

CONSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIAN TENPIN BOWLING SENIORS ORGANISATION QUEENSLAND

NAME:

This organisation will be known as Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation Qld.

PURPOSE:

1. It will be the purpose of this organisation to promote and foster the sport of tenpin bowling at a competitive level amongst bowlers aged 45 years and over.
2. This organisation will organise an annual State Championships, incorporating Open, Classic, Restricted and Grand Seniors Masters Tournaments and regular periodic tournament events for Members aged 45 and over and for Associate Members aged 40 to 45 years. The bowlers selected for these teams will be decided on the highest pinfall over the sixteen (16) games. Restricted and Grand Seniors will include handicap.
3. The property and income of the organisation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects or the purposes of the organisation and no part of the property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly to members of the organisation, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes.
4. The roll offs for the annual State Teams are in the format of two roll off tournaments of 8 games at two different venues selected by the Executive Committee. The teams will be in three divisions, Restricted, Classic, and Open. The bowlers selected for these teams will be decided on the highest pinfall over the 16 games.
5. The monthly tournaments will be in two divisions for male - handicap and scratch and two divisions for female - handicap and scratch.

FEES:

Membership fees will be collected each year for the season commencing 1 January and ending 31 December. Fees will be set down at the AGM from time to time. Monthly Tournament Fees will include an extra \$5.00 towards the State Team costs.

If a member has bowled 75% or more tournaments (10 tournaments will be 7 or more) during the previous year then there is no membership fee for the bowler. All non bowling committee members will also not have to pay membership for the year.

The ATBSOQ shall accept members provided they have been issued with a current TBA membership registration card.

MEETINGS: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1. The AGM of the ATBSOQ will be held in January (or the first tournament) each year at a venue and time to be decided by the executive committee.
2. The executive committee shall notify all members of the date and time that the AGM is to be convened. Members will receive notification of a minimum of thirty (30) days before the meeting date by notice at the previous regular tournament.
3. Nomination forms for election of officers of the executive committee to be provided to members a minimum of thirty (30) days before said meeting. Such nominations must reach the secretary seven (7) days before the meeting date. These nominations will close seven (7) days before the AGM. These nominations will receive priority, however, in the case of there not being enough nominations to fill all the vacancies, nominations will be called from the floor at the meeting of the AGM.
4. Elections shall be by way of a secret ballot at the AGM (or at any extra-ordinary meeting as may occur). All nominees for positions must be present at that AGM.
5. Notice of Motion Forms will be issued in the same way and at the same time as the Nomination Forms. Such Notice of Motion must close with the Secretary thirty (30) days before the meeting date. Notices of Motion will be accepted from the floor in special circumstances.
6. Election of officers may be held immediately after reports.
7. Any un-financial member shall forfeit their right to speak and vote at any meeting.

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (E.O.G.)

1. An extra-ordinary meeting of all members of ATBSOQ will be called by the President on receipt of a written request from twenty (20) members or one fifth of the total number of members of the organisation (whichever is the greatest).
2. Such written request for a meeting must set out the reasons for convening an extra-ordinary general meeting.
3. Any motion of no confidence so moved against any or all of the executive committee at either an AGM or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting, shall need no less than 75% of the total membership to vote in favour of the motion for it to be carried.
4. An extra-ordinary general meeting must be held within thirty five (35) days of receipt of such a request.
5. In the case of an EOG meeting being convened, all members must be given a minimum thirty (30) days notice of such meeting via email (with read request) or in writing.

VOTING BY PROXY:

Voting by proxy or by mail in any form whatsoever will not be permitted at any meeting convened by the ATBSOQ. Only votes cast by financial members physically present at any meeting will be permitted.

QUORUMS:

A quorum at the AGM or an Extra-ordinary General Meeting will be **one quarter** of the financial membership entitled to vote at those meetings.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:

The President will be the Chief Executive Officer of the ATBSOQ, performing all duties usually pertaining to that office, including specifically:

1. He/She will preside over all meetings of the organisation.
2. He/She will see to the enforcement of all the objects, provisions and purposes of the organisation.
3. He/She will make a monthly check to verify the correctness of the bank balance of all the organisation's accounts.
4. He/She will be the chairperson of committees, or shall nominate one to take his/her place if the vice-presidents are unable to do so.

