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**SPECIAL NOTE**

Words importing the masculine gender will include females, words importing the female gender will include the male.  
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# CHAPTER 1

## GENERAL PLAYING RULES

### RULE 101 SCORING THE GAME

- a. A game of Australian tenpins will consist of ten frames. Each player will bowl two balls in each of the first nine frames except when he will make a strike. A player who scores a strike or spare in the tenth frame will deliver three balls.
- b. A ball is legally delivered when it leaves the bowler's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory. A bowling ball must be delivered entirely by manual means and will not incorporate any device either in the ball or affixed to it which detaches at time of delivery or is a moving part in the ball during delivery except that any person who has had his hand or major portion thereof amputated may use special equipment to aid in grasping and delivering the ball providing the special equipment is in lieu of the amputee's hand.
- c. Where an artificial or medical aid is necessary for grasping and delivering the ball because of any other disability of the hand or arm, permission to use the aid in accredited competition may be granted by TBA under the following conditions:
  1. The aid does not incorporate a mechanical device with moving parts which would impart a force impetus to the ball.
  2. A description or drawing and model of aid is furnished to TBA.
  3. A doctor's certificate describing the disability together with his recommendation that the aid should be used is furnished to TBA.

If permission is not granted, the claimant will have the right of appeal to TBA. Should permission be granted for the use of an artificial or medical aid, a special identification card (not a TBA membership card) will be issued to the applicant indicating that the aid may be used in accredited competition providing the bowler has a current membership card and the use of the aid is specifically authorised by the league or tournament management.

Permission to use the device may be withdrawn for cause.

### RULE 102 STRIKE

A strike is recorded when the player completes a legal delivery and bowls down the full setup of ten pins on the first ball. It is designated by an (x) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame in which the complete set of ten pins is bowled down with the first ball. The count in each frame where a strike is bowled will be left open until the player has completed two more deliveries. The maximum count on one strike when followed by a spare is 20.

### RULE 103 DOUBLE

When a player bowls two strikes in succession legally delivered, he will have scored a double. The count in the frame where the first strike was bowled will be left open until the player has completed his next delivery. When all pins are down twice in succession the count for the first strike is 20 plus the number of pins knocked down with the first ball of the third frame following. The maximum count on a double figuring a nine pin count on the first ball following the second strike is 29.

### RULE 104 TRIPLE OR TURKEY

In scoring three successive strikes, the player will be credited with 30 pins in the frame in which the first strike was bowled. Thus, in a game of ten full frames, a player must bowl 12 strikes in succession in order to bowl a game of 300.

### RULE 105 SPARE

Any player who bowls down the remaining pins with a legally delivered second ball in any frame has scored a spare. A spare is designated by a (/) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame in which it is made. The number of pins knocked down after the first delivery before the player bowls for the spare should be marked by a small figure in the upper left corner of the frame. The count in such frame proper is left open until the player has bowled his first ball in the next frame following, when the number of pins knocked down by the first ball will be added to the ten pins represented by his spare, and the total will be credited therein. When a spare is scored in the tenth frame, a third ball will be bowled in that frame.

### RULE 106 ERROR

A player will have made an error when he fails to bowl down all ten pins after having completed two deliveries in a given frame provided the pins left standing after the first ball is bowled do not constitute a split. The number of pins knocked down after the first delivery, before the player bowls at the remaining pins, should be marked in the upper left corner of the frame. The number of pins knocked down with the second delivery should be marked in the upper right corner of the frame. The count in every frame where an error is committed will be recorded immediately following the player's second delivery.

### RULE 107 SPLIT

A split will be a setup of pins remaining standing after the first ball has legally been delivered provided the head-pin is down, and:

1. At least one pin is down between two or more pins that remain standing, as for example, 7-9 or 3-10;
2. At least one pin is down immediately ahead of two or more pins that remain standing, as for example, 5-6.

A split may be designated by a bracket around the number of pins bowled over with the first ball. Eg (8).

#### RULE 108 PINFALL - LEGAL

Every ball delivered by the player will count, unless declared a dead ball. Pins must then be re-spotted after the cause for declaring such dead ball has been removed.

1. Pins which are knocked down by another pin or pins rebounding in play from the side partition, rear cushion or sweep bar when it is at rest on the pin deck prior to sweeping dead wood are counted as pins down.
2. If when rolling at a full setup or in order to make a spare it is discovered immediately after the ball has been delivered that one or more pins are improperly set, although not missing, the ball and resulting pinfall will be counted. It is each player's responsibility to determine if the setup is correct. He will insist that any pins incorrectly set be re-spotted before delivering his ball, otherwise he implies that the setup is satisfactory. No change in the positions of any pins which are left standing can be made after a previous delivery in order to make a spare, unless the pin setter has moved or misplaced any pin after the previous delivery and prior to the bowling of the next ball.
3. Pins that are knocked down by a fair ball and remain lying on the lane or in the gutters, or which lean so as to touch kickbacks or side partitions, are termed dead wood and counted as pins down and must be removed before the next ball is bowled.

