



TENPIN BOWLING AUSTRALIA LTD

The WALTER RACHUIG TROPHY TOURNAMENT

Rules - Regulations - Requirements

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1. These Rules will apply for the conduct and control of the Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament and related matters. In the event of any State/Territory/Zone rule conflicting with these rules, then these rules will take precedence.
2. The Walter Rachuig Trophy was established in December of 1963, in recognition of the work performed by Walter A Rachuig, a Director of the American Bowling Congress, in guiding the establishment of the Australian National Sporting Organization during the period of February 11, 1962 through until July of 1963.
3. NAME
The Tournament will be known as the Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament - Men's Division and Women's Division.
4. PURPOSE
 - (a) The purpose of the Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament is to determine annually the best State/Territory/Zone representative team of tenpin bowlers, each consisting of five players per team in both the Men's and Women's divisions.
 - (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 Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament will be limited to:
 - a) One team of seven (7) males and one team of seven (7) females 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 and attained the age of 18 years on or prior to the first day of the National Adult Championships in that year.
 - (b) Must be capable of conducting themselves in such a manner so as not to reflect discredit on TBA, the State/Territory/Zone they are representing or tenpin bowling.
 - (c) Must have qualified for Team Membership in accordance with the conditions set down by the State/Territory/Zone 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/Territory/Zone they wish to represent during the current year. 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/Territory/Zone 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/Territory/Zone 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) Must have completed an All Events entry in the current years National Adult Championships.
- (h) Bowlers requesting an exemption to Rule 6 (e) must be able to demonstrate to TBA that they bowl all or a major proportion of their competitive bowling in the State/Territory/Zone they wish to represent.
- (i) Once a bowler has applied for and been granted an exemption to represent a State/Territory/Zone different to the one being resided in, the bowler must bowl for that State/Territory/Zone. Failure to represent that State/Territory/Zone will result in the bowler withdrawing from the event.

Coaches:

All applicants for the position of Coach of a State/Territory/Zone 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/Territory/Zone must apply to TBA for a suitable coach to be selected from the Coaches Draft.

Managers:

All applicants for the position of Manager of a State/Territory/Zone Team must hold a State Team Manager's certificate.

Selectors:

Parents or 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 Walter Rachuig 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/Territory/Zone Association or a Committee appointed by that Association.
- (b) Determining additional eligibility criteria is the sole responsibility of the respective State/Territory/Zone Association. Any appeals or complaints against non-selection or eligibility criteria set by a State/Territory/Zone must be lodged with that State/Territory/Zone for resolution.
- (c) Selection must meet one of the following criteria, subject to clause 7 (h):
 - i) Full roll-off where the first seven highest pinfall bowlers in the roll-off in male and female Divisions will be declared the Walter Rachuig Trophy Team, or
 - ii) Qualifying roll-off where the first five highest pinfall bowlers in the roll-off in male and female Divisions will be declared as members of the Walter Rachuig Trophy Team. A further two 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 three or more bowlers from any one State/Territory/Zone in that Australian team, then that State/Territory/Zone selection committee has the option of the highest four roll-off bowlers being declared members of the Walter Rachuig Trophy Team, with a further three being selected in that Division.
- (d) In the event that a State/Territory/Zone 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/Territory/Zone roll-off. Such application for exemption must be in writing to the State/Territory/Zone Association and the acceptance or rejection of the application for exemption will be totally up to the State/Territory/Zone Association. Such applications

from bowlers on National Team duties and bowlers with an injury/illness should be seriously considered.