Vice-Presidents:

In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will perform all the Duties of the President and will also on request of the President, assist in the performance of the President's duties, or perform such tasks as the President may request from time to time.

Secretary:

The Secretary will perform those duties assigned by the President and duties directed by the AGM, including specifically: -

1. He/She will keep a permanent record of proceedings of all meetings of the ATBSOQ.
2. He/She will conduct all correspondence of the ATBSOQ.
3. He/She shall on behalf of the organisation, keep and maintain the register of members and that register shall be so kept and maintained at his or her place of residence.
4. He/She shall have the name of a person who dies or ceases to be a member, to be deleted from the register of members.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer will: -

1. He/She will receive all dues, fees, monies or property donated or paid to the ATBSOQ.
2. He/She will table all current books of account or bank statements at every

- meeting for verification.
3. All monies received by the Treasurer must be banked in the accounts of the ATBSOQ within five (5) working days of such receipt.
 4. He/She will supply to the executive committee, a balance sheet together with a financial report at each meeting.
 5. Any financial member of ATBSOQ shall have the right at any reasonable time to inspect without charge, the books, documents, records and/or securities of the ATBSOQ in the presence of any available executive committee member/ members.
 6. Two members of the same household cannot be co-signatories of ATBSOQ cheques.
 7. Members' payments to the ATBSOQ bank account be permitted by internet online banking (does not include normal monthly tournaments) providing that member clearly identifies themselves and reason for payment.
 8. ATBSOQ has only one bank account and that an online facility be set up for access to statements - sponsor Bank of Qld Ashmore suggested as No 1 Choice
 9. Signatories to the ATBSOQ account be organised on the day of the AGM and completed a.s.a.p.
 10. Monies passed to ATBSOQ Treasurer (not including monthly tournaments) must be receipted immediately.

Assistant Secretary:

The Assistant Secretary will perform those duties assigned by the President and Secretary.

Tournament Director:

The Tournament Director will be responsible for overseeing and running of tournaments.

1. The Tournament Director is answerable to the executive committee of the ATBSOQ for his/her actions.
4. The Tournament Director is on duty for the entire tournament. An alternate may be appointed by the Tournament Director with the approval of the Executive Committee and will have the same powers in the absence of the Tournament Director. The alternate Tournament Director is still under the direction of the appointed Tournament Director.
5. The Tournament Director's decision in any matters arising out of the tournament under his jurisdiction, shall be deemed final and no correspondence will be entered into other than that which is called for under TBA rules and regulations.
4. It shall be compulsory for the Tournament Director to place before the executive committee of the ATBSOQ, preferably in writing, any problems that arise or arose from the tournament.
5. Should the Tournament Director be unsure of his/her standing on a given matter, he/she will consult the executive committee before the final decision is made.
6. He/She shall be in contact with the centre manager or Head Technician leading up to a tournament about the oiling pattern for the tournament.
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ELECTIONS, TERMS AND VACANCIES:

1. To be eligible for election to the executive committee, the nominee must be a financial member of ATBSOQ and in good standing.
The executive committee will include a President, two Vice-Presidents (one male and one female), a Secretary, a Treasurer (the position of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined), an Assistant Secretary and a Tournament Director.
Newly elected officers shall commence their duties immediately on election.
Retiring officers may be invited to attend meetings in an advisory capacity until the next following ATBSOQ AGM.
2. If a vacancy occurs in any position within the executive committee, it will be filled in the following manner:
 - (i) The President: The vacancy will be filled by one of the vice-presidents, chosen by the remaining executive committee members.

