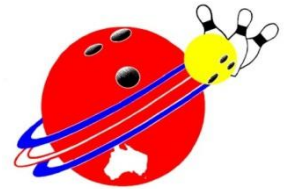




OPEN & RESTRICTED STATE TEAM CHALLENGE

Rules - Regulations - Requirements

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1. These Rules will apply for the conduct and control of the National Disabilities Open and Restricted State Team Challenge and related matters.
2. The National Disabilities' Open and Restricted State Team Challenge was established by the TBA Disabilities Committee in response to the wishes of bowlers with disabilities and their carers following requests for increased opportunities to compete in the sport of tenpin bowling.

3. NAME

The Tournament will be known as the National Disabilities' Open and Restricted State Team Challenge and will have a Scratch Division and a Handicap Division. The Scratch Division winners will be presented with the Open State Team perpetual trophy. The Handicap Division winners will be presented with the Restricted State Team perpetual Trophy.

4. PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Disabilities' Open and Restricted State Team Challenge is to determine annually the best State/Territory representative team of tenpin bowlers in the scratch and handicap Division, each consisting of a maximum of eight players per team.

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 Disabilities Open & Restricted State Team Challenge will be limited to a maximum of ONE Open and ONE Restricted Team from the following States and Territories:-

- a) Queensland
- b) New South Wales
- c) Victoria
- d) Tasmania
- e) South Australia
- f) Western Australia
- g) Australian Capital Territory
- h) Northern Territory

6. ELIGIBILITY - TEAM MEMBER

Each person:

- a) Must be a current financial member of a TBA Licensed Association or Registered Centre, in good standing.
- b) In the Scratch Division, have an average of 140 or higher at time of selection or Roll off.
- c) In the Handicap Division, have an average of 139 or below at the time of selection or Roll-off.
- d) Must be capable of conducting themselves in such a manner so as not to discredit TBA, the State/Territory they are representing or the sport of tenpin bowling.
- e) Must have qualified for Team Membership in accordance with the conditions set down by the State/Territory Committee in charge of selection.
- f) Must meet the TBA criteria of a Bowler with a Disability except for Managers, Coaches and Support Personnel

Each competitor:

- g) Must have bowled a minimum of 24 games in a League within a TBA Registered Centre.
- h) Must meet the TBA criteria of a Bowler with a Disability
- i) Must have completed an All Events entry in the Championships prior to participation in the National Disabilities' Open and Restricted State Team Challenge.
- j) Average date to be used is as at 31st December 2012.

Coaches:

All applicants for the position of Coach of a State/Territory Team must hold at least a current level 1 Accreditation under the TBA National Coaching Accreditation Scheme. If no suitably qualified coaches nominate, then the State/Territory /Zone must apply to TBA for a suitable coach to be selected from the Coaches Draft. Should applications be received by a State/Territory association from both level 1 and level 2 coaches, priority will be given to the level 2 coach.

Managers:

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

Selectors:

Parents or relatives (including de facto) of bowlers who have an application for Team selection will not be permitted to serve in any way whatsoever on a selection committee for the Disability State Team Challenge, nor will it be acceptable for them to exercise any degree of influence on any such committee or member of the committee.

7. SELECTION OF TEAMS

- a) Teams will be selected by the Disabilities Committee of their respective State/ Territory Association.
- b) The manner of selection of the scratch teams will be on scratch results during the State or Territory Championships or Roll-off conducted for team selection.
- c) The manner of selection of the handicap teams will be on pinfall plus handicap results during the State or Territory Championships or Roll-off conducted for team selection.
- d) Individual bowler's record sheets must be provided to TBA.

- e) The roster of players for each team in the Open and Restricted State Team Challenges may not exceed eight (8) players. The actual playing strength/line-up for any match will be five (5) players drawn from the roster submitted.
- f) All players must participate in at least 1 round, except in cases of emergency.
- g) Each State/Territory Disability Committee must advise the Tournament Director by the 1st June 2013, of 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.
- h) Any State that requires an additional bowler at any time for any reason must abide by the TBA State Team Draft Bowler Policy.

8. VENUE

The annual National Disabilities Open and Restricted State Team Challenge will be conducted in the principal centre used for the conduct of the National Tenpin Bowling Championships for People with a disability, and will take place on the Wednesday of the Championships for the scratch and handicapped division.

9. CONTROL OF MATCHES

The Tournament Director will be responsible for all Tournament preparations, and conduct of the matches whilst in progress. The appointed Tournament Director 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 one complete round of matches over 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 number of matches will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- b) In the event that an odd number of States/Territories are represented, the team without an opponent in each round will be given maximum points. If a team withdraws during the competition, all teams that have played that team will be given maximum points retrospectively.
- c) In the event that one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl prior to the commencement of or during the actual Tournament as the result of an emergency, such that five (5) players are not available to play, the team will be filled by such eligible bowlers as are necessary, provided that they were part of the State Disabilities Selection or Roll-offs. Verification by the State/Territory of the bowler's eligibility will be required. The decision as to what constitutes an emergency will be determined by the Tournament Director.

11. POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as follows:

- a) Scratch event:
 - i. 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 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.
 - ii. 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. (7) Points in total.
 - iii. In the event of an equal team score, the points will be equally shared.

b) Handicap event:

- i. 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 score for the Team. In the event of an equal game score, the point will be equally shared.
- ii. The team's total pinfall plus handicap will be compared with the total pinfall plus handicap of the opposing team and two (2) points will be awarded to the team with the highest total pinfall plus handicap. (7) Points in total.
- iii. In the event of an equal team score, the points will be equally shared at the conclusion of the rounds of matches. The team having the highest number of points in each Division will be declared the National Disabilities State/Territory Champion for that year.

c) General Rules

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points in the scratch Division, the tie will be broken with the total pinfall.

- i. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points, in the handicap Division, the tie will be broke by the team with total pinfall plus handicap.

12. NATIONAL DISABILIITES OPEN AND RESTRICTED STATE TEAM CHALLENGE TROPHY

- a) The National Disabilities Open and Restricted State Team Challenge Trophy for each Division will be presented to the Captains of the winning teams during the medals presentation. Each team member will receive a memento, inscribed to commemorate the Team's achievement.
- b) The National Disabilities Open and Restricted State Team Challenge Trophies are perpetual trophies and will remain in the custody of the Champion State/ Territory to be displayed in the various bowling centres and offices throughout the State/Territory until the commencement of the next Tournament.

13. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Any other matter that may arise during the course of the Tournament that are not covered in the above mentioned Rules and Regulations will be resolved by the Tournament Committee and/or the Tournament Director as deemed appropriate.
- b) All members of the State Teams including Bowlers, Coaching Staff, Management and Support Staff are to refrain from the consuming alcoholic beverages during the Tournament. Any person found under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol during the Tournament will be withdrawn from the competition immediately.