - DELIBERATE FOUL:**

When a player deliberately fouls to benefit by the calling of a foul, the player shall receive zero pin fall for that delivery and shall not be allowed any further deliveries in that frame. Such action may be regarded as an attempt to gain an unfair advantage (see Rule 501).

**RULE 118 - PROTESTS - PROVISIONAL BALL:**

When a protest involving a foul or the legality of pin fall is entered and it cannot immediately be resolved between the two-team captains, a provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the contestant.

If the protest occurs on the first delivery in a frame, the player shall complete their frame and then bowl another complete frame immediately, unless it involves a question of whether an athlete should receive credit for a strike or a lesser number of pins on their first delivery. In such event, the pin or pins that were protested as constituting illegal pin fall shall be re-spotted and the player required bowling another ball.

When the protest occurs on the second delivery, the player shall bowl a provisional ball against the same setup of pins that were standing at the time except when the protest involves a foul in which case no provisional ball shall be necessary.

A record of both scores for the frame in which the provisional delivery was made shall be maintained and the protest referred to the league's management committee or the tournament's management committee for decision. If unable to reach a decision, the local association or TBNZ can be asked for a decision upon submission of all the facts relating to the protest.

**RULE 119 - NO UNREASONABLE DELAY:**

The league or tournament officials shall allow no unreasonable delay in the progress of any game. Should any member or team participating in a league or tournament refuse to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by the proper authorities, such game or series shall be declared forfeited. No delays will be made for personal equipment failure. If the lanes are available, play shall proceed.

**RULE 120 - FOUL DETECTION:**

League and tournament officials may adopt and use any TBNZ approved foul detecting device and where none is available a foul judge must be stationed so they have an unobstructed view of the foul line.

**RULE 121 - FOUL - APPEALS:**

No appeal shall be allowed when a foul is called unless:

- a) it is proved that the automatic device is not operating properly;
- b) there is a preponderance of evidence that the player did not foul.

If the device becomes temporarily inoperative the following procedures shall be used in calling fouls:

- a) In tournament play, tournament management shall assign a human foul judge or arrange for the official scorers to call fouls.
- b) In league play, the opposing captains shall call fouls or designate someone to act as a foul judge.

Failure to have the automatic foul detecting device in operation or provide for foul line observance when it is inoperative shall disqualify scores bowled for TBNZ high score consideration.

**RULE 122 - AVERAGE - DEFINITION OF:**

A bowling average is determined by dividing the total number of pins credited to an athlete by the number of games bowled in one league in a season. When establishing an average in league play, a right-handed athlete must bowl right-handed at all times. Similarly, a left-handed athlete must bowl left-handed at all times. Penalty is the forfeiture of game.

No combination of scores bowled both right and left-handed shall be used in computing an average.

The same rule applies to an athlete delivering the ball conventionally or two (2) handed. In any score used to compute an average, the ball must be delivered the same way

A new average must be established if the athlete finds it necessary to change their delivery from right too left-handed or vice-versa. See Rule 213 regarding the definition of a right or left handed delivery.

In all cases, extra pins or fractions must be disregarded when using averages for handicapping or classification purposes. The extra pins shall be reduced to a percentage of a pin, only for the purpose of deciding individual position standings in a league.

**RULE 123 - PRIZES - PROPRIETORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES:**

*All tournaments and leagues may, by rule, restrict the owner of the bowling establishment or their employees from qualifying for individual or all events prizes when the games of the league or tournament are bowled solely in the establishments with which they are associated.*

**RULE 124 - PROTESTS - TIME LIMIT:**

Protests involving eligibility, scoring or general playing rules in leagues and tournaments shall be governed as follows:

**Leagues:** Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules, which is alleged to have occurred in any round of play other than the final week, must be confirmed in writing to a responsible league official or TBNZ not later than 72 hours after the series in which the alleged infraction occurred. If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration of the 72-hour period, the series must stand as bowled. Protests resulting out of competition in the final week of a league's schedule must be filed within 48 hours of the concluding night of the schedule.

**Tournaments:** Any protests affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be lodged with a responsible tournament official before the tournament prize payments are made. Such protest has to be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official or TBNZ within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.

**Protests - Errors in scoring**

**OBVIOUS ERRORS:** errors in scoring or errors in any calculation in league or tournament play must be corrected by a responsible league or tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error.

**QUESTIONABLE ERRORS:** The league's management committee or the tournament's management committee shall decide upon any questionable errors. Protests relating to questionable errors must be confirmed in writing to a responsible official or TBNZ as follows:

Tournaments: Within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.

Leagues: Within 14 days after the series has been bowled in which the questionable error arose.

Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and a protest under this rule shall not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

**RULE 125 - APPROACHES MUST NOT BE DEFACED:**

No one shall mark on or shall introduce on any part of the approach or lane any substance that will have a tendency to injure, disfigure or place the approach or lane in such condition as to detract from the possibility of other athletes being able to take advantage of the usual conditions. The use of such substances as *easy slide*, talcum powder, pumice, resin, etc., on shoes; the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off, and in any manner alter the normal conditions of the approach are strictly prohibited.

*Note: TBNZ have included "easy slide" in the list of prohibited substances.*

**RULE 126 - AUTOMATIC SCORING DEVICES:**

An automatic scoring device, which has been approved, may be used in sanctioned league and tournament play. This device shall provide a printed record of the score which can be audited frame by frame and otherwise comply with the scoring and playing rules of the game.

**RULE 127 - ILLEGAL BALL – PENALTY:**

If a ball in a player's possession is checked during or immediately following a session of games and is proved to be outside the specifications defined in "EQUIPMENT", the last series of bowls consecutively in that tournament or league will not be recognised. An illegal ball in a player's possession will be deemed to have been used in that session of games. Any records or awards achieved or presented prior to that session of continuous games will stand.

**RULE 128 - SESSION OF GAMES – DEFINITION:**

A session of continuous games play concludes when a participant changes lanes or opponents. For example, in scenarios 1 and 2, the session of games concludes when a match concludes. In scenario 3, each lane change begins a new session.

1. 15 game in a singles match play final changing lanes every match.
2. A number of five man teams playing each other once, changing lanes every match.
3. A number of five man teams playing a match based on total pitfall over six games, bowled in blocks of 2, changing lanes after each 2 games.

## CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL

### RULE 201 - ETIQUETTE:

Etiquette and sportsmanship are winning partners in any sport. In the game of tenpin, a code of etiquette has been established and has been accepted by athletes everywhere. Few of its rules are official, but respect for these “unwritten laws” gives consideration at all time to the rights of the other athlete. Here are some of the rules for study and application:

1. Prepare to take your turn promptly on the lane. Remember, the player to your right has the right of way.
2. Take your time, but don't waste time by posing or waiting until everyone else is off the approaches.
3. Stay on your own approach at all times. “Riding” balls are permitted as long as the athlete does not move outside of one lane either side of the delivery lane.
4. Do not step on the approach until the previous athlete has left
5. Step back off the approach after making each delivery.
6. Do not use another player's ball without permission.
7. The approaches may not be exactly to your liking, but DON'T use *easy slide*, chalk, resin or talcum powder etc. to condition them *or your shoes*. Your fellow athletes may like the approaches as they are *and you will be in violation of the RULE 125, regarding Defacing the Approaches*.
8. Do not use talcum powder, chalk, or resin in the players' area.
9. Good bowling requires concentration. When players are ready to bowl, give them the courtesy of making their shot without any interference, as you will want the same courtesy when it is your turn to bowl.
10. Be ready to bowl, but wait until the pin setting machine has completed its cycle and the sweep-bar is raised. Otherwise you may damage the ball or machine.
11. Respect the equipment. Getting the ball out on the lane is good bowling, but “lofting” hurts your game and damages the lane.
12. Play the game to win, but be a gracious loser if you are on the short end of the count when the game is over.