#### RULE 109 PINFALL - ILLEGAL

When any of the following incidents occur the ball counts as a ball rolled, but pins knocked down will not count:

1. When pins are knocked down or displaced by a ball that leaves the lane before reaching the pins.
2. When a ball rebounds from the rear cushion.
3. When pins come in contact with the body, arms or legs of a pin setter and rebound.
4. A standing pin which falls upon removing dead wood or which is knocked down by a human pin setter or touched by mechanical pin setting equipment will not count and must be replaced on the pin spot inscribed on the pin deck where it originally stood before delivery of the ball.
5. Pins which are bowled off the lane, rebound and remain standing on the lane must be counted as pins standing.
6. If in delivering the ball a foul is committed, any pins knocked down by such delivery will not be counted.
7. Pins knocked down by a ball illegally delivered. Refer Rule 603, Holes.

#### RULE 110 DEAD BALL

A ball will be declared dead if any of the following occur, in which case such ball will not count. The pins must be re-spotted after the cause for declaring such dead ball has been removed and player will be required to re-bowl:

- (a) If after the player delivers his ball and attention is immediately called to the fact that one or more pins were missing from the setup.
- (b) When a human pin setter removes or interferes with any pin or pins before they stop rolling or before the ball reaches the pins.
- (c) When a player bowls on the wrong lane or out of turn.
- (d) When a player is interfered with by a pin setter, another bowler, spectator, or moving object as the ball is being delivered and before the delivery is completed. The player must then and there accept the resulting pinfall or demand that pins be re spotted.
- (e) When any pins at which he is bowling are moved or knocked down in any manner, as the player is delivering the ball and before the ball reaches the pins.
- (f) When a player's ball comes in contact with any foreign obstacle, including Bumper Rails. (except in Bumper Leagues).

#### RULE 111 NO PINS MAY BE CONCEDED

No pins may be conceded and only those actually knocked down or moved entirely off the playing surface of the lane as a result of the legal delivery of the ball by the player may be counted. Every frame must be completed at the time the player is bowling in his regular order.

#### RULE 112 REPLACEMENT OF PINS

Should a pin be broken or otherwise badly damaged during the game, it will be replaced at once by another as nearly uniform in weight and condition as possible with the set in use. The league or tournament officials in conjunction with Centre Management will determine the replacement of such pins.

A broken pin does not change the score made by a bowler. The number of pins knocked down is counted, after which the broken pin is replaced.

#### RULE 113 BOWLING ON WRONG LANE

When only one player or the lead-off men on both teams bowl on the wrong lane and the error is discovered before another player has bowled, a dead ball will be declared and the player(s) required to re-bowl on the correct lane(s).

When more than one player on the same team has bowled on the wrong lane, the game will be completed without adjustment and the next game will be started on the correctly scheduled lane.

In singles match play competition where there is one bowler per lane, if one or both bowlers bowl on the wrong lane, a dead ball will be declared and the player/s required to re-bowl on the correct lanes providing the error is discovered prior to the time either bowler bowls a legal delivery in the next frame. If the error is not discovered until after either bowler delivers a legal delivery in the next frame, the score will count and the game will be completed without adjustment and the next game will be started on the correctly scheduled lane.

In singles match play competition, where a player normally bowls two frames each time it is his turn to bowl, and a player bowls on the wrong lane for these two frames, a dead ball will be declared and the player required to re-bowl both frames on the correct lanes providing the error is discovered prior to the time the opposing player has made a legal delivery. If the error is not discovered until the opposing player has bowled, the score will count and the player will be required to bowl his subsequent frames on the correct lanes.

#### RULE 114 BALLS - PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Bowling balls used in the game and marked by their owners are considered private and other participants in the game are prohibited from using the same, unless the owner consents to such use.

#### RULE 115 FOUL - DEFINITION OF

A foul is committed with no pinfall being credited to the player although the ball counts as a ball rolled, when a part of the bowler's person encroaches upon or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after executing a legal delivery. A ball is in play and a foul may be called after a legal delivery has been made and until the same or another player is on the approach in position to make a succeeding delivery.

If the player commits a foul which is apparent to both captains or one or more members of each of the opposing teams competing in a league or tournament on the same pair of lanes where the foul is committed, or to the official scorer or a tournament official, and should the foul judge or umpire through negligence fail to see it committed or an TBA approved automatic foul detecting device fails to record it, a foul will nevertheless be declared and so recorded.

Wherever it is deemed necessary to determine fouls, the officials of any Local Association, upon authorisation by their Board of Directors, may require that a foul line be plainly painted on the walls, posts, division boards, or any other structure in a bowling establishment at any point on a line with the regular foul line.

#### RULE 116 FOUL COUNTS AS BALL BOWLED

A foul ball will be recorded as a ball bowled by the player, but any pins bowled down when a foul is committed will not count. When the player fouls upon delivering the first ball of a frame, all pins knocked down must be re-spotted, and only those pins knocked down by the second ball may be counted. If he bowls down all the pins with his second ball after fouling with the first, it will be scored as a spare. When less than ten pins are bowled down on the second ball after fouling on the first, it will be scored as an error. A player who fouls when delivering his second ball of a frame will be credited with only those pins bowled down with his first ball, provided no foul was committed when the first ball was delivered. When a bowler fouls during the delivery of his first ball in the tenth frame & bowls down all tenpins with his second ball (making a spare) he bowls a third ball & is credited with a spare plus the pins bowled down with the third ball. When a player fouls while delivering his third ball in the tenth frame, only those pins bowled down in delivering his first two balls will be counted.

