



TENPIN BOWLING AUSTRALIA LTD

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAM CHALLENGE

Rules - Regulations - Requirements

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1. These Rules, together with all TBA Rules will apply for the conduct and control of the National Seniors Team Challenge and related matters. In the event of any State or Territory rule conflicting with these rules, then these rules will take precedence.
2. The National Seniors Team Challenge was established by Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited in 2006.
3. NAME
The Tournament will be known as the National Seniors Team Challenge.
4. PURPOSE
 - (a) The purpose of the National Seniors Team Challenge is to determine annually the State or Territory with the best-combined representative teams of Senior Male and Female bowlers.
 - (b) 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.
5. STATES/TERRITORIES/ZONES TO BE REPRESENTED
Participation in the National Seniors Team Challenge will be limited to:
 - a) One team of four (4) Men and one team of four (4) Women representing the following areas of Australia: Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.
 - b) Any other teams that TBA may from time to time wish to invite.
6. ELIGIBILITY - TEAM MEMBER, SELECTOR, MANAGER, COACH
Each person:
 - (a) Must be a financial member of a TBA Licensed Association or Registered Bowling Centre - in good standing.
 - (b) Must be capable of conducting themselves in such a manner so as not to discredit TBA, the State or Territory they are representing or tenpin bowling.
 - (c) Must have qualified for Team Membership in accordance with the conditions set down by the State or Territory Committee in charge of team selection.
Each competitor:
 - (d) Must have competed in at least eight weeks of league competition and bowled a minimum of 24 games in a TBA Accredited League in the State or Territory they wish to represent during the year that the roll-offs are held. League games completed as pre or post bowling do not count towards the number of games bowled.
 - (e) Must, unless granted exemption under Rule 6 (f), be resident in the State or Territory for that period of time that enables them to participate in the respective selection trials or process - from the commencement of the selection process.
 - (f) A bowler wishing to represent a State or Territory that is different to the one being resided in at the time of the trials may apply in writing to TBA for an exemption to Rule 6 (e).
 - (g) Bowlers requesting an exemption to Rule 6 (f) must be able to demonstrate to TBA that they bowl all or a major proportion of their competitive bowling in the State or Territory they wish to represent.

- (h) Once a bowler has applied for and been granted an exemption to represent a State or Territory different to the one being resided in, the bowler must bowl for that State or Territory. Failure to represent that State or Territory will result in the bowler withdrawing from the event.
- (i) Must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition.

Coaches:

All applicants for the position of Coach of a State or Territory Team must hold at least a current Level 2 Accreditation under the TBA National Coaching Accreditation Scheme. If none are available or there are insufficient Level 2 or higher coaches applying, then the State or Territory must apply to TBA for a suitable coach to be selected from the Coaches Draft.

Selectors:

Relatives (including de facto) of bowlers who have made an application for team selection will not be permitted to serve in any way whatsoever on a selection committee for a National Seniors Team Challenge Team, nor will it be acceptable for them to exercise any degree of influence on any such committee.

7. SELECTION OF TEAMS

- (a) Teams will be selected by the respective TBA State or Territory Association or a Committee appointed by that Association.
- (b) Determining additional eligibility criteria is the sole responsibility of the respective State or Territory Association. Any appeals or complaints against non-selection or eligibility criteria set by a State or Territory must be lodged with that State or Territory for resolution.
- (c) Selection must meet one of the following criteria, subject to clause 7 (h):
 - i) Full roll-off where the four highest pinfall bowlers in the roll-off in male and female Divisions will be declared the National Seniors Team Challenge Team, or
 - ii) Qualifying roll-off where the first three highest pinfall bowlers in the roll-off in male and female Divisions will be declared as members of the National Seniors Team Challenge Team. A further one will be selected for each Division. All bowlers that have submitted a nomination for the event are available for selection, regardless of whether they participated in the roll-off or not.
 - iii) A State/Territory/Zone Committee may choose to select their team from participants in one or a number of events held in their State/Territory/Zone. In that case, the State/Territory/Zone Committee must determine the number of members to be automatically placed and the number to be selected. The State/Territory/Zone Committee must ensure adequate notification is made if selecting this option.
 - iv) If a Qualifying roll-off is held whilst there is an Australian team competing in a competition approved by the CEO and there are two or more bowlers from any one State or Territory in that Australian team, then that State or Territory selection committee has the option of the highest two roll-off bowlers being declared members of the National Seniors Team Challenge team, with a further two being selected in that Division.
- (d) In the event that a State or Territory chooses option 7 (c) ii) for selection, they may grant an exemption to any bowler who has good and sufficient reason for not participating in the State or Territory roll-off. Such application for exemption must be in writing to the State or Territory Association and the acceptance or rejection of the application for exemption will be totally up to the State or Territory Association. Such applications from bowlers on National Team duties and bowlers with an injury/illness should be seriously considered.
- (e) TBA recommends that States or Territories who adopt this option establish firm guidelines for dealing with Applications for Exemption.
- (f) Nominations may not close nor may trials commence prior to the first day of July of the year preceding the Challenge.
- (g) Each State or Territory Committee must advise TBA no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the Challenge, the names and details of their Team Members on the bio sheets provided. Failure to provide this information by the prescribed time may result in a forfeit by that State or Territory.
- (h) In the event that a State or Territory has only the required number or less than the required number of players nominated for a team at the closing date for nominations, no roll-offs are required. In that case, the organising committee can decide whether to try and fill the team