### RULE 202 - MEMBERSHIP OF LICENCED ASSOCIATIONS:

*TBNZ does not require, but permits, any member to belong to any local association where one exists.*

### RULE 203 - CENTRE REGISTRATION:

*TBNZ is supported by its “Sponsor Centres”. The current Sponsor Centres can be found on the TBNZ website.*

### RULE 204 - MEMBERSHIP YEAR:

The TBNZ membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### RULE 205 - MEMBERSHIP GROUPS:

1. A Junior member is defined as one who has not reached the age of 18 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
2. A Youth member is defined as one who is has not reached the age of 21 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. A Senior member is defined as an athlete who has reached the age of 50 or above in the year of competition.
4. A Grand Senior member is defined as an athlete who must attain the age of 60 or above in the year of the competition.
5. As a point in example of clarification, if a TBNZ tournament is by rule open to junior athletes only, a competitor must be under the age of 18 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

### RULE 206 - AFFILIATION:

*Athletes in Sponsor Centres as Rule 203 are automatically members of TBNZ. Other individuals may become members of TBNZ by applying on the TBNZ website.*

### RULE 207 - LICENSES:

*Sponsor Centres are required to meet the agreed payments to TBNZ in a timely manner. A Sponsor Centre may be suspended if any fees or dues are outstanding by more than 90 days. An application must be made to TBNZ for the suspension to be lifted. The suspension will be lifted and notified on the TBNZ web site 30 days after all outstanding fees and dues have been paid.*

### RULE 208 - MEMBER RECOGNITION:

*TBA services will be available to all its members who are bowling in TBNZ sanctioned leagues and tournaments.*

### RULE 209 - JUNIOR & YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT:

The following conduct code shall be observed during sanctioned league and tournament play so as to provide a good environment for TBNZ junior/youth members.

*Junior members will not consume alcoholic beverages when they are engaged in TBNZ competition.*

*Junior TBNZ members shall refrain from smoking during the time any TBNZ competitions in which they are participating are in progress.*

**RULE 210 - GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT:  
GUIDELINES**

This Code of Conduct will apply to all athletes, coaches, administrators, and all other persons who are involved in any TBNZ sanctioned tournament. *It is strongly recommended that the intent of this Code of Conduct is also satisfied in any league that is bowling with a TBNZ sanction.*

**CARD SYSTEM:**

A Yellow and Red Card system will be applied to TBNZ sanctioned tournaments. Officials have the authority to issue warnings and/or cards for any breach of the Code of Conduct. If in the Officials opinion, an incident is considered to be a very serious breach of the code, then that person may issue a Red card immediately, without having first issued an official warning or Yellow card.

**INFRACTIONS:**

The actions that a penalty may be issued for include, but are not limited to the following:

1. EQUIPMENT ABUSE
2. PHYSICAL ABUSE
3. VERBAL ABUSE
4. OBSCENE GESTURES
5. CONTRAVENING THE TBNZ ANTI-DOPING POLICY
6. UNFAIR ADVANTAGE BY:
  - Deliberate Foul
  - Use of Abrasives
  - Sledging
  - Any Form of Cheating
7. FAILURE TO FOLLOW TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS DIRECTIVES

**PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES:**

These rules will be implemented as follows, with the action to be taken at the time of the alleged infraction:

First Infraction:                   The offender will be given an official verbal warning.  
Second Infraction:               A Yellow card will be shown.  
Third Infraction:                 A Red card will be shown.

The penalty for the Third Infraction is disqualification for the remainder of the tournament bowling and a possible suspension from future TBNZ competitions. The *tournament committee* shall meet within 24 hours of the Red card being shown to discuss whether any further action needs to be taken as outlined in Chapter 5, "OFFENCES and PENALTIES".

**RULE 211 - SLOW BOWLING:**

Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver the ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

- a) They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to the left.
- b) Players shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to the right.
- c) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and the left are clear.
- d) From the time the athlete steps on to the approach, no more than 20 seconds is to elapse before the delivery of the ball.

If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in a) through d) above, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by a tournament official as follows:

- A verbal warning for the first offence (no penalty).
- A Yellow card for the second offence (no penalty).
- A Red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games. The penalty will be ZERO pinfall for the frame.

For the interpretation of and enforcement of this rule, the tournament official shall specifically monitor any player that gets more than four frames behind the leader in singles or doubles, and two frames in teams of three or more, not counting the end pairs of lanes.

**RULE 212 - COACHING WHILST COMPETING:**

An athlete participating in current line-up may be coached during competition, providing:

- a) the coaching is not carried out on the lanes, and
- b) the coaching does not cause any delays in the normal rotation of play

Under no circumstances is an athlete participating in current line-up to make any deliveries on "practice", "warm up", or any other lanes in the bowling centre other than the lanes the athlete is actually scheduled to play on at that time.

Contravening this rule will result in the athlete's loss of pinfall for that game.

**RULE 213 - BALL DELIVERY DEFINITION:**

If the ball is delivered on the right side of the body, two handed or conventionally, the delivery will be deemed to be a right-handed delivery regardless of whether any holes drilled for gripping purposes are used, or not. Similarly, if the ball is delivered on the left side of the body, two handed or conventionally, the delivery will be deemed to be a left-handed delivery regardless of whether any holes drilled for gripping purposes are used, or not.

**Rule 214 – DRINKING ALCOHOL:**

- a) Players, managers and their coach(es) must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; (during the entire period of a squad or block of games including lane changes);
- b) In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he/she may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played.
- c) If a coach or manager is caught consuming or to be under the influence of alcohol during a game,
  - a) The first penalty is suspension from the block of games where he/she violated the rule.
  - b) In case of a second violation the penalty is suspension from the rest of the Championship.

**RULE 215 - DISPUTES & RULE QUERIES:**

This has been made appropriate for the NZ structure.

*In the event of a dispute or rule query, the organisational body responsible for the people with the dispute or query should resolve the matter. If it cannot be resolved at that level, any local association affiliated to TBNZ should resolve the matter. If it can still not be resolved, the matter should be referred to TBNZ for resolution.*

**RULE 216 - DEFINITION OF AN ATHLETE WITH DISABILITY:**

An athlete with a disability is a member of TBNZ and whose condition is recognised by one of the following National Sports Organisations for People with a Disability:

NZ Special Olympics Foundation, Blind Sport NZ, Deaf Sports Federation of NZ, Paralympics NZ.

Please note: TBNZ wishes to follow a policy of no exceptions related to participation. If you have a request to amend or extend the list of recognised organisations for people with a disability, please contact TBNZ as per the contact on the front page.

**RULE 217 –SMOKING AND USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS:**

- 217.1 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's and spectator's areas.
- 217.2 Players, managers and their coach(es) must not smoke, use tobacco products or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition; (during the entire period of a squad or block of games including lane changes);
- 217.3 If an athlete is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If an athlete is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game.
- 217.4 For the second offence by the same player, the player will be excluded from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee.
- 217.5 If a coach is caught smoking during a game,
  - a) The first penalty is suspension from the block of games where he violated the rule
  - b) In case of a second violation the penalty is suspension from the rest of the Championship

## CHAPTER 3 - LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDELINES

### INTRODUCTION:

These rules are based on TBNZ Rules, if any member requires more descriptive rules about any aspects of league play they are to contact [technical@tbnz.co.nz](mailto:technical@tbnz.co.nz)

Over the last few years there has been an increasing tendency for bowling centres to become more involved in running leagues. TBNZ supports this trend and has created a smaller set of league rules, which are compatible with the modern day situation. The main focus of these TBNZ sanctioned league rules is:

- to ensure that all games are bowled to comply with the TBNZ General Playing Rules of CHAPTER 1,
- that a spirit of enjoyment and fair play is achieved by the appropriate application of the General Rules of CHAPTER 2, and
- that all equipment used complies with the specifications of CHAPTER 6.

