



2017 TBNZ National Senior Teams Championships

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Venue – Manukau Superstrike

Friday September 8th – Sunday September 10th 2017

These Rules will apply for the conduct and control of the National Senior Teams Championships and related matters. In the event of any Regional Rule conflicting with these rules, then these rules will take precedence.

The 2017 National Senior Teams Championships will be conducted and promoted by Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Incorporated (TBNZ).

1 NAME

The Tournament will be known as the National Senior Teams Championships.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of the National Senior Teams Championships is to determine annually the best team of tenpin bowlers representing their Centre, each consisting of eight players per team made up of four men and four women.
- 2.2 To foster, develop and advance a spirit of good sportsmanship and fellowship, to promote and maintain a good relationship amongst the representative teams and to advance their mutual interest in relation to bowling generally.

3 REGIONS TO BE REPRESENTED

Participation in the National Senior Teams Championships will be limited to one team per Centre, unless a written application to have more than one team is granted by TBNZ.

Entries will be strictly limited to the first ten (10) teams that complete registration and submit full team list(s) by 31 July 2017. Final Payment of fees to be made by 31 August, 2017.

Invitational teams may be invited at TBNZ's discretion, to make up numbers as required.

4 ELIGIBILITY – TEAM MEMBER, SELECTOR, MANAGER, COACH

Each person:

- 4.1 Must be a financial member of TBNZ in good standing, over the age of 50 or turning the age of 50 during the 2017 calendar year.
- 4.2 Must be capable of conducting themselves in a manner so as not to reflect discredit on the sport of Tenpin Bowling or the Centre they are representing.
- 4.3 Must have qualified for the Centre team in accordance with the criteria set by the Committee.
- 4.4 A trialist is only permitted to compete in trials for **ONE** centre.
- 4.5 Bowlers must have bowled a minimum of 24 games in a recognised league in the Centre they wish to represent during the current year.
- 4.6 For the purposes of qualification for a Centre team in accordance with rule 4.5, a league must consist of a minimum of eight (8) separate bowling sessions with a minimum period of seven days between the commencement of one bowling session and the commencement of the immediately subsequent bowling session.
- 4.7 A bowler wishing to represent a Centre where they do not meet the criteria in Rule 4.5 may apply in writing to the tournament organising committee for an exemption, prior to the commencement of the team trials.

Coaches:

- 4.8 All applicants for the position of Coach of a Team must hold at least Level 1 accreditation under Tenpin Bowling New Zealand's National Coaching Accreditation.
- 4.9 If no coach with the above qualification is available, approval must be obtained from the tournament organising committee for the appointment of an alternative coach.

5 TEAM MANAGEMENT AND SELECTION

- 5.1 The coach, selectors and team manager ("the Committee") will be selected by the respective Centres TBNZ members or Centre Management.
- 5.2 Determining additional eligibility criteria is the responsibility of the respective Committee.
- 5.3 Once the Committee has been finalised, they are responsible for deciding on the process and format for selecting the regional team. The Committee are required to notify TBNZ of what the selection process is.
- 5.4 It is the responsibility of the Committee in each region to publish the format, dates and location for the selection process in all the region's centres no later than **30 June 2017**. The selection process may commence earlier than this date, if a Committee so wishes.
- 5.5 Should a region have no more than four (4) trialists apply for either team, then no selection process is required, selection will be automatic. Notification of this must be made to TBNZ by **31 July 2017**.
- 5.6 The roster of players for each team in the National Senior Teams Championships may not exceed eight (8) players. **No substitutes will be allowed.**
- 5.7 Each Centre must advise the tournament committee no later than **31 July 2017**, the names and details of their Team Members. A copy of the Centre's trial results **must** accompany the Entry Form.

6 CONTROL OF EVENTS AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 6.1 The tournament committee will be determined by the TBNZ. The tournament committee will appoint a Tournament Director and will be named prior to the start of the competition
- 6.2 The appointed Tournament Director will be responsible for all Tournament preparations, and conduct of matches whilst in progress.
- 6.3 The tournament committee may appoint/engage such assistance as deemed necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the Tournament.
- 6.4 The lane conditions and playing conditions will be specified by the tournament committee as per technical requirements laid down from year to year.
- 6.5 The independent technical advisor will be appointed to assist with the tournament lane conditions and shall be named prior to the start of the competition.
- 6.6 The tournament committee will ensure that the host centre's lanes are certified to World Bowling minimum standards prior to the commencement of the Championship.

7 FORMAT

- 7.1 This tournament will be conducted as an 'all-events' tournament. Each bowler will compete in Singles, Doubles, and Teams
- 7.2 Men and Women will compete in separate divisions.
- 7.3 Each bowler will bowl 6 games in each event, for a total of 18 games.
- 7.4 Singles and Doubles will be bowled in one block of 6 games. Teams will be bowled in 2 blocks of 3 games.
- 7.5 There will be a lane change after every game
- 7.6 In Singles and All-Events, each bowler will earn points towards the team total
- 7.7 In Doubles and Teams, each line-up will earn points towards the team total
- 7.8 In the event that one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl, due to an emergency occurring prior to the commencement of, or during the actual Tournament, such that four (4) players are not available to play, the team will be filled by such eligible bowlers as are necessary. Their inclusion is to be approved by the Tournament Director.
- 7.9 The Tournament Director will determine what constitutes an emergency.