- (ii) The Vice-President: The vacancy will be filled by a person elected by the remaining executive committee members from amongst their number.
 - (iii) All such appointments will be for the remainder of the existing terms of office.
3. If a member of the executive committee is accused in writing of failing in the proper performance of his/her duties by any financial member of the ATBSOQ, the executive committee will conduct an investigatory meeting within two weeks from the receipt of the allegation. If, after hearing from both the accused and the accuser at that meeting, the accusation is seen by a two thirds majority of the executive committee to be sustained, the accused executive committee member's position will be declared vacant. If the accused refuses to attend any such meeting, then that meeting will proceed in their absence.
 4. All executive committee positions are to be two (2) year terms, with only one half of the number of positions to be vacated at any one election.
 5. The ATBSOQ should have a delegate from each centre represented by the membership, to join with the committee to assist in running the organisation.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership will be open to all bowlers aged 45 years and over and are the holders of a current member registration card for TBA.
2. The executive committee of the ATBSOQ will have the right to refuse membership to any applicant without being bound to give any reason for such refusal provided that the executive committee will not capriciously refuse such application.
3. Any person refused membership, has the right of appeal to the executive committee of the ATBSOQ.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

1. Associate membership of ATBSOQ, shall be open to bowlers on reaching the age of forty (40) years, providing they have been issued with a current TBA membership registration card.
2. Associate members are not permitted to vote, accept nominations for executive positions or roll off for state teams.
3. Associate membership fees will be collected each year for the season commencing 1st January and ending 31st December.
4. Fees will be set down at the AGM from time to time.

STATE TEAMS:

1. State team roll offs will be held over two dates in two (2) different centres. First six (6) bowlers past the post declared the team in each division except in the classic teams where it will be the first three (3) male and the first three (3) female bowlers past the post.
2. These state teams will consist of the bowlers who nominated for the said team.
3. Nomination fees are to be paid for before the first roll off tournament.
4. Bowlers must bowl in five (5) tournaments before the first roll off tournament to be eligible to roll off for the state team.
5. The executive committee to decide on dates, centres and format when arranging following year tournaments. Other bowling tournaments to be taken into account, to avoid tournament clashes of other Associations, where possible.
6. Nominations for state team managers will close after state teams have been announced and nominations will be taken from the floor with each state team member voting on their own choice of manager.
7. Once the state team members and managers are announced, one member from each team or manager will present their team's choice of design and colours to the executive committee for final choice of shirt.
8. Members of the state teams have the option to stay at accommodation of their choice or at the accommodation selected by the association on the proviso that their accommodation is within reasonable distance to the venue and must attend all team meetings and functions.

9. That ALL bowlers successfully qualifying for state teams sign a Code of Conduct to be abided by while in state uniform. Any bowler breaking this contract will be disqualified from the team and suspended from the next year's trial.
10. That ATBSOQ members, representing their states or drafted to other state/territories for representation be part of any disbursements from ATBSOQ with the proviso that the state/draft team member must contribute to the fundraising for their own state.
11. Those who do NOT assist in the fundraising will not be eligible for any money disbursed to them by their state association.
12. Bowlers are allowed to nominate for a limit of two (2) teams e.g. Restricted and Classic or Classic and Open. Bowler must bowl in the team of the highest grade nominated, as per entry form. A nomination fee is to be paid for each nomination.
13. All State Team Members must compete in the State Championships
14. All bowlers who make the State team must turn 45 years of age prior to the ATBSO Nationals ie. turn 45 years of age before the ATBSO Nationals (Seniors Week) starts.
15. State members and managers to assist at Nationals. Roster to be drawn up for the assigned day and duties (as advised by national Body) to be given to the helpers.
16. Associate members can bowl in the ATBSO Masters but cannot represent the State at the ATBSO Nationals.
17. Members selected for the State Team requiring letters for Council Grants must request the letter from the Secretary within one month of their team selection.