from the State or Territory by invitation or other means or apply for the required players through the Draft process. The State Team Draft Guidelines are available on the TBA web site in the Rules and Regulations Section.

8. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION OF TEAMS

Each State or Territory Committee will assist as much as possible to finance and equip their respective contingents, and assist with the payment of transport and accommodation costs for the purpose of contesting the National Seniors Team Challenge.

9. VENUE

The annual National Seniors Team Challenge will be conducted in the Month of October (immediately prior to the Australian National Championship) in a bowling centre to be selected by TBA.

10. CONTROL OF MATCHES

The Board of TBA will appoint the principal Tournament Director who will be responsible for all Challenge preparations and conduct of the matches whilst in progress. TBA may appoint/engage such assistance as deemed necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the Challenge.

11. CHALLENGE EVENTS

- (a) **Four player team:** Six games in two three game blocks. Each game will be bowled on a different pair of lanes, **odds to the left** one pair, **evens to the right** one pair. Points will be awarded to all teams in each division after the six games are completed, based on total pinfall, and in accordance with the below table.
- (b) **Doubles:** Six games in one block. Each game to be bowled on a different pair of lanes, **odds to the left** one pair, **evens to the right** one pair. Points will be awarded to all doubles in each division after the six games are completed, based on total pinfall, and in accordance with the below table.
- (c) **Singles:** Open to all members of each team, six games in one block. Each game will be played on a different pair of lanes, **odds to the left** one pair, **evens to the right** one pair. There will be two bowlers from the same team per lane. Points will be awarded to all singles scores in each division after the six games are completed, based on total pinfall, and in accordance with the below table.
- (d) **All Events:** Open to all members of each team. Each bowler's total six game pinfall in the Teams, Doubles and Singles will be added up to make an eighteen game total. All bowlers in each division after the eighteen games have been totalled will receive points, and in accordance with the below table.
- (e) the points allocation system described in 11 (a), (b), (c) and (d) is based on 8 teams competing in that Division. Points may be adjusted to suit if a different number of teams compete in any Division.

In the event of a tied score for any position, both tied singles will be awarded the points for the tied position. For example, a tie for fourth will mean that both bowlers (or teams) will get the assigned points for fourth, there is no fifth place and sixth gets the assigned points for sixth.

SCORING SYSTEM POINTS TABLE: See Page 4

12. TARDY PLAYERS Bowling will begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late will 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 will forfeit all games which they decline to bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director. No blind scores will be permitted and a bowler must bowl with, on the same lanes, and at the same time his team bowls. A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn, will not be credited with any pins for any frames missed.

13. EMERGENCY RULE In the event that a bowler withdraws from the event for whatever reason, the Tournament Director may select a suitable bowler to act as a Pacer and replace the withdrawn bowler. No scores of the Pacer shall be counted.

Seniors Team Challenge Points Table				
Position	Singles	Doubles	Teams	All Events
1	32	64	128	32
2	31	60	112	31
3	30	56	96	30
4	29	52	80	29
5	28	48	64	28
6	27	44	48	27
7	26	40	32	26
8	25	36	16	25
9	24	32		24
10	23	28		23
11	22	24		22
12	21	20		21
13	20	16		20
14	19	12		19
15	18	8		18
16	17	4		17
17	16			16
18	15			15
19	14			14
20	13			13
21	12			12
22	11			11
23	10			10
24	9			9
25	8			8
26	7			7
27	6			6
28	5			5
29	4			4
30	3			3
31	2			2
32	1			1