To complement TBNZ league rules (RULE 301), TBNZ has created a set of guidelines (RULE 302) to assist all leagues, whether bowling centres are involved in their management, or not. These guidelines are intended to help leagues run smoothly and to try to avoid unnecessary conflict.

All members should note that TBNZ specifically does not underwrite any financial aspects of any league. TBNZ therefore encourages all players to ensure any league they play in has processes in place to ensure any player funds are protected from loss of any kind.

TBNZ will assist any sanctioned league to resolve any matters related to the actual game of Tenpin such as interpretation of playing rules, equipment specifications, fair play, and good conduct. However, TBNZ is not positioned or responsible to resolve any financial matters any league may have. TBNZ therefore, wishes to remind all its members that they need to satisfy themselves that any financial matters arising in their leagues can be successfully resolved without TBNZ assistance.

### RULE 301 - LEAGUE RULES:

#### 301.1 Definition and Qualifications:

Any group of four or more teams of players OR four or more individual players who are all members of TBNZ and are participating in the sport of Tenpin according to a pre-arranged schedule may be defined as a TBNZ League, provided the league has a documented requirement for the league play to comply with the TBNZ General Playing Rules. In addition to this mandatory requirement, all TBNZ sanctioned leagues are encouraged to remain familiar with and apply all the other TBNZ rules as far as they may be realistically enforced within the league.

#### 301.2 Adherence to League Rules and TBNZ General Playing Rules:

All games of Tenpin, to be considered league play, must be bowled and conducted in strict compliance with rules established by the league and the General Playing Rules of TBNZ. Under no circumstances, will any award be acknowledged by TBNZ unless all the General Playing Rules have been adhered to at the time the criterion for the award was claimed to be achieved. This specifically includes all rules related to fouls and foul detection.

#### 301.3 League Accreditation:

All leagues which take place in TBNZ sanctioned centres and which comply with Rule 301.1 Definitions and Qualifications are automatically accredited as TBNZ leagues and no notification is required to be given to TBNZ.

#### 301.4 Playing in More Than One League:

Any person can play in any number of leagues in any number of bowling centres.

#### 301.5 Sportsman-like Manner:

League players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner and must refrain from creating any action, which will in any way distract any league member's attention while bowling is in progress.

#### 301.6 Discrimination:

TBNZ discourages any discrimination as it is usually considered to mean in general society.

#### 301.7 Financial Aspects:

TBNZ specifically does not underwrite any matters related to the financial matters of any league. TBNZ will not be held responsible for any matters related to the financial dealings or any collections that may have been made in the name of the league.

## **RULE 302 - LEAGUE GUIDELINES:**

### **302.1 League Management:**

Each league should be administered by a management committee, which is responsible to ensure that the league has agreed rules, which are documented and available to be viewed by all league members. The bowling centre management may be partially or totally involved in the management committee.

### **302.2 Financial Matters:**

Irrespective of the make-up of the management committee, every individual league member should satisfy themselves that a process is in place to ensure any financial contributions they may make are secure.

### **302.3 Players Responsibility:**

Each player should make themselves aware of the league rules before agreeing to bowl in any league. Once a player has agreed to participate in a league they should understand that they have accepted the league rules and should make every endeavour to comply with those rules at all times.

### **302.4 League Rules:**

It is recommended each league should at least consider the following when determining the league rules:

- details of the management committee
- abide by TBNZ General Playing Rules (mandatory requirement for TBNZ league)
- number of games to be played
- dates and times of play
- use and calculation of any handicap system
- the determination of any points to be given
- the determination of league winners according to the points system used
- method to be used for absent players, such as blind scores
- constitution of a legal line-up
- method to be used for vacant positions
- the provision of any pre-bowling or post-bowling
- the provision of substitutes
- late arrivals
- tardy players
- teams joining the league after the league has started
- teams dropping out
- prize fund collection
- prizes to be distributed
- dispute procedure
- process and rules of changing the league rules

## CHAPTER 4 - AWARDS AND CONDITIONS

### **RULE 401 - INDIVIDUAL 300 GAME & 800 THREE-GAME SERIES AWARDS:**

TBNZ will provide an AWARD on the first occasion when any TBNZ member scores a perfect scratch game of 300 in a TBNZ sanctioned league or tournament.

TBNZ will also provide an AWARD on the first occasion when any TBNZ member scores a scratch three-game series total of 800 or greater at a TBNZ sanctioned league or tournament. When three or more games are bowled in a league or tournament, the high score award applies to any consecutive three games bowled in the same session, across any number of lanes.

The AWARD will be by way of a plaque and notification on the TBNZ website. No costs will be incurred by the award winner for the provision of the award.

### **RULE 402 - CONDITIONS GOVERNING AWARDS:**

The following are the requirements which must be met for eligibility for the TBNZ high score awards:

- a. The high score must have been bowled by a TBNZ member in good standing, in a league or tournament played under TBNZ rules, on TBNZ certified sanctioned lanes
- b. For leagues, the athlete MUST be a regular member of the league (not casual or pacer) and the high score MUST be bowled on the scheduled league time – i.e. not a pre-bowl or post bowl.
- c. Centre team member trials are not eligible for awards.
- d. The lanes upon which the score was bowled must have been certified by the TBNZ for the current season prior to the bowling of the award score.
- e. A competent foul judge or an automatic foul detecting device approved by the TBNZ must have been employed during the full time the score was being bowled.
- f. Every provision of the TBNZ General Playing Rules must have been in effect by those conducting the league or tournament in which the high score was bowled.
- g. Notification of the high score must be given to the Centre Management as soon as it has been bowled. This notification must be given by the league secretary or tournament director.
- h. No more than seven (7) days may elapse before the Centre Management gives such notification to the TBNZ Administration Manager.

In the case of a 298, 299, and 300 games or an 800 three-game series, the Centre Management or the duly authorized representative, must inspect and weigh the very pins used when the high score was bowled. This may involve pins on more than one pair of lanes for a high three-game series bowled.

Any bowling balls used when the high score game or high three-game series was achieved shall be certified for correct weight and balance by an authorised person, e.g. Centre Management or the authorised representative, or qualified bowling centre staff member.

The bowling balls and pins inspection and weighing must be done within 72 hours after the high score has been rolled. The Centre Management or the duly authorised representative must submit their completed report or affidavit to the TBNZ Administration Manager, setting forth their recommendation for approval or rejection of the claim. The report, signed by the athlete, opposing player(s), and league or tournament Secretary, together with the original score sheet(s), must reach the office of the TBNZ within fourteen (14) days of the achievement of the high score.