#### RULE 117 DELIBERATE FOUL

When a player deliberately fouls to benefit by the calling of a foul, the player will receive zero pinfall for that delivery and will not be allowed any further deliveries in that frame. Such action may be regarded as an attempt to gain an unfair advantage. (See Rule 501).

#### RULE 118 PROTESTS - PROVISIONAL BALL

When a protest involving a foul or the legality of pinfall is entered and it cannot immediately be resolved between the two team captains, a provisional ball or frame will be bowled by the contestant.

If the protest occurs on the first delivery in a frame, the player will complete his frame and then bowl another complete frame immediately, unless it involves a question of whether a bowler should receive credit for a strike or a lesser number of pins on his first delivery. In such event, the pin or pins which were protested as constituting illegal pinfall will be re-spotted and the player required to bowl another ball.

When the protest occurs on the second delivery, the player will bowl a provisional ball against the same setup of pins that were standing at the time except when the protest involves a foul in which case no provisional ball will be necessary.

A record of both scores for the frame in which the provisional delivery was made will be maintained and the protest referred to the league's Management Committee or the tournament's management committee for decision. If unable to reach a decision, the Local Association or the TBA can be asked for a decision upon submission of all the facts relating to the protest.

#### RULE 119 NO UNREASONABLE DELAY

The league or tournament officials will allow no unreasonable delay in the progress of any game. Up to five minutes is allowable in the event of sickness or injury. Should any member or team participating in a league or tournament refuse to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by the proper authorities, such game or series will be declared forfeited. No delays will be allowed for personal equipment failure. If the lanes are available, play shall proceed.

#### **RULE 120            FOUL - DETECTION**

League and tournament officials may adopt and use any TBA approved foul detecting device and where none is available a foul judge must be stationed so he has an unobstructed view of the foul line.

#### **RULE 121            FOUL - APPEAL**

No appeal will be allowed when a foul is indicated by an approved automatic foul detecting device or is called by a foul judge except when it is proved that the device is not operating properly or there is a preponderance of evidence that the bowler did not foul.

If the device becomes temporarily inoperative the following procedures will be used in calling fouls:

1. In tournament play tournament management will assign a human foul judge or arrange for the official scorers to call fouls.
2. In league play, the opposing captains will call fouls or designate someone to act as a foul judge. Failure to have the automatic foul detecting device in operation or provide for foul line observance when it is inoperative will disqualify scores bowled for TBA high score consideration.

#### **EXPLANATION**

1. This diagram shows a foul being committed because the bowler's foot is touching the lane in the foul area beyond the foul line.
2. In effect, the foul line extends in an unbroken line across the building, including aisles and up the wall. Therefore, the bowlers in the diagram who have stepped into the aisle or touched the wall beyond the foul line have committed fouls.
3. This bowler's right foot has crossed the foul line on an adjacent lane causing the foul light to register on that lane. A foul must be called even though the light did not indicate a foul on the lane on which she is bowling.
4. This bowler has fouled because her hand is resting on the lane beyond the foul line. This foul must be called and recorded by the scorekeeper or the team captain even though the automatic foul detecting device has not registered the foul.
5. When foreign objects such as cigarettes, cigars, pencils, etc. drop from a bowler's pocket on or across the foul line and no part of the bowler's person touches on or across the foul line, no foul is committed.
6. Everything on the approach side of the foul line is "fair territory" for the bowler. He may prevent a foul by holding onto posts, ball returns or the wall on his side of the foul line.
7. A foul is not committed when the bowler enters the foul area but retains possession of the ball. The bowler should not be charged with a foul because he has not executed a legal delivery.
8. A ball is legally delivered when it leaves the bowler's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory. The diagram clearly illustrates the "foul area" and "fair territory".

A bowler is subject to the foul rule after every legal delivery and until he or another player is in a position to make a succeeding delivery. The player will be charged with a foul whether the ball is in the pit or on the way back to the rack if he enters the foul area before he or another bowler is in a position to bowl again. The ball is considered in play until that time.

**EDITOR'S NOTES  
THESE ARE**

**FOULS**

**NOT FOULS**

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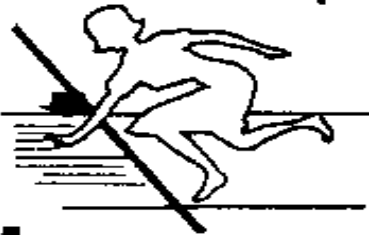
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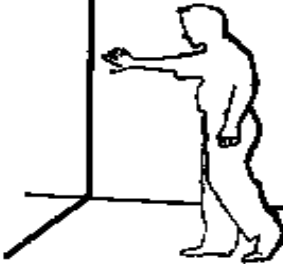
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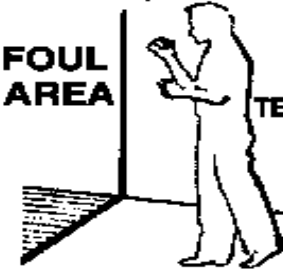
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**FOUL  
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**RULE 122 AVERAGE - DEFINITION OF**

A bowling average is determined by dividing the total number of pins credited to a bowler by the number of games bowled in one league in a season.

