



TENPIN BOWLING AUSTRALIA LTD

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAM CHALLENGE

Rules - Regulations - Requirements Version 2.7 (23-1-12)

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 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 (refer 6(d)) 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 be a Silver member of TBA and bowled a minimum of 24 games in a League or accredited tournament in a Registered Centre 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.
- (j) Must have completed an All Events entry in the current year's National Adult Championship prior to the commencement of the National Seniors Team Challenge.

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.

Managers:

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

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, providing they participated in the roll-off or were granted an exemption.
 - iii) A State/Territory Committee may choose to select their team from participants in one or a number of events held in their State/Territory. In that case, the State/Territory Committee must determine the number of members to be automatically placed and the number to be selected. The State/Territory 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) 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

Team Registration sheet provided. Failure to provide this information by the prescribed time may result in a forfeit by that State or Territory.

- (g) Any State that requires an additional bowler at any time for any reason must abide by the TBA State Team Draft Bowler Policy.

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 as shown in the Managers Handbook. 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 will be bowled on a different pair of lanes as shown in the Managers Handbook. 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 bowled on a different pair of lanes as shown in the Managers Handbook. 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 10 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 scores 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	40	80	160	40
2	39	76	144	39
3	38	72	128	38
4	37	68	112	37
5	36	64	96	36
6	35	60	80	35
7	34	56	64	34
8	33	52	48	33
9	32	48	32	32
10	31	44	16	31
11	30	40		30
12	29	36		29
13	28	32		28
14	27	28		27
15	26	24		26
16	25	20		25
17	24	16		24
18	23	12		23
19	22	8		22
20	21	4		21
21	20			20
22	19			19
23	18			18
24	17			17
25	16			16
26	15			15
27	14			14
28	13			13
29	12			12
30	11			11
31	10			10
32	9			9
33	8			8
34	7			7
35	6			6
36	5			5
37	4			4
38	3			3
39	2			2
40	1			1

14. **DRESS RULES**

- (a) Dress rules will apply to this Tournament. All bowlers must wear a collared shirt or bowling industry manufactured shirt. All men must wear long pants whilst long pants, ¾ pants, dress shorts, skirts or skorts will be acceptable for ladies teams.

- (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. The size of the logo should be 75mm long and 30mm high.
- (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

(a) The National Seniors Team Challenge trophy will be presented to the captains of the Teams from the winning State/Territory/Zone immediately after the Challenge for the purpose of photographs. This trophy and the male and female team trophies are perpetual trophies and 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) Individual Team Trophies:

- i) Separate trophies will be awarded to the male and female teams who have the highest points total in their respective divisions.
- ii) In the event of a tie for any of the first three positions in a Division, the tie will be broken by the State/Territory/Zone with the highest total pinfall in that respective Division.
- iii) If the tie still exists for first place, a one game playoff will be played, with the highest pinfall for that game used to break the tie. If the tie still exists, the high game in the playoff game will be used to break the tie.
- iv) If the tie still exists for second or third place, the highest last team game will be used to break the tie.
- v) Typically, a tie for first will result in one State/Territory/Zone being awarded first place and the other being awarded second place. Three equal first will result in first, second and third being decided.

(c) Combined Trophy:

- i) The overall winner will be determined by adding the total points from the male division to the total points in the female division.
- ii) In the event of a tie for any of the first three positions, the tie will be broken by the State/Territory/Zone with the highest total male and female combined pinfall.
- iii) If the tie still exists, a one game playoff will be played between the teams from both tied divisions, with the highest pinfall for that game used to break the tie.
- iv) Typically, a tie for first will result in one State/Territory/Zone being awarded first place and the other being awarded second place. Three equal first will result in first, second and third being decided.

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

- v) Overall winning team Male, Female and Combined

In the event of a tie for position i) to iv), dual positions will be declared. In a tie for first, both teams will be awarded Gold and there will be no second. In a tie for second, both teams will be declared second and there will be no third place. In the event of a tie for third, both teams will be declared third. Ties in v) are as defined in Rules 16.

18. TROPHIES

The following individual trophies will be awarded:

(a) 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 the final 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, equal 4th place will be declared.

(b) National Seniors Team Challenge Sports Persons Awards, Male and Female.

Voting forms will be distributed to team Managers during Doubles on Day 2 and Teams on Day 3. Pink voting slips are for the Women and the Blue voting slip are for the Men. The Management Team of each team is requested to make the selections. Voting is on a 3,2,1 system where 3 is the first preference. Bowlers are not required to fill out voting forms. Nomination forms should be returned to the Tournament Director before the end of play on these days. Winners of the Men's and Women's Sportsperson's Awards will be announced at the Presentation Dinner. Any votes for your own team will be invalid.

The bowler in each Division that receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the award in that Division. A tie for points will be decided by the number of "3"s received and if still equal, the number of "2"s. Votes will be scrutinised by a Committee comprising the Tournament Director and the Tournament Secretary or other appointed person.

(c) 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
V1.4	11	Points Table revised to suit 10 teams	2-12-07
	17	Medallions added	
	16,18	Tie break method added for second place. Zone reference removed Zone references removed	
V1.5	6(j)	ANC All Events entry requirement added	4-6-08
V1.6	6	Manager criteria added	18-6-08
V1.7	18(b)	Ties wording revised	23-9-08
V1.8	16	Replica Trophies clause inserted	5-11-08
V1.9	6(d) 7(f) 14 16 18	Generally revised to remove the requirement to have competed in Accredited league, clarify and simplify the tie breaking procedures for trophies and removed the previous trials commencement requirement.	1-1-10
V2.0	6(d)	Registered Centre added	5-1-10
V2.1	7(g)	Options to fill teams revised	16-2-10
V2.2	7(c) ii) 7(g)	Revised to include exemptions Wording moved to the Draft Policy, Policy reference added	17-9-10
V2.3		TBA Logo changed	3-1-11
V2.4	6(a) 6(d)	Silver membership requirement for team members added	31-5-11
V2.5	14(b)	TBA Logo size added	11-6-11
V2.6	14(a) 18(b)	Dress Rules revised Sportspersons Voting method revised	20-11-11
V2.7	14(a)	Dress Rules changed – shirt requirements changed	23-1-12