TBNZ Administration Manager will forward all applications to Technical Manager who will check all applications for correctness and completeness and will advise the bowler and the Centre Management of his final decision

## **CHAPTER 5 - OFFENCES AND SUGGESTED PENALTIES**

The main principle in these rules is that the TBNZ Board is the point of appeal for any TBNZ Management Committee penalties, etc. that are applied.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Any member of TBNZ who commits any of the following offences shall be liable to suspension from membership of TBNZ for such period as the TBNZ Management Committee thinks fit and approves. Any member suspended under any of the rules in this Chapter will:

- a) cease to be affiliated with TBNZ for the duration of the suspension unless an appeal is lodged,
- b) have the right of appeal to the TBNZ Board of Directors

If the suspension has resulted from a loss or misappropriation of funds, all NZ tenpin bowling associations that are affiliated with TBNZ will be advised of the suspension.

### **RULE 501 - ATTEMPTING TO GAIN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE:**

Gaining or attempting to gain an unfair advantage by any means whatsoever during league or tournament play including (but without limiting the generality of this provision) the following:

- a. By tampering, directly or indirectly with lanes, bowling pins, bowling balls or other bowling equipment so that such lanes, pins, balls or other bowling equipment or any of them no longer meeting with TBNZ requirements or specifications.
- b. By misrepresenting their average in order to gain a greater handicap, to qualify for a lower classification in a league or tournament or to gain any similar unfair advantage.
- c. By establishing an average below their ability prima facie proof whereof shall arise where it appears that the athlete has repeatedly exceeded their league average in handicap or classified competition without re-submitting themselves for re-rating, re-handicapping or reclassification.
- d. by deliberately throwing their ball into the gutter.
- e. by deliberately committing a foul.

**Suggested Penalty** - For any of the above offences - loss of game or games in which the unfair advantage was gained or attempted including loss of prize money (if any) and suspension of membership for not less than 6 months (suggested) or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee.

### **RULE 502 - DEROGATORY CONDUCT:**

- a. Conducting themselves in a manner derogatory or prejudicial to the best interests of the game of tenpin or to the objects of TBNZ. Including (but without limiting the generality of this provision) conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline of TBNZ.
- b. Placing the game of tenpin in jeopardy of unfair criticism by the use of dishonest or disreputable tactics in connection with the game.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 1-month suspension of membership, or suspension of membership, or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee.

### **RULE 503 - DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY:**

Failure to distribute team prize money in accordance with an oral or written agreement.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months' suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee

### **RULE 504 - FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT TO OTHER AUTHORITIES:**

Failing to pay fees due for participation in a TBNZ accredited league or tournament to the proper authority as and when the same become payable.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months' suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other monies due by him/her to the proper authority. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made,

### **RULE 505 - FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO TBNZ:**

Failing to pay fees, other than annual membership fees, due to TBNZ for any reason as and when the same become due and payable.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other monies due by him/her to TBNZ. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made,

### **RULE 506 - BOWLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME:**

Bowling under a name dishonestly assumed including (but without limiting the generality thereof) bowling under the name of an entrant scheduled to bowl in an accredited league or tournament but unable to attend or suspended.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee.

**RULE 507 - FUND SHORTAGES:**

Embezzling, stealing, absconding with or failing to account for any funds entrusted to him or her by TBNZ.

**Suggested Penalty** - Ineligibility for life to hold any TBNZ office and in addition suspension from membership for not less than 12 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the TBNZ Management Committee. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other monies due by him/her to TBNZ and/or any associations/Registered bowling centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made,

**RULE 508 - DEFAULTING IN ATTENDANCE FOR LEAGUE PLAY:**

TBNZ does not currently administer rules regarding attendance for league play. An exception to this situation is rule 509.

**RULE 509 - DEFAULTING IN ATTENDANCE FOR LEAGUE AND FAILURE TO PAY FEES:**

All members are responsible to meet any agreements they have made to pay league fees independent of their attendance at league or not.

**RULE 510 - KNOWINGLY PERMIT AN OFFENCE TO BE COMMITTED:**

The members of any team who knowingly permit or suffer any member thereof to bowl while suspended or under a name dishonestly assumed, or assist or condone the breach of any of the Rules and Regulations of TBNZ shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to be dealt with in the same manner and to the same extent as if they and each of them were the individual member committing such offence.

**Suggested Penalty** – As per the specific rule that was violated.

**RULE 511 - ALTERING THE SURFACE OF THE BALL:**

Rule 601.4 of Equipment Specifications prohibits the alteration of the balls surface by abrasives or polish during any series or consecutive games.

**Suggested Penalty** - All bowling balls so altered shall be removed from the lanes and from use in the competition and a warning issued to the player.

If it is shown that a player had prior knowledge, *or had such experience in bowling that the player might reasonably be expected to have prior knowledge*, that his or her actions would be a violation of this rule, the games in which the violation occurred are subject to forfeiture. In addition, the player is subject to removal from the event in progress. If tournament rules include reference to this TBNZ rule, a player is deemed to have had prior knowledge.

**NOTE: Players are advised to consult the relevant WB rules relating to this rule, whenever they are bowling in an event where the WB rules might apply.**

**RULE 512 - TBNZ DRUG POLICY:**

TBNZ has adopted an Anti-Doping Policy, which can be found on the TBNZ website.

**RULE 513 - ANTI-HARASSMENT AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:**

TBNZ has adopted an Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination policy, which can be found on the TBNZ website.

**COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

Any TBNZ member may make a complaint about any other member relating to the offences recorded in this document. The complaint should be addressed to the TBNZ CEO.

**EXECUTIVE PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION:**

The Management Committee is required to act in a fair and consistent manner whenever it is considering the suspension of any member

- a) In considering all recommendations for suspension, the Management Committee shall give such consideration as it deems necessary or desirable to the rules of evidence as the same are applicable in the courts, in so far as the same govern the admissibility or otherwise of all evidence given during the said proceedings but the Management Committee shall not be bound thereby in such consideration.
- b) The Management Committee shall have power to require additional evidence to be taken in any case where this appears to be necessary or desirable.
- c) The Management Committee shall be bound to observe in any such consideration the principle that the onus of proof in each case shall rest upon the complainant or complainants beyond reasonable doubt.

The decision of the Management Committee shall in all matters be announced as soon as reasonably practicable after such decision has been reached by documentation in the Management Committee team meeting.

A written report of the Management Committee evaluation and finding shall be submitted to the TBNZ Board.

**APPEAL OF SUSPENSION:**

Any suspended member has the right of appeal to the Board. Such appeal must be lodged with a member of the Board within 14 days of receiving the advice of the suspension from the Management Committee.

**BOARD PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OR APPEAL OF SUSPENSION:**

The Board may initiate the review of any suspension of a TBNZ member, as it thinks fit.

The Board will consider any appeal that is lodged by a member within 14 days of the member being advised of any suspension of membership.

The Board is required to follow the same Procedures for Suspension a) b), and c) as the Management Committee when considering the appeal.

There shall be no appeal from the decision of consideration by the TBNZ Board and such decision shall be final and binding on all parties. The final decision of TBNZ shall in all matters be announced as soon as reasonably practicable after such decision has been reached.

**REINSTATEMENT PROCEEDINGS:**

Reinstatement will automatically take place at the conclusion of a member's suspension, providing that full restitution has been made in the case of fund shortages.

## CHAPTER 6 - EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS.

As WB Chapters 9, 10, and 11, *with additions in Italics*

### RULE 601 - BOWLING BALL SPECIFICATIONS:

#### 601.1 Introduction:

The rules documented here are largely based on Chapter 9 of the WB rules. More detailed specifications and test procedures are available in the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual. Some of TBNZ rules have been further clarified after consulting USBC rules. However, TBNZ members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure they are aware of any rules that may apply wherever they may bowl in the world. This is particularly and commonly relevant for athletes who compete in TBA sanctioned events.

