



AUSTRALIAN TENPIN BOWLING SENIORS ORGANISATION NSW INC

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RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. Tournaments organised by Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation NSW Inc (ATBSO NSW) are accredited by our National Sporting Organisation, Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited (TBAL) and all ATBSO NSW & TBA Rules will govern these events. Rules and disputes which are not covered in these rules and regulations will be decided by the Tournament Director, whose decision will be final.
2. Tournaments are open to all bowlers forty-five (45) years of age and over, who hold a current ATBSO NSW and TBA Registration Player's Card. All participants are required to present their current Registration Player's Card at the first event they participate in during the year.
3. Members are required to adhere to the TBA Code of Conduct Rules and penalties will be imposed for breach of the Code of Conduct as per TBA Penalties.
4. The TBAL Non Smoking Rule applies, and includes E-cigarettes.
5. All bowlers are required to wear neat acceptable attire at all times, no jeans will be allowed. Collared Bowling Shirts are required

These General Rules will apply to all Tournaments/events run by ATBSO NSW

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All Monthly tournaments will have an entry fee as determined at the ATBSO NSW's Annual General Meeting, or if a special event by the Board of ATBSO NSW.
2. Prize fund for all Monthly Tournaments will be 50% of the remaining money after lineage costs and paying 1 in 4 for each Division.
3. If there is a tie for any position the prize money will be divided equally.
4. Singles Tournaments are bowled in four divisions
Ladies Open Scratch and Restricted Handicap
Men's Open Scratch and Restricted Handicap
Doubles and Triples Tournaments will be Handicapped
Special Events may be nominated throughout each year e.g. Baker format.

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5. Handicap for Singles, Doubles & Team Events will be 90% of Highest Average (subject to change)

Handicaps for Special Events will be decided by the Tournament Director and may be different from the above outline based upon the event being held.

7. Each monthly tournament will comprise of 8 games excepting Special Events in which the games will be played to suit the format being bowled.
8. Averages used for monthly tournaments will be ATBSO National Tournament Average. If a current ATBSO game average is not available then the bowler's highest league average as at the day of the Tournament will be used.

MASTER'S RULES

The NSW Master's Champion in each Division will be determined when competing in the Roll Off and will be the 1st placed bowler in each division who have paid a Master's Nomination Fee of \$20.00. The bowler with the highest total pinfall in each division will be invited to Represent NSW at the National Senior's Challenge.

If the Current ATBSO Masters Champion is from NSW then the next highest placed bowler will be offered the NSW Masters spot.

The ATBSO NSW Board may from time to time declare another event to determine the NSW representative spot. Such declaration will take place within a reasonable time prior to the event taking place.

CHALLENGE TEAM'S ROLL OFF ELIGIBILITY & ROLL OFF RULES

The ATBSO NSW Open, Classic and Restricted Teams will be the highest placed 6 Open Men and Ladies (based on total pinfall); 3 highest placed Classic Men and Ladies (based on total pinfall) and 6 highest place Restricted Men and Ladies (based on total pinfall plus handicap) to be determined by a Roll Off comprising of a total of 16 games over a 2 day weekend, or as determined by the Tournament Director. (Note that the format and structure of the Challenge is determined by ATBSO State delegates at each year's AGM.)

Eligibility:

1. Open, Restricted and Classic bowlers must have attained the age of 45 years or above prior to the commencement of the Annual Challenge.
2. Must have bowled a minimum of six (6) monthly ATBSO NSW Tournaments since the previous year's Roll Off.

Applications for exemption for the 6 tournament criteria must be forwarded to the ATBSO NSW Board prior to or on the day of the monthly tournament.

Exemptions for the Roll Off will only be considered if we cannot field enough members for a team at the Roll Off.

3. Must reside in NSW for a period of time that enables participation in the Roll Off.
4. Must comply with average requirements for Restricted & Classic Division which are as follows:

Restricted Division
Men's – 179 and under
Ladies – 169 and under

Classic Division
Men's – 199 and under
Ladies – 189 and under

5. Averages to be used will be from the ATBSO National Database as at the date specified on the nomination form.

Roll Off Rules:

1. Any bowler failing to complete any stage of the Roll Off will not be entitled to a refund of any monies paid and will be considered as withdrawing but remain eligible for the team, if required.
2. Applications for exemption to any rules or eligibility criteria are to be in writing to the Tournament Director not later than 48 hours following the rule or criteria not being adhered to.
3. Bowlers who are not successful in the Roll Off will be eligible for the Draft. For clarity any bowler who is successful and withdraws for any reason is deemed to be not eligible for the draft
4. Ties for the last team position in any division will be resolved by a one game play off. Should a tie still exist, a 9th and 10th frame will be played until the tie is broken.

Conditions which apply to Challenge Team Members:

NSW's Challenge Team Members must:

1. Abide by all rules and any instructions given by the Board and its delegated officials at any function, tournament or training sessions.
2. Attend and be punctual at all official training sessions as designated by the Board.
3. Attend all uniform fitting sessions and wear the official training/team uniform, if available, when directed.
4. Team shirts are sponsored by ATBSO NSW and we request that no logos other than those authorised by the Board be attached to any team shirt. Team Trousers/ Pants/Shorts/Skirts will be in a Navy Blue Colour.
5. Accept all directions from the Team Manager and Captain.
6. Report any major illness or injury.
7. Assist in any fundraising or activities set by the Board.
8. Make own way to the Challenge Venue and pay all associated costs.

Manager and Captain Selections

Team Managers will be elected from nominations received and if more than 1 Member is standing for a position a secret ballot by all Team Members and up to 3 Members of the Board, so as to ensure an uneven count, will be held. No Board Member is allowed to vote more than once.

Team Captains will be elected from nominations received and if more than 1 Captain is standing for a position a secret ballot by the Manager and all Team Members will be held. If the number of voting Members for Team Captain is even then the required number of Board Members will be added to the secret ballot so as a winner may be declared. No Board Member is allowed to vote more than once.

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring that these Rules are followed.

Any disputes will be heard by the convening of a Sub Committee made up of the Tournament Director plus at least 2 Board Members whose decision will be final. (If the Tournament Director is not available then 3 Board Members will be appointed).

The Board Members so appointed will be made by vote at a Board meeting called for this purpose.