TOURNAMENTS:

1. Tournament dates for the following year to be in place by 30 June of the preceding year.
2. That averages for the men's restricted bowlers be 184 and under and that the open should be 185 and over. The ladies restricted to be 174 and under and 175 and over for the open.
3. Any bowler may bowl in a higher division but may NOT bowl in the lower division if their average is applicable to the open division.
4. There are perpetual shields for the eight (8) divisions of the masters.
5. Averages are established from the first tournament after the 1st June to match the National Database averages each year.
6. Masters format will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
7. The Queensland Masters Champion must have bowled in five (5) tournaments to be eligible to represent the state at the Nationals and must bowl in the state championships.
8. If a player is injured during the roll offs and is trying out for the state team, they must obtain a doctor's certificate prior to applying for any exemption to be considered by the committee as per entry form . However, there will be no exemptions granted for any of the normal monthly tournaments.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

1. This organisation may make changes to this constitution at an AGM or at an Extra-Ordinary General meeting of members called for this purpose, provided that:-
The Secretary receives in writing any proposed changes to the constitution at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting and such changes must be approved by a majority of members at that meeting.
2. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations are to be updated after each AGM.
3. The ATBSOQ may adopt, alter or remove rules and regulations as it deems necessary at an AGM or Extra-Ordinary meeting called especially for this purpose, provided that the Secretary receives in writing any proposed changes to the rules and regulations fourteen (14) days before that meeting.

DISSOLUTION:

If upon winding up of the ATBSOQ, there remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall given or transferred to a charitable organisation of the choice of the ATBSOQ.

ATBSOQ TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS.

1 Rules

These rules shall apply to the Code of Conduct and control of all ATBSOQ tournaments and related matters.

2 Name

The Tournaments shall be known as - The ATBSOQ State Championships (incorporating Male & Female Open, Male & Female Classic, & Restricted Male & Female Masters qualifying), State Teams Roll-offs, ATBSOQ Monthly tournaments and other organised Fundraising tournaments/challenges.

3 Purpose

(a) The purpose of the ATBSOQ, is to bring together bowlers from the of 45 years (now including Associate members turning 40) and over to compete in organised events on a regular basis.

(b) To foster, develop, and advance a spirit of good sportsmanship and fellowship, and to promote and maintain good relationships among members, and to cater to their mutual interests in relation to tenpin bowling.

4 Venue

The ATBSOQ tournaments will be conducted in a suitable bowling centre that is able to cater for such an event. The actual venues will be selected by the executive committee.

5 Masters Events

The top Sixteen (16) Men and top eight (8) Ladies on pinfall who played in the 9 game "All Events" in the Open Division and the top eight (8) Men and top eight (8) Ladies in the Classic Division and the top eight (8) Men and top eight (8) Ladies in the restricted division plus the previous years State Masters champions who submitted a nomination Form and fee for the Championship and Masters will contest this event.

(a) Bowlers nominating must have an average of not more than - for the Classic Masters (189) Ladies or (199) Men and Restricted Masters' (169) Ladies and (179) Men. Average current as at month prior to apply.

(b) Handicap: 90% of 200 will be applied to the "All Events" pinfall for the Restricted Masters.

(c) Prize fund payouts: will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and that being dependant on a full field, if full field not available in any division the payouts will be at the discretion of the executive committee. 1st place in each division will receive, Champions shirt, Plaque and Entry into National Masters event, and 2nd & 3rd will receive cash prizes dependant on size of field.

(d) The Restricted events will be run with a handicap of 90% of 200 and Grand Seniors will run with a handicap of 90% of 210

(e) Should a tie occur for any qualifying position there will be a one game roll off

(f) In the event of a player being late Masters check-in time, his/her place will be taken by the first or next available emergency qualifier.

(g) The cost of each event, including qualifying and the prize fund, will be determined by the Executive committee.

(i) Bowling days for each Masters event will be decided by the executive committee.

6 ATBSOQ State Championships

(a) The ATBSOQ State Championships will consist of four (4) divisions in each event, and These are, Open, Classic, Div 1, & Div 2. Cut off averages for these events will be :-

TEAMS

OPEN	-	Men	-	No Limit
OPEN	-	Women	-	No Limit
OPEN	-	Mixed	-	No Limit
CLASSIC	-	Men	-	717 - 796
CLASSIC	-	Women	-	677 - 756
CLASSIC	-	Mixed	-	697 - 776

DIV 1	-	Men	-	601 - 680
DIV 1	-	Women	-	581 - 640
DIV 1	-	Mixed	-	581 - 660
DIV 2	-	Men	-	600 and under
DIV2	-	Women	-	560 and under
DIV2	-	Mixed	-	580 and under