When establishing an average in league play, a right-handed bowler must bowl right-handed at all times. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must bowl left-handed at all times. Penalty: forfeiture of game.

No combination of scores bowled both right and left-handed will be used in computing an average.

A new average must be established if the bowler finds it necessary to change his delivery from right to left-handed or vice versa. Refer to Rule 213 for further details on deliveries.

In all cases, extra pins or fractions must be disregarded when using averages for handicapping or classification purposes. The extra pins will be reduced to a percentage of a pin only for the purpose of deciding individual position standings in a league.

**RULE 123 PRIZES - PROPRIETORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES**

No tournaments or leagues can restrict the owner of the bowling establishment or his employees from qualifying for individual or all events prizes.

**RULE 124 PROTESTS - TIME LIMIT**

Protests involving eligibility, scoring or general playing rules in leagues and tournaments will be governed as follows:

**LEAGUES:** Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible official or TBA not later than 72 hours after the series in which the infraction occurred has been bowled.

If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration of the 72 hour period, the series must stand as bowled.

Protests resulting out of competition in the final week of a league's schedule must be filed within 48 hours of the concluding night of the schedule.

**TOURNAMENTS:** Any protests affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be lodged with a responsible tournament official before the tournament prize payments are made. Such protest has to be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament, Local Association official or TBA within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.

**Protests - Errors in Scoring**

**OBVIOUS ERRORS:** Errors in scoring or errors in calculating league or tournament play must be corrected by a responsible league or tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error.

**QUESTIONABLE ERRORS:** the league's Management Committee or the Management Committee of the tournament will decide upon questionable errors. Protests relating to questionable errors must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament, league or Local Association official as follows:

**Tournaments:** Within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.

**Leagues:** Within 14 days after the series has been bowled in which the questionable error arose.

Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule will not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

**RULE 125 APPROACHES MUST NOT BE DEFACED**

No one will mark on or will introduce on any part of the approach or lane any substance that will have a tendency to injure, disfigure or place the approach or lane in such condition as to detract from the possibility of other bowlers being able to take advantage of the usual conditions. The use of such substances as aristol, talcum powder, pumice, resin, etc, on shoes; the use of soft rubber soles and heels that rub off, and in any manner alter the normal conditions of the approach are strictly prohibited.

**RULE 126 AUTOMATIC SCORING DEVICES**

An automatic scoring device that has been approved may be used in accredited league and tournament play.

This device will provide a printed record of the score which can be audited frame by frame and otherwise comply with the scoring and playing rules of the game.

**RULE 127 ILLEGAL BALL - PENALTY**

If a ball in a bowlers possession is checked during or immediately following a session of games and proved to be outside of the specifications defined in Chapter 6, the last series of games bowled consecutively in that tournament or league will not be recognised. An illegal ball in the player's possession will be deemed to have been used in that session of games. Any records or awards achieved or presented prior to that session of continuous games will stand.

# CHAPTER 2

## GENERAL

### RULE 201 BOWLING ETIQUETTE

Bowlers must give consideration at all times to the rights of the other bowler.

1. Prepare to take your turn promptly on the lane. Remember, the player to your right has the right of way.
2. Take your time, but don't waste time by posing or waiting until everyone else is off the adjacent approaches.
3. Do not step onto your approach until the previous bowler has left.
4. Stay on your own approach at all times. "Riding" balls is permitted as long as the bowler does not move outside of one lane either side of the delivery lane.
5. Step back off the approach after making each delivery.
6. Do not use another player's ball without permission.
7. The approaches may not be exactly to your liking, but DON'T use chalk, resin or talcum powder to condition them. Your fellow bowlers may like them as they are.
8. Do not use chalk, resin or talcum powder in the players area.
9. Good bowling requires concentration. When players are ready to bowl, give them the courtesy of making their shot without any interference, as you will want the same courtesy when it is your turn to bowl.
10. Be ready to bowl, but wait until the pin setting machine has completed its cycle and the sweep-bar is raised.
11. Respect the equipment. Getting the ball out on the lane is good bowling, but "lofting" can damage the lane.
12. Play the game to win, but be a gracious loser if you are on the short end of the count when the game is over.

### RULE 202 MEMBERSHIP OF LICENSED ASSOCIATIONS

A person becomes a member of a Licensed Association by paying a prescribed membership fee to that Association. Bowlers participating in competitive competition in more than one Licensed Association may be required to pay an associate membership fee to each Licensed Association they are competing in.

### RULE 203 CENTRE REGISTRATION

Refer to the TBA Centre Registration Policy at [www.tenpin.org.au](http://www.tenpin.org.au). Go to the Policy area of the Site.