#### 601.2 Markings:

Any bowling ball used in TBNZ sanctioned competition must have the product name as well as the manufactures name and the ball serial number clearly visible at all times for identification purposes.

#### 601.3 Material:

The ball shall be constructed without voids in its interior, and be of a non-metallic composition except for minute reflective metallic particles or flakes for decorative purposes, provided such particles or flakes are made a part of the ball at the time of manufacture and are evenly distributed in a uniform pattern under a transparent shell of at least 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) in thickness. This material shall be so distributed as not to have any effect on the balance of the ball and the total amount of such material shall not exceed 1/2 ounce (14 g) per ball.

The introduction of metal or any other substance which is not comparable to the original material used in manufacturing a bowling ball is prohibited. Likewise, altering a bowling ball in a way so as to increase its weight or cause it to be off balance outside the specifications is prohibited and the use of such a ball in TBNZ sanctioned competition is forbidden.

No foreign material may be placed on the outer surface of the ball.

#### 601.4 Surface:

The surface of the ball shall be free of all depressions or grooves of specific pattern, except for holes or indentations used for gripping he ball, identification lettering, and numbers and incidental chipping or marking caused by wear.

Engraved grooves are not considered to be grooves of specific pattern.

Except when in a bowling session, it is permitted to alter the surface friction of the ball by sanding or polishing, providing the entire surface of the ball is sanded or polished evenly across the entire surface. Sanding means any form of abrasive.

It is prohibited to use any abrasives or polish on the ball during a series or session including any practice involved with the series or session. *Refer to Rule 128 Session of Games –Definition*

#### 601.5 Weight and Size:

The new ball shall not have a circumference of more than 27.002 inches (685.8mm) or be less than 26.704 inches (678.3 mm). The corresponding diameters are 8.595 inches (218.3 mm) and 8.500 inches (215.9 mm) respectively.

The weight of the ball shall not exceed 16 pounds (7.25 kg.). There is no minimum weight.

#### 601.6 Hardness:

The surface hardness of bowling balls shall not be less than 72 Durometer “D” at room temperature (20 - 25 degrees C).

The use of chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the hardness of the surface of the ball after it is manufactured is prohibited.

#### 601.7 Cleaning:

A ball may be wiped with a clean cloth or towel at any time.

##### 601.7.1

When may I alter the surface of my bowling ball?

##### a. Cleaning -

Cleaners approved for use anytime *may* be utilized before, during or after certified competition session or squad:

Cleaners approved for *only before and after* competition session or squad may be only used during these times.

##### b. Sanding -

You are permitted to sand the surface of your bowling balls prior to certified competition session or squad; however, the use of abrasive is strictly prohibited after the start of competition session.

c. Polishing –

You are permitted to polish the surface of your bowling ball prior to competition session or squad. However, the use of polish is strictly prohibited after the start of competition session.

**www.worldbowling.org/regulations**

A full, up to date list of these products at WB website includes anything listed in the “**Acceptable during certified competition**” sections.

It is not allowed to use anything listed in the “**Products Containing Solids or Abrasives**” section nor anything listed in the “**Not acceptable at any time**” sections

Ball cleaners may be used provided they do not affect the hardness of the ball and that they are totally removed from the ball before delivery. Any ball cleaner, which does not conform to any of these provisions, may not be used during a TBNZ sanctioned session. **Rule 601.4 only permits any such cleaning to be done when not in active session of play.**

**Refer also to Rule 128 Session of Games - Definition**

**601.8 Devices:**

Movable devices shall be permitted, provided such devices are used for changing the finger span or the size of the holes, and are constructed so that it is locked in position during delivery and cannot be removed from the ball without destroying the device.

Removable devices shall be permitted provided

- Such devices are used to change the span, pitch, or size of the gripping holes.
- Are constructed of a non-metallic material.
- Are locked in position during delivery
- No device shall be employed to change the static balance of the ball
- No voids will be permitted under the device
- Density not to exceed 1.5 gm per cubic centimeter

**601.9 Mechanical Aids:**

A bowling ball must be delivered entirely by manual means and shall not incorporate any device either in the ball or affixed to it which is either detached at time of delivery or is a moving part in the ball during delivery, except that any person whose hand or major portion thereof has been amputated, may use special equipment to aid in grasping and delivering the ball providing the special equipment is in lieu of the amputee’s hand.

**601.10 Plugs and Designs:**

Plugs may be inserted for the purpose of re-drilling the ball.

Designs may be imbedded in the ball for guides, observation or identification purposes provided such designs are flush with the outer surface of the ball.

In all cases there shall be no interior voids.

Plugs and designs must be made of materials similar to, although not exactly the same as, the original material out of which the ball was made, and shall otherwise comply with all other specifications for a bowling ball. Density is not to exceed 1.5 grams per cubic centimeter.

**601.11 Manufacturers specifications:**

The manufacturing specifications such as size, roundness, hardness, radius of gyration, coefficient of restitution, and coefficient of friction are stated in the USBC Equipment Specifications Manual.

**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.
- 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 5/8<sup>th</sup> inch (15.9 mm) in diameter and 1/8<sup>th</sup> 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) Ball weighing more than 10 pounds (4.35 kg):**

- 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 g) difference between the sides to the right and left of the finger holes or between the sides in front and back of the finger holes.

- A ball drilled without a thumb hole may not have more than 1 ounce (28 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A ball drilled without any finger holes or indentations, may not have more than 1-ounce (28 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A ball used without any hole or indentations may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.

**b) Ball weighing 8 pounds (3.63 kg) to 10 pounds (4.35 kg):**

- Not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between top half of the ball (finger hole side) and the bottom half (side opposite the finger holes).
- Not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between the sides to the right and left of the finger holes or between the sides in front and back of the finger holes.
- A ball drilled without a thumb hole may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A ball drilled without any finger holes or indentations may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A ball used without any hole or indentations may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an ounce (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.

**c) Ball weighing less than 8 pounds (3.63 kg):**

- Not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between the top half of the ball (finger hole side) and the bottom half (side opposite the finger holes).
- Not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between the sides to the right and left of the finger holes or between the sides in front and back of the finger holes.
- A ball drilled without a thumb hole may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A ball drilled without any finger holes or indentations may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.
- A ball used without any hole or indentations may not have more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces (21 g) difference between any two halves of the ball.

**601.14 Specifications Measured at WB Tournament Sites:**

1. Gross Weight. Shall not exceed 16 pounds (7.25kg)
2. Holes or indentations for gripping purposes. Shall not exceed 5.
3. One hole for balance purposes is allowed. Shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (31.8 mm) in diameter.
4. Vent holes to the finger and/or thumb are allowed. Shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (6.4 mm) in diameter.
5. One mill hole for inspection purposes is allowed. Shall not exceed  $\frac{5}{8}$ <sup>th</sup> inch (15.9 mm) in diameter and  $\frac{1}{8}$ <sup>th</sup> inch (3.2 mm) in depth.
6. Static Balance. Shall be within the tolerances as specified above
7. Ball Hardness. Shall be as specified above.

**RULE 602 - LANE SPECIFICATIONS:**

All lanes and associated equipment approved by TBNZ sanctioned events must comply with the requirements of Clauses 1 through 9 of Chapter 9 of the WB Statutes and Playing Rules, effective as 1 January 2016.

**RULE 603 - PIN SPECIFICATIONS:**

All pins used for TBNZ sanctioned events must comply with the requirements of Chapter 10 of the WB Statutes and Playing Rules, effective as 1 January 2016.

**RULE 604 - LANE CONDITIONING:**

TBNZ will have a lane conditioning policy publicized on its web site. This policy will be applied to TBNZ sanctioned events as TBNZ decides.