14. DRESS RULES

- a) Dress rules will apply to this Tournament. All bowlers must wear a collared shirt. All men must wear dress slacks of the same colour, whilst slacks or dress shorts, skirts and skorts in the same length and colour will be acceptable for ladies teams. A combination of dress shorts, skorts and skirts does not include slacks.
- b) The TBA Logo must be visible on the left hand sleeve of each State competition shirt, to be located 25mm above the end of the sleeve.
- c) The right hand sleeve may be used for private sponsors, subject to Clause 15.
- d) Any State or Territory not complying with 14 (b) or 14 (c) will be required to pay a \$200 fine to TBA prior to taking part in the competition.

15. SPONSORSHIP

All participating teams are required to submit to TBA any proposed team or individual sponsorship. The reason for that is to determine that there is no conflict with current or proposed National

sponsorship agreements or venue sponsorships. On State competition shirts, the size of any proposed logo is restricted to a size not exceeding 49cm². For example, the logo may be 7cm x 7 cm, 14cm x 3.5cm, as long as both lengths when multiplied together do not exceed 49. Size restrictions do not apply to practice shirts or similar, however, sponsorship is still required to be approved.

16 AWARDING OF THE NATIONAL SENIORS TEAM CHALLENGE TROPHY

At the completion of Singles, Doubles, Teams and All Events, the State or Territory with the highest total combined points gained in both divisions will be declared the winner of the National Seniors Team Challenge. In the event of a tie for any top two (2) combined positions, a one game playoff will be played between the teams from both tied divisions. If scores are still tied after that game, each team will bowl a tenth frame. In the event of a tie for third (3rd) place, the combined highest last team game will be used to break the tie. If those scores are the same, the second to last game scores will be used.

The National Seniors Team Challenge trophy will be presented to the captains of the Teams from the winning State or Territory immediately after the Challenge.

The National Seniors Team Challenge trophy is a perpetual trophy and will remain in the custody of the Champion State or Territory to be displayed in the various bowling centres and offices throughout the State or Territory until the commencement of the next Challenge.

17 MEDALLIONS

Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third placed individuals winning those positions in both divisions of the following events:

- i) Singles
- ii) Doubles
- iii) Team of Four
- iv) All Events

18 TROPHIES

The following individual trophies will be awarded:

- (a) Separate trophies will be awarded to the Male and Female Team who accrue the most combined points over Singles, Doubles, Teams and All Events. These trophies will be identified as the National Seniors Team Challenge Male Champion Team and Female Champion Team. In the event of a tie for any top two (2) combined positions, a one game playoff will be played between the teams from both tied divisions. If scores are still tied after that game, each team will bowl a tenth frame. In the event of a tie for third (3rd) place, the combined highest last team game will be used to break the tie. If those scores are the same, the second to last game scores will be used.
- (b) National Seniors All Star Teams
 - Following each National Seniors Team Challenge, an "All Star Team" will be announced in both the Male and Female divisions. The top four averages in the All Events of each division will make the Team.
 - In the event of a tie for 4th and 5th position, the bowler with the highest six game Singles score will gain 4th place.
 - If the tie still exists, the bowler with the highest six game Doubles score will gain 4th place.
 - If the tie still exists, the bowler with the highest six game Teams score will gain 4th place.
- (c) National Seniors Team Challenge Sports Persons Awards, Male and Female.

All bowlers in each Division shall be given a voting slip prior to the start of the last day of the competition. Managers are to collect the completed voting slips during the morning and hand them in to the Tournament Director during the oiling break after the first three games. The bowler in each Division that receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the award in that Division, excepting that the Tournament Director has the right of veto. Votes will be scrutinised by a Committee comprising the Tournament Director and the Tournament

Secretary or other appointed person. Bowlers must not vote for a bowler on their own team. Any vote so lodged will be invalid and not counted.

(d) National Seniors Team Challenge Chairpersons and Directors Award

The recipients of these special awards are selected by the TBA Chairperson and TBA Directors respectively. Awards are presented to a bowler in each division. The Chairpersons award is presented to the Male division. The Director's award is presented to the Female division. Criteria taken into consideration when selecting these awards include points won, number of games played, Challenge entering average and pins bowled above that average.

Revision Record			
Revision	Rule	Change	Date
V1.2	6(i)	Age definition clarified and Revision Record added. "Coaches" underlined.	19-9-06
V1.3	11(e)	Automatic entry into Seniors Cup removed to align with other events.	13-7-07