All bowling centres will be listed on the web site at [www.tenpin.org.au](http://www.tenpin.org.au), in the "Centres" area, and will be classified as "Registered", "Suspended" or "Un Registered".

### RULE 204 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

The membership year shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December in each year.

### RULE 205 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

A Licensed Association may set different membership fees for different classifications of bowler, eg Junior, Adult, etc.

A Junior is defined as a bowler who has not reached the age of 18 years on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

A Youth is defined as a bowler who has not reached the age of 23 years on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

A Senior is defined as a bowler who must have reached the age of 50 years before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

As a point of clarification, the classifications for TBA Tournaments are defined as follows:

If a tournament is by rule open to junior bowlers, a competitor must be under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January that year. If a tournament is by rule open to all adult bowlers, a bowler must have turned 18 by the date of the tournament to be able to enter. Eg. A bowler who turns 18 on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2001 is eligible to enter any tournament that is open by rule to juniors in 2001 and is also eligible to enter any adult tournament after 15<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

### RULE 206 TBA AFFILIATION

A person becomes affiliated with TBA by paying a prescribed Sports Registration Fee to a Registered Bowling Centre or its associated Licensed Association. The Sports Registration Fee is the same for all classifications and is payable only once each year. A Sports Registration Fee paid by a bowler competing in an unregistered centre will not be recognised by TBA until such time as the centre becomes registered.

### RULE 207 LICENSES

TBA will only issue a License to Associations that are representing bowlers in bowling centres that are registered with TBA. An Association licence will be suspended if any centre or centres listed in the licence application is/are not in good standing with the Tenpin Bowling Trust, Tenpin Bowling Australia or a licensed Lane Inspector within 90 days of the due date of outstanding registration fees or dues. An application must be submitted to TBA to have a suspension

issued under this rule lifted and any lifted suspension will become effective 30 days after outstanding fees or dues have been paid.

#### **RULE 208 MEMBER RECOGNITION**

TBA services and awards will be available to all TBA affiliated bowlers who are participating in League competition organised or arranged by TBA, a Licensed Association or a Registered Bowling Centre.

From July 1<sup>st</sup> 2004:

any bowler who competes in a league in a centre listed as "suspended" will not be able to count those league games towards any quota required to achieve State/National team selection eligibility

any bowler who competes in a league or tournament in a centre listed as "unregistered" will be ineligible to represent their State or Nation in any State or National teams event.

#### **RULE 209 JUNIOR CONDUCT CODE**

The following conduct code will be observed during accredited league and tournament play so as to provide a good environment for members of TBA Licensed Associations or Registered Bowling Centres:

- a. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed by Juniors members of TBA Licensed Associations or Registered Bowling Centres whilst they are engaged in TBA competition.
- b. Junior members of TBA Licensed Associations or Registered Bowling Centres will refrain from smoking during the time any TBA competitions in which they are participating are in progress.
- c. Junior members of TBA Licensed Associations or Registered Bowling Centres will not play on amusement machines or similar while junior TBA competitions or school bowling activities are in progress.

#### **RULE 210 GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### **GUIDELINES**

These Rules of Conduct will apply to all bowlers, coaches, administrators and all other persons in any way involved in TBA accredited competition.

##### **CARD SYSTEM**

A penalty system will apply to this tournament/League. Tournament/League Officials have the authority to issue official warnings and/or cards for any breach of the Code of Conduct. If, in the opinion of a Tournament/League Official, an incident is considered to be a very serious breach of the code, then that person may issue a Red Card immediately without having first issued an official warning or Yellow Card.

##### **INFRACTIONS**

The actions that a penalty may be issued for include but are not limited to the following:

1. EQUIPMENT ABUSE
2. PHYSICAL ABUSE
3. VERBAL ABUSE
4. OBSCENE GESTURES
5. CONTRAVENING THE TBA ANTI DOPING POLICY
6. CONTRAVENING THE TBA CODE OF ETHICS
7. UNFAIR ADVANTAGE BY:
  - a. Deliberate Foul
  - b. Use of Abrasives
  - c. Sledging
  - d. Any form of Cheating
8. FAILURE TO FOLLOW TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE OFFICIALS DIRECTIVES

##### **PROCEDURE AND PENALTIES**

These rules will be implemented as follows, with the action to be taken at the time of the alleged infraction:

First Infraction: The offender will be given an official verbal warning.

Second Infraction: A YELLOW CARD will be shown.

Third Infraction: A RED CARD will be shown.

The penalty for a third infraction is disqualification for the remainder of the Tournament or that session of League bowling and a possible suspension from future TBA competitions. The League or Tournament Committee will convene at a convenient time within 24 hours of the RED CARD being shown to discuss the need for further action to be taken under Chapter 5.

#### **RULE 211 SLOW BOWLING**

Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

- a) They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.
- b) Players shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right.
- c) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and the left are clear.
- d) From the time the player steps on to the approach, no more than 20 seconds is to have elapsed before delivery of the ball.