8 POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 8.1 In Singles and All-Events, the winning bowler will earn point's equivalent to the total number of bowlers in that event. i.e. 20 bowlers = 20 points for the winner. The points awarded to the other bowlers will reduce by one point per place.
- 8.2 In Doubles, the winning line-up will earn point's equivalent to the total number of line-ups in that event, multiplied by 4. i.e. 10 doubles line-ups = 40 points for the winning line-up. The points awarded to the other bowlers will reduce by four points per place.
- 8.3 In Teams, the winning line-up will earn point's equivalent to the total number of line-ups in that event, multiplied by 16. i.e. 5 teams line-ups = 80 points for the winning line-up. The points awarded to the other bowlers will reduce by sixteen points per place.
- 8.4 After the last event is complete, the team having the highest number of points will be declared the National Senior Teams Champions. Men and Ladies will compete in separate divisions, so will earn separate titles.
- 8.5 The points earned in the Men's and Ladies divisions by each team will also be combined to determine an overall National Senior Teams Champion.

9 TIES

- 9.1 In Singles, Doubles, Teams and All Events, any bowlers or line-ups that tie on the same score in the same event, will earn the same amount of points, which will be the total of all the points available to the tied positions, split evenly between the tied bowlers/line-ups
- 9.2 When a tie results for the first placing for the Overall Champions in the Men's, Women's or the combined divisions. The tie will be broken by the team with the highest All Events awarded points total.

10 DRESS RULES

Dress rules will apply to this tournament.

- 10.1 All bowlers must wear a team collared shirt of the same design and colour, **clearly displaying the team's Centre and/or Region name on the back.**
- 10.2 All Male bowlers of a Centre's team must wear dress trousers of the same colour.
- 10.3 Female may wear dress slacks, dress shorts, or skirts of the same colour. All Female team members must wear the same choice of dress slacks, dress shorts or skirt.
- 10.4 All members of a Centre's team (i.e. males and females) must wear the same colour dress trousers and dress slacks, dress shorts or skirts
- 10.5 Track suit pants, cargo pants or denims are not allowed for play.
- 10.6 Teams can decide on whatever shirts and uniforms colour and design they would like to have, as long as they meet the guideline standard in the TBNZ general playing rules and section 10.1 above.
- 10.7 Where a bowler or bowlers in a team do not comply with the dress code, they will be given a score of zero for the first game in that event which will contribute to their average and to their placing in all the events bowled and in the All Stars.

11 SPONSORSHIP

- 11.1 Event Sponsorship: The tournament is being sponsored by NZ Tenpin Bowling Supplies, who will donate one high performance bowling ball (up to the value of \$300) to the winners of both the Men's and Ladies All Stars.
- 11.2 Team Sponsorship: All participating teams are required to submit to the Tournament Committee any proposed team or individual sponsorship. The reason for that is to determine that there is no conflict with the current or proposed National sponsorship agreements or venue sponsorships. On Centre's competition shirts the size of any proposed logo shall be restricted to a size not exceeding 100cm².

12 AWARDING OF THE NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONS TROPHY

- 12.1 The National Senior Teams Champions Trophy will be presented to the Centre with the highest total points in the combined division at the prize-giving.
- 12.2 The National Senior Teams Champions Trophies are perpetual trophies and will remain in the custody of the Champion Centre to be displayed in that Centre for a period of nine months and will be returned to the TBNZ National Tournament Manager.

13 MEDALLIONS

- 13.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second, and third placed finishes in the Singles, Doubles, Teams and All Events in each of the Men's and Women's divisions.
- 13.2 Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second, and third placed teams respectively in each of the Men's and Women's divisions, maximum of six per team in each division.

13.3 Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second, and third placed teams respectively in the Combined Division, maximum of ten per team.

14 TROPHIES

The following individual trophies will be awarded:

National Senior Teams Championships Sports Person Award

- i. Sports person voting slips will be handed out to all Team Managers on day two at the start of play. They will be collected during the break between the doubles squad and the team's squad.
- ii. The bowler who receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the award, subject to the Tournament Committee having the right of veto. Votes will be scrutinized by the Tournament Committee.
- iii. Bowlers may vote for a member in their own team.
- iv. There will be a Male and Female recipient for this award

National Senior Teams Championships Outstanding Achievement Award.

- i. The recipient of these special award is selected by the Tournament Committee. Awards will be presented to a male and female bowler.
- ii. Criteria taken into consideration when selecting these awards are event average, medals won and pins over entering average.