## **CHAPTER 7 - TOURNAMENT RULES:**

These rules apply to TBNZ-run events (i.e. all Nationals and National Team Championship) and for any centre-run ranked tournaments as determined by TBNZ.

### **RULE 701 - ELIGIBILITY:**

Entries for these tournaments will be accepted from all TBNZ members who satisfy any specific tournament eligibility rules such as bowling average, or age, etc.

### **RULE 702 - ENTRIES:**

Entries will close at the date advertised for each tournament.

### **RULE 703 - SANCTIONED ENTERING AVERAGES:**

Athletes entering these tournaments shall show their highest sanctioned league or sanctioned tournament average at the time when tournament entry is made. The average shown must be over a minimum of 21 games and must be the highest achieved average of any league or tournament, during the period 12 months prior to the time of the tournament entry.

An athlete who has bowled some sanctioned games, but less than the minimum of 21 games, may apply to TBNZ for grading before submitting an entry. TBNZ will be the sole judge as to deciding on any grade used in any TBNZ tournament. If no application is made to TBNZ, the entering average shall automatically be as that for entry into Open grade.

Athletes with no sanctioned average must enter the tournament in the Open grade unless they can qualify for an alternative average as per Rule 704.

### **RULE 704 - UNSANCTIONED AVERAGES:**

Where a tournament entrant usually bowls in a centre that does not have sanctioned play and the entrant cannot satisfy the requirement of Rule 703, the entrant may apply to TBNZ for grading before submitting an entry. To receive an average on this basis the athlete's complete bowling history for that calendar year would need to be provided to TBNZ. If no application is made to TBNZ, the entering average shall automatically be as that for entry into Open grade.

### **RULE 705 - REVIEW OF ENTERING AVERAGES:**

The TBNZ or tournament committee may use discretion to review entering averages submitted and may re-grade any athlete or any entry.

### **RULE 706 - REPLACEMENTS - SUBSTITUTES:**

All replacements or changes in an original entry must be reported to and approved by the Tournament Director at least 30 minutes before the scheduled bowling time. The average of any replacement or substitute must not change the grading of the original entry.

### **RULE 707 - CHECK-IN:**

Team captains must check in 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. Squads may commence earlier than the advertised time, provided all athletes are present. In the Masters events only, check in will be 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time and if an athlete is absent at this time she/he will be replaced by the next highest qualifier.

### **RULE 708 - LATE ENTRIES:**

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of TBNZ.

### **RULE 709 - TARDY PLAYERS:**

Any athlete not ready to bowl at the scheduled starting time will not be permitted to catch up, but will commence at the frame being bowled.

### **RULE 710 - PRACTICE:**

#### **At the Start of a Session:**

Unless TBNZ determines that a certain practice time period will apply, each athlete will be entitled to five minutes practice at the start of a new session.

#### **After Delay in Play:**

If play is halted during a session for a period of greater than 5 minutes, each athlete will be given the option of 2 balls "warm up" (not per lane) at the restart of play and prior to any scored frames. This does not apply to any wait at the end of any game prior to moving lanes. However, the Tournament Director may wish to provide for a warm-up to apply at this time, if she/he thinks unusual circumstances have occurred that may affect fair play. This decision will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

#### **After Moving Lanes for Breakdown:**

If athletes have to move to a new pair of lanes because of breakdown each athlete will be given the option of 2 balls practice per lane at the restart of play and prior to any scored frames.

**RULE 711 - ALL EVENTS:**

An All Events Champion will be declared for each grade. An athletes score in Singles, Doubles, and Teams will count towards All Events score regardless of the grade in which the events are bowled. Athletes may enter the All Events in their own grade or any higher grade. (If the tournament is multiple entries the first series in that event shall count.)

**RULE 712 - TIES:**

Any ties with the exception of qualification for a Masters event will result in a shared title.

Masters event ties for final qualifying placing will be settled by a one game play off.

Masters event ties for the final winner will be settled by a one game play off.

**RULE 713 - MASTERS EVENT:**

The top number (as stated in the specific rules) of athletes with the highest All Events pin fall shall contest the Masters. The athletes will bowl a round robin against each other Masters Qualifier. Bonus points will be awarded at a rate of twenty (20) for a win, ten (10) for a draw and 5 for a loss with a pinfall of 200 or more.

**RULE 714 - GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- a. Only participants, scorers, officials, and coaches will be allowed in the player's area.
- b. Smoking will not be permitted for the entire period of any bowling session.
- c. If powder must be used it must be kept in a container and must remain at the rear of the player area.
- d. Athletes must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

**RULE 715 - NON-TOURNAMENT PLAY/PRACTICE:**

Unless a specific tournament's rules state otherwise, a competitor may bowl at any time in the same centre as the tournament.

**RULE 716 - DRESS CODE:**

All competitors will be required to be suitably attired, with a clean and tidy standard of dress. This must include either a short sleeved collared bowling shirt or a branded bowling shirt. Males must wear dress trousers. Females may wear skirts, dress trousers, or dress shorts. Track pants, cargo pants, stirrup pants, or any denim material are not permitted.

**RULE 717 - PRESENTATION CEREMONIES:**

Presentations will be made at the times specified in the Tournament program, unless the Tournament Director gives adequate notice of any change.

**RULE 718 - PROTESTS:**

Protests must be in writing and handed to the tournament director within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the squad in which the infringement occurred. No verbal protests will be accepted.

**RULE 719 - SPECIAL MATTERS:**

The Tournament Committee will decide any matters, which arise and are not covered herein.

**RULE 720 - DISCLAIMER:**

The Tournament Officials, TBNZ, the Bowling Centre management and staff will not be held responsible for any injuries or loss of belongings during the tournament.

## **CHAPTER 8 - REQUIREMENTS AND RULES FOR SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

### **RULE 801 - TOURNAMENT DEFINITION:**

A bowling tournament is defined as a prearranged contest between teams, individuals, or a combination of both. A tournament can be sponsored by a centre, region, organisations, or one or more individuals. Teams shall be composed of the number of players fixed by the rules of the particular tournament in which competition is restricted. Any tournament consisting of at least four individual participants shall be eligible to apply for sanction with TBNZ.

### **RULE 802 - MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, DISPUTES - PROTESTS – RULES:**

Each tournament must have a Managing Committee or Board of Directors, which must decide upon all disputes, complaints or protests relating to any claim, controversy or violation in the tournament involving any TBNZ or tournament rule. It shall have the authority to hear, and the power to decide proper appeals from the decision of the tournament secretary or any tournament official. The Committee or Board has the authority to adopt, enforce or revoke any of its own tournament rules as may be found necessary to the successful conduct of such tournament when not inconsistent with the rules of TBNZ, provided such rules are submitted to and approved by TBNZ prior to their publication on the tournament entry form or publicity material. The decision of the Committee or Board shall be final except where an appeal is made to the TBNZ for its further consideration.

### **RULE 803 - AUTHORITY OF TOURNAMENT SECRETARY (or DIRECTOR):**

The Tournament Committee or Board should ensure a Tournament Secretary (or Director, whichever term is used) is appointed, who shall be the authorised representative of the Committee or Board, when either is not in session. The Secretary shall have supreme power as to the players who are to bowl in the tournament whether originally entered or those who bowl as authorised replacements or substitutes. If accepted, each player must bowl each event under their own full name, and then only at the time and date designated by the tournament secretary. The Tournament Secretary shall also have the power to decide upon any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament when not inconsistent with its own tournament rules or any provision of the TBNZ constitution, Rules and Regulations.