If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in a, b, c and d above, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament/League official as follows:

A verbal warning for the first offence (no penalty)

A YELLOW CARD for the second offence (no penalty)

A RED CARD for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games (six games for Singles and Doubles, three games in Mixed Team and all games of match play in a day). The penalty shall be zero pinfall for the frame.

For interpretation of the enforcement of this rule, the Tournament Director/League Official shall specifically monitor any player that gets more than four frames behind the leader in a singles, doubles or masters event; or more than two frames behind in a team, not counting the end pairs of lanes.

#### RULE 212 COACHING WHILST COMPETING

A bowler participating in a current line-up may be coached during competition, providing:

- a) the coaching is not carried out on the lanes.
- b) the coaching does not cause any delays in the normal rotation of play.

Under no circumstances is a bowler participating in a current line-up permitted to make any deliveries on "practice", "warm-up" or any other lanes in a bowling centre apart from the lanes the bowler is actually scheduled to play on at that time.

Contravening this rule will result in the bowler's loss of pinfall for that game.

#### RULE 213 BALL DELIVERY DEFINITION

If the ball is delivered on the right hand side of the body, the delivery will be deemed to be a right handed delivery, regardless of whether any holes drilled for gripping purposes are used or not. Similarly, if the ball is delivered on the left hand side of the body, the delivery will be deemed to be a left handed delivery, regardless of whether any holes drilled for gripping purposes are used or not.

#### RULE 214 SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited during a series or session of continuous games in any competition accredited by TBA or any organisation, Committee or Bowling Centre recognised by TBA.

#### RULE 215 DISPUTES/RULE QUERIES

In the event of a dispute or rule query, the organisational body responsible for the people with the dispute or query should resolve the matter. If it cannot be resolved at that level, the next highest organisational level should rule. If the dispute gets to Association level, then the Association should rule. If there is still no resolution, the State Association should rule. If there is still no resolution, the State Manager can be called upon to rule and/or refer the matter to TBA to be dealt with.

#### RULE 216 DEFINITION OF A BOWLER WITH A DISABILITY

***A bowler with a Disability*** is a registered player of TBA and whose condition is acknowledged by one of the following National Sporting Organisations for People with a Disability being:

Ausrapid, Australian Athletes with a Disability, Deaf Sports Australia, Australian Blind Sports Federation, Special Olympics Australia and Transplant Australia.

Special consideration can be given should a TBA registered bowler not fit the criteria of any of the above organisations. All appeals should be lodged in writing and forwarded to the TBA National Office.

**The criteria for the National Sporting Associations is available from their web sites. Links are available on the TBA Web sites under disabilities.**

Note: Reviews will require medical evidence of a disability from a registered medical practitioner being a specialist.

# CHAPTER 3

## LEAGUE RULES

### RULE 301 LEAGUE - DEFINITION AND QUALIFICATION

Any group of four or more teams of players OR four or more individual players, participating in the sport of Tenpins according to a pre-arranged TBA schedule may be defined as a League, regardless of whether prizes of any character are offered. All games of Australian Tenpins to be considered league play, must be bowled and conducted in compliance with the rules established by the league and the General Playing Rules of Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited. Each team shall play three consecutive games every time the league is scheduled to bowl, unless otherwise decided by the leagues Management Committee. The Committee must also determine the manner in which all league games shall be decided.

The league will follow a regular schedule of matches as set forth in the league's Constitution. At all times, the spirit of good fellowship and sociability will be fostered amongst members. Provision will be made for the league to declare an annual or season champion, based upon the games bowled during the full season's schedule.

Every member of the league, including its officers, must be affiliated with Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited and may participate in any number of leagues.

The number of teams and playing strength of each team will be set in the league's Constitution. The names and details of players will be registered with the league Secretary prior to the commencement of play.

### RULE 302 TRAVELLING LEAGUE

A league conducting its schedule at Centres located in the jurisdiction of more than one Association will be known as a Travelling League, and will file their application for accreditation through the Association decided upon by the majority of its Team Captains.

**NOTE:** A group of bowlers that are from one Bowling Centre and governed by their own rules that competes against a group or groups of bowlers governed by other rules from the same or another Bowling Centre is not a league and must seek tournament accreditation for events bowled. (Refer Rule 804). If all events for a particular period of time are planned ahead, all may be covered by one tournament accreditation application.

### RULE 303 SINGLES LEAGUE

Any group of 4 or more individual players bowling a schedule of games of Australian Tenpins, with standings based on the outcome of games played between those individuals, will be defined as a singles league. Basic rules of team play apply equally to singles competition.

### RULE 304 MIXED LEAGUE

A mixed league will include the following groups:

- (a) A league in which both male and female players participate - in any combination
- (b) A league in which both adult and junior players participate - in any combination and of either gender.

### RULE 305 LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

Every bowling league will have a Constitution and set of rules that provide for the league's regular activities. The Constitution will provide for the election of its Officers and a Management Committee.

Each league will elect a President, Vice-President (at least one), Secretary and Treasurer, who must all be affiliated with TBA and be in good standing with the local centre/Association. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined, but no other offices may be combined. The supervision of a league consisting of intellectually handicapped bowlers may be by an adult guardian who is not intellectually handicapped. The guardian will assist in the setting up of a Management Committee and Officers and guide in the administration of the rules of the league. The Local/Regional Association may appoint any current member who is affiliated with TBA in good standing, as guardian of such a league.