15 NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS ALL STARS TEAM (MALE & FEMALE)

- i. Following each National Senior Teams Championships, an "ALL Star Team" will be announced. Selection shall be as follows:
 - The top five (5) Male averages.
 - The top five (5) Female averages.
- ii. In the event of a tie for the last available position in the All Star Team all tied athletes will be members of the All Star Team.
- iii. The top three (3) members of the All Star Team will be invited to join the New Zealand Squad subject to the rules of the National Team and Squad Policy. Bowlers accepting the invitation will be subject to rules governing New Zealand Team representation, and must abide by these rules to remain eligible for the New Zealand Team.

16 COSTS AND DEADLINES

- 16.1 Registration of interest is required in writing to the TBNZ from the competing centre's by **30 June 2017**.
- 16.2 The team line ups and all details must be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than **31 July 2017**.
- 16.3
The cost of entering the 2017 National Senior Teams Championship will be \$1600 incl GST for a complete team entering both the Men's and Women's divisions. **Entry fees must be paid by 31 August 2017.**
- 16.4 Tournament fees can also be direct credited into the TBNZ bank account: **Westpac - 03-0227-0331250-00**, as this is the preferred payment method.
- 16.5 Cheques should be made payable to "Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Inc" and sent with entry request to: National Senior Teams Championships Tournament Director, C/- 266 Sturges Rd, Henderson, 0612 Auckland.
- 16.6 Attendance at the prize-giving is required by the full team, coaches and managers.

17 EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Random ball checks may be conducted each day. A minimum of two and a maximum of four bowlers will be randomly selected to have all their equipment checked. These checks will take place after each session. Managers will be notified prior to the bowlers being selected.

18 PLAYERS AREA

- 18.1 Only team members, coaches, managers and tournament officials shall be allowed in the player's area.
- 18.2 Only one coach or manager per team is permitted in the player's area at any one time.

19 WARM UP / PRACTICE

- 19.1 Ten (10) minutes of official practice will be permitted prior to the commencement of each Singles and Doubles squad. Fifteen (15) minutes of official practice will be permitted prior to the commencement of each Teams squad.

20 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 20.1 Drinking and eating in the player's area is not permitted.
- 20.2 The consumption of alcohol is not permitted during any tournament play.
- 20.3 Smoking will not be permitted while the tournament is in progress. No bowler will be permitted to smoke until the last ball is bowled of the last team competing in that session.
- 20.4 The use of abrasives or solvents on bowling balls is permitted at the completion of each game during the lane change only and must not be completed in the player's area. This includes cleaning or resurfacing of equipment.
- 20.5 Competitors must conduct themselves in a sportsperson like manner at all times.

Card System:

- White card – verbal warning given to the participant in regards to a rules breach or behavioural offence.
- Yellow card - warning to the participant in regards to a rules breach or behavioural offence.
- Red card – Immediate disqualification of the participant from the tournament.

Any symbolic or physical abuse towards centre staff, centre equipment, other competitors or members of the public will result in cards being issued.

21 PROTESTS

- 21.1 Any protest must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of when the infraction occurred. A protest may only be lodged by the Team Manager. Any decision made by the Tournament Committee will be final.

22 INJURIES

- 22.1 If a bowler sustains an injury during a game, team management may make an application to the Tournament Committee to bring in a bowler from outside the team. The Tournament Committee's decision on approving this replacement bowler will be final.

23 SLOW BOWLING

- 23.1 Teams/Bowlers must respect other competitors and no slow bowling will be tolerated. With the exception of lane breakdowns, teams may not be any more than two frames behind the pair of lanes finishing first. This will be considered as slow bowling.

24 SPECIAL NOTE / DISCLAIMERS

- 24.1 This is a non-ranked event as the purpose of the tournament is to determine the best senior regional team.
- 24.2 Any matters which arise are not covered herein shall be decided by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Officials, and the Bowling Centre Management and their staff will not be held responsible for any loss/damage of belongings/equipment during the championships.

NATIONAL SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP DRAFT GUIDELINES

The National Senior Team Championships Draft is open to all Bowlers who have completed the Centre trials for which they are eligible but who are not selected for that Centre Team.

The objectives of the Draft are:

1. To provide all Teams with a maximum of two (2) players (one (1) male and one (1) female) to play in their Centre Team if their pool of players is depleted for any reason
2. To provide players from Centres where there are many players of the same ability available, an opportunity to compete in this competition and a pathway to Development camps and National Training Squad.

Applicants must:

1. Fill in an application providing scores and final standings in their own Centres Roll-off as well as league averages and personal details.
2. Understand that if they are successful in the draft, they must pay travel expenses to the competition and any other expense to the Centre for which they are representing.
3. Have their coach liaise with the coach of the Centre Team for which they are competing, so that they may be adequately prepared for the competition.
4. During the National Senior Teams Championships, stay with the team they have joined and be part of the team and take directives from the appointed Coaches and Managers of that team.

Conditions:

1. All draft bowlers must submit their application by 31 July 2017.
2. All draft bowlers will be randomly drawn and allocated to the teams requiring draft bowlers. This will be done by 7 August after the team list deadline of 31 July, 2017.

Applications to be included in the draft should be emailed to the TBNZ Management Committee through tournament@tbnz.co.nz