DOUBLES

OPEN	-	Men	-	No Limit
OPEN	-	Women	-	No Limit
OPEN	-	Mixed	-	No Limit
CLASSIC	-	Men	-	359 - 398

CLASSIC	-	Women	-	339 - 378
CLASSIC	-	Mixed	-	349 - 388
DIV 1	-	Men	-	301 - 340
DIV 1	-	Women	-	281 - 320
DIV 1	-	Mixed	-	291 - 330
DIV 2	-	Men	-	300 and under
DIV 2	-	Women	-	280 and under
DIV 2	-	Mixed	-	290 and under
<u>SINGLES / ALL EVENTS</u>				
OPEN	-	Men	-	No Limit
OPEN	-	Women	-	No Limit
CLASSIC	-	Men	-	180 - 199
CLASSIC	-	Women	-	170 - 189
DIV 1	-	Men	-	151 - 170
DIV 1	-	Women	-	141 - 160
DIV 2	-	Men	-	150 and under
DIV 2	-	Women	-	140 and under

Averages will be taken as at the Month prior in the year of the event, and the Handicap will be based on 90% of 200.

- (b) The events in the Championships will consist of, Teams of four (men, women or mixed) Doubles (men, women, or mixed), Singles, and All Events.
- (c) The All Events Champions will be decided on the results of a contestants " first " Singles, Doubles, and Teams event.
- (d) The cost of each event and prizefund will be determined by the executive Committee.
- (e) Late entries will be accepted at the Championships if lanes permit, but no squads are to commence after the advertised last squad start time.
- (f) No refunds will be allowed for cancellations, but replacement entrants can be used.
- (g) All prize-winners will receive monies based on 1 in 5 entries.

7 **General Rules.**

- (a) All scheduled tournaments to be run a handicap system being 90% of 200.
- (b) All bowlers shall notify tournament secretary by 6pm on the Friday prior to the Sunday Tournament.
- (c) Lanes will be conditioned between squads at every normal monthly venue.
- (d) All regular scheduled tournament payouts shall be based 1 for every 3 entries, after Linage & sundries
- (e) Bowlers are eligible to bowl in both squads at all regular scheduled tournaments.
- (f) Membership fees and tournament fees will be adjusted periodically according to costs, and all Membership Fees shall be paid before bowling first tournament. If a member has bowled 75% or more tournaments (10 tournaments will be 7 or more) during the previous year then there is no membership fee for the bowler. All non-bowling committee members will also not have to pay membership for the year.
- (g) Averages to be used :-
 - All new non bowlers will bowl for average over their first 6 game event.
 - All new League bowlers will bowl their highest League average over their first 6 game event
 - All current ATBSO bowlers shall carry their National ATBSO average
- (h) A dress code shall be used in **ALL** ATBSOQ Tournaments.
 - For men, **BLACK** trousers or dress shorts and collared shirts with ATBSO logo must be worn. No tracksuits, jeans, or surf / bike shorts will be permitted.
 - For women, **BLACK** skirts, dress shorts, or tailored Slacks, ¾ Pants and collared shirts with ATBSO logo must be worn. No tracksuits, jeans, or surf /bike shorts will be permitted.
- (i) All TBAL playing rules and regulations will apply.
- (j) All bowlers will yield right of way to any bowler on either side approach ready to bowl, and will not yield to any more than one lane either side of himself/herself. Tardy Bowling will not be tolerated.

8 **Representative Criteria.**

- (a) All nominees must bowl a minimum of **five (5)** separate tournament venues between State Championships of each year to the tournament prior to 1st rolloff in following year
- (b) Representative **Roll-offs** will consist of two dates (Sunday tournaments) in two different centres. selected by the executive committee
- (c) All ATBSOQ members who make representative teams, either for Qld or through the Draft, shall share in the proceeds of fundraising, providing they have participated in that fundraising.

9 **Life Membership.**

To be eligible for life membership of ATBSOQ, a member must be of continued good standing, and have