### **RULE 804 - AUTHORITY OF TEAM CAPTAIN:**

The team captain is the team's representative in all matters pertaining to behaviour, legibility, line-up, and compliance with all tournament rules when entered in a tournament. They are responsible to the tournament secretary for the conduct of their team, and receive in trust any prize money the team may win, which all the team members are expected to share in accordance with the member's previous understanding.

The acceptance of the entry of a team by the secretary of a tournament constitutes an agreement by the team captain on behalf of the team to abide by all laws, playing rules and regulations prescribed by the Tournament Committee and TBNZ.

The captain or the authorised representative may, furthermore, authorise the replacement of those whose names are on the entry form and are unable to attend or compete in the tournament at the scheduled time. It is the captain who determines who may bowl on their team in the team event of any tournament. No team may remove the captain without their consent once the team is entered in the tournament provided they have violated no rules, and appears when scheduled to bowl. After the closing date of tournament entries, the team captain may remove a player whose name is shown on the entry form only upon the approval of the majority of the members of the team.

When the captain replaces a player originally entered in the team event, the captain shall give ample notification to the player being replaced. If the player to be removed has paid his or her own entry fee, it must be returned, except that any indebtedness may be withheld. When a captain requests a replacement in the two person and/or individual events it must be understood that the individual originally entered and whose name appears in the tournament schedule must agree to being replaced in these events, or should they fail to appear when scheduled, the captain or the appointee may make such replacement in order to realise fully on the amount paid for entry fees.

### **RULE 805 - TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS:**

When a tournament other than any of those organised by TBNZ is conducted and members of TBNZ participate, a tournament sanction may be applied for at the option of the Tournament Management. Tournaments granted a sanction shall display the certificate in the establishments where the tournament event or events are scheduled and shall comply with all rules governing tournaments as set forth in the TBNZ Rule Book.

Such tournament and the teams and individuals competing therein must conduct and play all their games in strict compliance with the rules and regulations governing such games, as adopted by TBNZ.

### **RULE 806 - SANCTION APPLICATIONS – REQUIREMENTS:**

The following requirements must be complied with when applying for TBNZ sanction:

- a) The lanes used for competition must have a current season TBNZ Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate posted in the establishment during all times when the tournament is underway.
- b) Centres are required to request a sanction number from the Tournament Manager. To obtain this the Centre must provide a copy of the tournament entry form for review. The request may be made by email.

- c) The entry form poster, and/or tournament rules must be submitted with the sanction application. (These items should be submitted in draft form as early as possible to enable TBNZ to counsel in the event of rule violations or discrepancies prior to the printing of promotional material).

**RULE 807 - SANCTION REFUSAL:**

TBNZ may refuse sanctioning of any tournament that does not comply with TBNZ rules or which in their opinion misrepresents in its advertising or otherwise the value of the prizes which are offered or guaranteed or the volume of prize payments offered to the participants.

**RULE 808 - ELIGIBILITY:**

To participate in a tournament granted a sanction by TBNZ, an entrant shall qualify under that tournament's rules. The tournament rules shall require all entrants to be current TBNZ members or to be current members of an overseas National Tenpin organisation with affiliation to TBNZ, such as Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA).

**RULE 809 - LANES MUST BE CERTIFIED:**

All lanes and associated equipment used for a TBNZ sanctioned tournament must be certified to comply with TBNZ Equipment Rule 602 LANE SPECIFICATIONS

**RULE 810 - PINS MUST BE APPROVED:**

The bowling pins used for a TBNZ sanctioned tournament competition must at all times comply TBNZ Equipment Rule 603 – PIN SPECIFICATIONS

**RULE 811 - FEES AND PRIZES:**

**a. – Designation of:**

The Tournament entry form must clearly show all entry fees and all prize monies. If any prize money is not guaranteed this should be clearly shown on the application form. In this case, other clarification should be provided to explain how prize money will be distributed.

**b. – Responsibility for Any Financial Matters:**

TBNZ will consider the financial matters of any previous tournament held on the same premises, when evaluating any application to sanction a tournament. However, TBNZ does not underwrite any financial aspects of any tournament, whether it has a TBNZ sanction or not. TBNZ members are therefore required to satisfy themselves that any fees they may pay are secure and will be used for the purposes as described in the entry form.

**a. – Conditions Cannot Change:**

The conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts. This includes entry fee charges and the rules governing the competition.

**b. – Free or Reduced Entries:**

The Tournament Management may not provide or arrange to provide any kind of a free or reduced entry that is not fully advertised in the tournament program. When a free entry is made available, an amount equal to the prize fee must be placed in the tournament prize fund.

**RULE 812 - DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE FUNDS:**

All prizes must be distributed as described in the tournament entry form.

**RULE 813 - PRIZE PAYMENT AND REPORT:**

Within thirty days after the completion of the tournament, the following post tournament requirements must be met:

- a. Distribute all prizes, except when TBNZ has authorised holding up payment pending settlement of any claim or protest that affects position standings.

**RULE 814 - OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST:**

The Tournament Secretary shall prepare the official prize list promptly following the closing date of entries. The prize list shall contain the number of prizes to be awarded in each event and the amount of each prize. The official prize list may be included in the official tournament schedule, but if shown separately, the Secretary shall file two copies of such official prize list with the Centre Management prior to the opening of the tournament, and shall also post prior to the opening of the tournament a copy of the official prize list in the establishment where the tournament events will be conducted for the information of all contestants.

**RULE 815 - ENTRY CLOSED IN ADVANCE OF TOURNAMENT:**

When the date for closing of entries is in advance of the opening date of the tournament, it must be sufficiently in advance of the opening date to notify individual entrants and/or team captains of their scheduled time and date. All entries postmarked the first post office business day following the entry closing date shall be accepted. The tournament must prepare a schedule or post a complete list of entrants at the tournament site.

**RULE 816 - ENTRY CLOSED PRIOR TO LAST SQUAD:**

When the date for closing of entries is set prior to the time the last squad is scheduled, the Tournament Management shall post in a conspicuous place in the establishment a notice showing:

- a. Number of entries to date.
- b. Any change to published prizes.
- c. A complete list of all entrants to be kept current and indicating scores bowled by each entrant. This list shall be retained and available for inspection during the entire tournament and for thirty (30) days thereafter.
- d. A posted schedule kept current at all times
- e. The exact time of day the last squad is scheduled to start.

**RULE 817 - AVERAGES:**

RULE 703 SANCTIONED ENTERING AVERAGES will apply to individual averages in sanctioned handicap tournaments unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules.

**RULE 818 – MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:**

It shall be optional whether the entrants in a sanctioned tournament may participate more than once in an event provided it is duly publicized in advance. The number of times participation will be permitted must be indicated.

**RULE 819 - SCORERS:**

The secretary of each sanctioned tournament is required to appoint scorers to officially record any and all games bowled in the tournament.

After the official scorer and team captain or individual contestant has passed a score, it cannot be changed except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. However, the Managing Committee of a tournament may, by rule, set a time limit for an appeal for any scoring errors.

No scorer shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any bet or wager on any game or series. If at any time the scorer shall be found to be so interested, is incompetent or interferes with tournament contestants, the tournament secretary may remove any such scorer.

**RULE 820 - NOTIFICATION OF SCHEDULE:**

Notification shall be given to the person filing entry in writing or by printed schedule as to the time and date scheduled. Notification by way of posted, faxed, email document, display in the local centre or display on TBNZ website shall suffice.