No business shall be transacted at any League or Committee meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum shall be a majority of the persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

### RULE 306 PRESIDENT - DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) The President will preside at all meetings of the league and its Management Committee.
  - 2) The President and the Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) will either:
    - a) establish an account in the name of the league, in a recognised banking institution, government guaranteed building society or credit union, with the signatures of at least two officers required for all withdrawals or,
    - b) follow the bowling centre or Association procedure for League fund management.
- Two members of an immediate family (legitimate or de facto) cannot be co-signatories for withdrawals from a league account.

- 3) The President will personally on a regular weekly basis, check and verify that the correct amount of monies collected have been deposited correctly.
- 4) Regular financial statements should be made available to all team captains and retained by the President until all funds have been disbursed at the end of the league season.
- 5) The President shall arrange for a prize list, together with conditions and eligibility requirements, to be presented to the league's Management Committee for approval, within five (5) weeks of the start of the league schedule.

**RULE 307 VICE PRESIDENT - DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will assume all the duties and responsibilities of the league President.

**RULE 308 SECRETARY - DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

In addition to those duties specified by the league's Management Committee, the Secretary is responsible to ensure that:-

- 1) A copy of the league Constitution and rules is supplied or made available to all members,
- 2) A copy of the league schedule is posted or made available to all members,
- 3) An accurate record of all individual and team scores are maintained. (Centre computer print-outs are acceptable),
- 4) A current standing sheet is posted or made available to every league member,
- 5) The league accreditation application papers are completed and lodged with the Local Association within 42 days of the commencement of the league schedule,
- 6) All players are affiliated with TBA and are financial members of the Association if applicable. Any fees collected are remitted to the Association office within 7 days of collection,
- 7) Applications are lodged promptly for awards due to players,
- 8) Upon request, a complete list of players who participated throughout the season, in alphabetical order, together with the number of games bowled, total pinfall and average of each bowler, is to be forwarded to the Association.
- 9) All results and performance records for the league are to be retained for 12 months after the conclusion of each season.

If there is a change of Secretary, all records of the league must be passed on to the successor.

A Secretary may be removed from office and/or suspended from membership of an Association for failing to comply with the requirements of this rule, or any other duties assigned by the league's Management Committee.

**RULE 309 TREASURER - DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1) The Treasurer shall, if required, assist the President to set up the required accounts.
- 2) Unless alternative arrangements are made with the Centre management, all funds collected are to be deposited within one week of each session of play and the league's financial transactions are to be recorded in a manner acceptable to the League. TBA has a Treasurer's record book available for purchase if required.
- 3) Within thirty days after the completion of the league's schedule, all prizes must be distributed unless the league's Management Committee has set a specific date for prize distribution, or the local Association has authorised withholding of payment pending the settlement of any claim or protest affecting prize distribution.
- 4) A full financial report showing income from all sources, and all expenditure items, will be supplied to the Management Committee when requested, or in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

**RULE 310 VACANCIES IN OFFICE**

When a vacancy occurs in any of the "positions of office" of the league, the Management Committee will hold an election to fill the vacancy the next time the League meets.

**RULE 311 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The Management Committee is the governing body of the league. It is comprised of the officers of the league and each of the team captains. A team captain may appoint an alternate to represent the team at a Management Committee meeting. Each person attending will be entitled to only one vote, regardless of whether they are team representative, officer or both.
2. The Management Committee will hear and decide upon all matters pertaining to the league's Constitution and rules. They will also hear and handle complaints or protests relating to controversy or violation of any TBA or Association rule.
3. The Management Committee and the league will be bound by the Constitution and rules adopted prior to the commencement of the season. Such rules must not be in conflict with TBA rules.

After commencement of play, the league Constitution may only be altered with the full approval of every member of the Management Committee and support of all players.

The Committee may declare forfeited, or null and void, any protested or disputed games, and decide upon any other matters arising in the league. The decision of the Committee will be final, except where an appeal is made to the Local Association or TBA for further consideration. It is incumbent upon the Committee to ensure that all parties to any dispute or protest have the opportunity to present their case, and written notice of the date, time and place for such a

meeting or opportunity must be given.

#### RULE 312 TEAM CAPTAIN - DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

A team captain will be one of a group of players playing as a team in the league, and may be appointed or chosen by election of the team members or simply by majority consent. The team captain as recorded with the Secretary will be the team's representative on the league Management Committee, and will be responsible for the team's conduct and attendance for all league play. The team captain is required to collect the required dues from each player and pay the full team contributions due for each session of play to the league Treasurer.

At the end of each season, the captain is obliged to divide all prizes or prize money won by the team, in accord with any written or verbal agreement made by the team.

#### RULE 313 ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

The centre must be registered and in good standing with TBA and the lanes used for competition must have a current season TBA Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate posted in the establishment. The Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate procedure is detailed in the TBA Lane Accreditation Policy, available from [www.tenpin.org.au](http://www.tenpin.org.au). Go to the Policy section of the Web Site.