- (e) TBA recommends that State/Territories/Zones who adopt this option establish firm guidelines for dealing with Applications for Exemption.
 - (f) The roster of players for each team in the Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament may not exceed seven (7) players. The actual playing strength/line-up for any match will be five (5) players drawn from the roster submitted, except in cases of emergency as described and provided for in Rule 10 (d).
 - (g) Each State/Territory/Zone Committee must advise TBA no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament, the names and details of their Team Members. Failure to provide this information by the prescribed time may result in a forfeit by that State/Territory/Zone.
 - (h) In the event that a State/Territory/Zone 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/Territory/Zone 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. VENUE
The annual Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament will be conducted in the principal centre used for the conduct of the Australian National Championships, at a time nominated during those Championships.
9. CONTROL OF MATCHES
TBA will appoint the principal Tournament Director who will be responsible for all Tournament 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 Tournament.
10. FORMAT FOR MATCHES
- (a) Teams will be opposed against each other for two complete rounds of matches over a three-day period, or such time as may be considered necessary, according to the number of participating teams.
Each match will be one full team game, and in the event of two or more teams not being represented, the Tournament Director will determine the number of matches.
 - (b) In the event that one State/Territory/Zone is not represented, it will be necessary for one team to have a bye, in which case the team enjoying the bye will be required to score in excess of 950 in the Men's Division and 900 in the Women's Division to claim the Team Match Point.
 - (c) Likewise individuals in a team line-up must score in excess of 190 in the Men's Division and 180 in the Women's Division to claim the Individual Match Point.
 - (d) In the event that one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl, due to an emergency occurrence prior to the commencement of, or during the actual Tournament, such that five (5) players are not available to play, the team will be filled by such eligible bowlers as are necessary, provided that their inclusion is approved by the Tournament Director.
The Tournament Director will determine the decision as to what constitutes an emergency.
 - (e) When a tie results for the first placing, a play-off will be bowled. When only two teams are involved, the number of games in the play-off will be equal to the number of games played in a match of the current tournament. This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.
 - (f) The lanes to be used for any tie-breaker will be nominated by the Tournament Director, with the starting lanes for each of the men's matches being determined by the "toss of a coin". The starting lanes for the ladies matches will be the reverse of the men's matches.
 - (g) When more than two teams are involved in a play-off for first place, the format will be determined by a committee of at least three persons appointed by TBA. The Tournament Director will chair this committee.
 - (h) The team scheduled to play on the left hand side lane of the pair, will be obliged to post their order of players first, thus enabling the team scheduled for the right hand side lane to match their players against the order posted by their opponents.

11. POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Each team member will be matched against the opposing team member in the corresponding position in the line-up and the bowler achieving the highest total scratch pinfall for the game will win one (1) point for the Team. In the event of an equal game score, the point will be equally shared.
- (b) The team's total pinfall will be compared with the total pinfall of the opposing team and two (2) points will be awarded to the team with the highest total pinfall. In the event of an equal team score, the points will be equally shared.
- (c) At the conclusion of the rounds of matches, the team having the highest number of points will be declared the Walter Rachuig Tournament Champion Team for the year.

12. 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 13.
- d) Any State/Territory/Zone not complying with 12 (b) or 12 (c) will be required to pay a \$200 fine to TBA prior to taking part in the competition.

13. 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.

14. AWARDING OF THE WALTER RACHUIG TROPHY

- a) The Walter Rachuig Trophy and the Trish Datson Memorial Trophy will be presented to the captains of the Champion Teams immediately after the Tournament for the purpose of photographs.
Those trophies are perpetual trophies but will remain in the custody of TBA who will be responsible for all engraving additions. Replica trophies will be issued to the Champion State/Territory/Zone to take home.
- b) Separate trophies will be awarded to the Men's' Team and the Women's' Team who have the highest points total in their respective divisions.
- c)
 - i) For the Trish Datson Memorial Trophy, the final positions in the male division will be allocated 10 points for first place, 9 points for second place and so on. The same will apply for the female division.
 - ii) The overall winner will be determined by adding the allocated points from the male division to the allocated points in the female division.
 - iii) In the event of a tie for any of the first three positions, Men's and Ladies individual points totals after 18 games will be added together, with the highest point score to win.
 - iv) If the tie still exists, the State/Territory/Zone with the highest total combined pinfall will win.
 - v) Typically, a tie for first will result in the highest point score being awarded first place and the other being awarded second place. Three equal first will result in first, second and third being decided.

15. MEDALLIONS

- a) Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third placed teams respectively, maximum of nine per team, male and female divisions.
- b) Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third placed combined scores teams respectively, maximum of nine per team, male and female divisions.

16. TROPHIES

The following individual trophies will be awarded:

- a) Walter Rachuig Sports Persons Awards, Male and Female.
Sports person voting slips will be handed out to all Team Managers on the second and third days after game three. They will be collected at the end of game four. 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 Committee have the right of veto. Votes will be scrutinised by the Tournament Committee. Bowlers must not vote for a bowler on their own team. Any vote so lodged will be invalid and not counted.
- b) Walter Rachuig 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 divisions. The Directors award is presented to the Female divisions. Criteria taken into consideration when selecting these awards are points won, number of games played, event average and pins bowled over average.
- c) Walter Rachuig All Star Teams, Male and Female
 - Following each Walter Rachuig Tournament, an "All Star Team" will be announced in both the Male and Female divisions. Selection shall be as follows, provided all bowlers up for selection have competed in a minimum of two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the games in the current event:
 - (i) The top five (5) Male averages shall be the Male team.
 - (ii) The top five (5) Female averages shall be the Female team.
 - In the event of a tie for the last available position in the All Star Team:
 - (i) Each bowler's exact average will be calculated on the basis of total pinfall divided by the number of games played.
 - (ii) If a tie still exists, the bowler who has played more games during the current years event will prevail.
 - (iii) Should the tie still remain unresolved, the bowler with the most points accumulated during the current years event will win a place in the team.

Revision Record			
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