**RULE 821 - SUBMITTING ENTRIES:**

The receipt of an entry in writing and its acceptance in any tournament by the Secretary for one or more events shall regulate the number of players who shall participate. Substitutions and replacements may, however, be made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 828. The entry form shall contain the names of the players entered and the necessary prize fees must be in the hands of the Tournament Secretary prior to the closing date of entries for the tournament.

**RULE 822 - REPLACEMENTS – SUBSTITUTES:**

No one may bowl in a sanctioned tournament except those originally entered or such replacements that may be authorised by the captain of a team or the appointee. The team captain may make a replacement in the team event according to Rule 804. If a duly entered and scheduled entrant is unable to bowl when scheduled in the two-person and individual events and will sign a replacement affidavit, a person qualified to bowl in the event under the tournament rules may be named to take their place. Such affidavit must be presented at the office of the Tournament Secretary at least thirty minutes prior to the time the entrant is scheduled.

If a replacement request is made too late to secure the affidavit prior to bowling the scheduled games in question, the Tournament Secretary may at their discretion furnish replacement affidavit blanks, and allow a replacement to be made in accordance with a team captain's authority.

A replacement may be made in the All Events providing the replacement is made before the original entrant or the replacement has bowled in the tournament. SUBSTITUTE'S scores will count towards All Events if it is the first event.

**RULE 823 - TWO-PERSON TEAM - CHANGES IN LINE-UPS OR PAIRINGS:**

If both entrants in the two-person event appear when scheduled, they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry form. A change in the line-up or pairings of two-person teams, as reported on the official entry form, may be permitted if the request is filed with the Secretary of the tournament or designated members of their staff at least 24 hours prior to the time the players involved in the change are scheduled to bowl in the two-person event.

If a replacement is needed on each of two Doubles Teams, the two entrants present may be teamed together.

**RULE 824 - ENTRY IN BOTH SINGLES AND DOUBLES:**

If a tournament Managing Committee elects to conduct both a two-person and individual event, it may by rule make entry in both of these events a requirement to qualify for participation in either, providing the rule is printed on the entry form.

**RULE 825 - TARDY PLAYERS:**

Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count beginning with the frame then being bowled.

If a team refuses to start because a full line-up is not present they shall forfeit all games, which they decline to bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Secretary.

No blind scores shall be permitted and an athlete must bowl with, on the same lanes, and at the same time their team bowls. An athlete, who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is their turn, shall not be credited with any pins for any frames missed.

**RULE 826 - BOWLING ALONE:**

When players entered in the team, two-person or individual event of a tournament are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes they must nevertheless bowl any and all games to be bowled as though they were actually contested. Each entrant must have completed their frame on one lane before the player bowling as leadoff shall commence their next frame on the adjoining lane.

This rule shall apply to all team tournaments except those, which by rule schedule each team alone on a pair of lanes and permit the members to follow each other immediately in order on the alternate lanes.

In singles tournaments a minimum of two entries shall constitute a squad and these entries must bowl on the same pair of lanes. If an athlete competes alone as a squad, their score shall be disqualified.

**RULE 827 - PACERS:**

A tournament may, by rule, permit pacers to equalize the number of players bowling on a pair of lanes thereby maintaining competitive conditions. Scores bowled by a pacer shall not count in determining position standings. No person who has paced shall be permitted subsequently to enter or compete in the tournament unless the tournament rules permit multiple participation.

**RULE 828 - SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GAME OR SERIES:**

After a game has started, no changes shall be made in the order of the players during such game, except that the captains may replace any of their players by another qualified substitute at any time. When a substitution is made during a game (as a result of a serious injury), the score of such game shall be credited to the starting player.

A player once removed from a game cannot return to bowl in the same game.

Scores bowled through the effort of more than one individual player shall not qualify for any TBNZ or tournament individual high-score awards nor shall the score be included in the All Events totals.

In doubles events substitutes may be permitted but a player once removed cannot return to the line-up for the balance of that event. No substitutions may be made in a singles event except that in elimination or match game tournaments where two or more series or blocks of games are bowled.

Substitutions may be permitted at the discretion of the Tournament Management. The player removed may not return for the balance of that event.

**RULE 829 - TWO LANES REQUIRED:**

Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of tournament play. The bowling of ten complete frames on the pair of lanes on which the game was started shall constitute an official game.

**RULE 830 - INTERRUPTED GAME OR SERIES:**

The tournament officials may authorise the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and series, which cannot be completed on the same date, must be resumed from the point of interruption.

**RULE 831 - TOURNAMENT SERIES:**

In tournament play, the first game of a series shall be started on the lane on which the team or individual is scheduled. Succeeding games shall be started on the lane on which the team or individual has finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

**RULE 832 - ORDER OF BOWLING:**

The members of the contesting teams, two-person and individual entrants shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane, so alternating each frame until five frames are bowled on each lane to complete the game.

**RULE 833 - SCHEDULING OF DOUBLES:**

Normally, one only doubles team is scheduled on each lane and both members of the team start on the same lane. This order of bowling may be changed, however, when a tournament schedules three doubles teams on a pair of lanes as a part of its normal scheduling pattern.

In that case, the leadoff athlete of each team will start on one lane and the anchor athlete on the alternate lane. Players will alternate lanes after each frame. Succeeding games shall be started on the lane on which a player finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

**RULE 834 - TIED SCORES:**

In case of a tie for the team, two-person, individual or all events championship in a tournament, it shall be optional with the Managing Committee to have a play-off or declare co-champions.

In the event co-champions are declared the cash prizes for the positions affected are to be equally divided and the tournament committee required to supply such additional medals or other awards it makes to champions, which are emblematic of co-championships, from a fund other than the prize fund.

**RULE 835 - TIES - DUPLICATION OF TEAM PERSONNEL:**

When and if multiple participation is permitted in a tournament and one or more athletes are members of the team tied for the championship, the following procedure shall apply in conducting the play-offs for the championship:

- a) If two teams are tied, and the same person or persons are duplicated on both teams, co-champions may be declared. If there is no duplication of personnel on the teams tied for the championship it shall be optional to have a play-off or declare co-champions.
- b) If more than two teams are tied for the championship and there is a duplication of personnel on any of the teams involved, there shall be no play-off and co-champions shall be declared. If there is no duplication of personnel on the teams tied for the championship it shall be optional to have a play-off or declare co-champions.

**RULE 836 - ATHLETES EQUIPMENT:**

Each five-person team must have at least three bowling balls to use in bowling scheduled games, each two-person team must have at least two bowling balls to use in bowling scheduled games, and each individual must have a bowling ball available for their exclusive use to bowl their scheduled individual event games. Should this be overlooked and proper number of balls are not provided, the contestants will lose their place on the schedule and will be scheduled at the discretion of the Tournament Manager and at such time as not to interfere with the regular schedule of the tournament.

**RULE 837 - APPEAL OR PROTEST:**

An appeal or protest regarding the decision of the foul judge, scorer, tournament official or Managing Committee may be made to the TBNZ CEO and TBNZ Tournament Manager, with a right of appeal to the Board. They shall render a decision thereon as soon as possible after submission, upon having notified the Secretary of such tournament regarding the appeal or protest. Such appeal or protest shall in all cases be made in writing, and be signed by the party making the appeal or making the protest, and the grounds of appeal or protest shall be briefly stated. The decision of TBNZ shall be final and binding upon all entrants and officials of such tournament.

**RULE 838 - CHANGE OF POSITION:**

No entrants shall change their position in any team line-up after they have been checked into the lanes to bowl. If a change in the line-up is desired it must be made at the office of the Tournament Secretary at least thirty minutes prior to the time said entrant is scheduled to bowl.