A completed accreditation application form must be lodged with the Association or Registered Bowling Centre together with a copy of the league's Constitution and rules for that season.

A complete listing of all players and their current individual TBA card numbers must be included.

All players must be affiliated with TBA and financial members of the Local Association or Registered Bowling Centre (if applicable) before they are permitted to play as a regular member of the league, lest any points won by them may be forfeited.

#### RULE 314 COMPUTER SCORING - POWER FAILURE

In computer scoring, if a power failure or power surge occurs and scores cannot be recovered and no record has been kept of the scores bowled, these games must be re-bowled at the earliest convenience.

#### RULE 315 ENTERING AVERAGES

- 1) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games in this League:  
The previous seasons finishing average in this League.
- 2) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games but not in this League:  
Highest current average in any League in which 21 or more games have been played. If no current average, then the highest yearbook average over 21 games.
- 3) Previously Bowled, but not 21 Games in one League:  
Current average in the League in which the most games have been bowled or the highest Yearbook average, whichever is the highest.
- 4) The above averages shall be used for the first nine (9) games of the new season. After nine games have been bowled, the total current seasons pinfall will be divided by nine (9) to determine the new average.
- 5) No Previous Experience:  
A Bowler shall bowl three (3) games and have the total pins divided by three (3) to determine the average to be used.
- 6) Premiership points will be allocated to teams from the beginning of the season using the above averages.

#### RULE 316 ROVING SUBSTITUTE

- 1) Must be registered with the League.
- 2) Any Captain, knowing he will not have a full line-up for any match, may ask a roving substitute to report for that match. Providing all teams have a legal line-up, the roving substitute shall be taken as a member of that team for that match.
- 3) The score of a roving substitute shall be used to calculate the results of a match.
- 4) League entering average rules shall apply.
- 5) Shall carry his own average in the League.

#### RULE 317 VACANCY SCORES

When a team is incomplete at the beginning of the schedule and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of one hundred and twenty shall be used if the bowlers absent have no previous League experience. A handicap shall be allotted to suit the vacancy score. The score used for the match result is taken as the Blind score of the Vacancy allowance plus handicap.

#### RULE 318 TARDY (LATE) PLAYERS

- 1) A tardy player shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first frame with the score to count, provided the game has not progressed beyond the third frame.

- 2) Should a bowler have to take emergency leave, one tenth of the bowlers blind score shall be used for each frame not completed in that game, and the bowler's blind score for each game after.
- 3) Games using any part of a blind score shall not be credited to the players average.
- 4) A bowler who has to leave early, may, with the permission of both Captains, complete the game bowling frames on alternate lanes with one of the opposing players, providing the match has progressed up to the fifth frame of the third game.

#### RULE 319 REPLACEMENT TEAMS

A team that enters the competition after the season is in progress shall assume a position equal to the team on the bottom of the table.

#### RULE 320 BYES / FORFEITS

- 1) When a bye or a forfeit occurs, due to any reason whatsoever, the team present and not at fault must bowl all games as though they were actually contested.
- 2) Every member bowling on such team must have completed his frame on one lane before the team shall commence its frame on the adjoining lanes.
- 3) When a team forfeits a series, the members of the team are still responsible for all fees except actual bowling fees.
- 4) The points for individual effort can only be won when a player without opposition bowls a score higher than their own average less ten pins per game. When a game ends in a tie, the player concerned shall be credited with half of the points awarded for individual effort. Points not won by the team present and bowling shall be abandoned.
- 5) The points for team effort can only be won when the pinfall total for each game exceeds the team average less ten pins for each player in the line-up playing against the bye or forfeit. If the team's total pinfall only equals team average less ten pins for each player in the line-up playing the bye or forfeit, the team concerned shall be credited with half of the points awarded for individual effort. Points not won by the team present and bowling shall be abandoned.

#### RULE 321 PARTICIPATION LIMITED

No player may register a score for more than one team in the same schedule of matches nor may they participate more than once in the line-up of a team nor may they compete in more than one League simultaneously.

#### RULE 322 TRANSFERRING TEAM MEMBERSHIP

A player who has competed with a team and whose scores have counted in deciding games may transfer to another team of the league during the season provided:

1. The captain of his/her existing team consents to the transfer.
2. Two-thirds of the league's team captains agree to the transfer.
3. A player so transferred may not return to any team with which he had previously played during that season.

#### RULE 323 INTERRUPTED GAME

Any game or series which cannot be completed on the pair of lanes assigned in the league schedule, for any reason, may be transferred to another pair of certified lanes in the same centre on the same or some subsequent date, or held over for completion at another time. The league officers will decide on the circumstances for re-scheduling. Any game or series so interrupted will resume from the point of interruption.

#### RULE 324 SERIES - HOW BOWLED

A natural (two adjoining) pair of lanes will be used in each game of league play. Teams scheduled to bowl against each other must be in direct competition on adjacent lanes, and will then and there oppose each other, unless a forfeit or postponed or pre-bowled game is granted.

The first game of a series will be started on the scheduled lane with succeeding games starting on alternating lanes of the pair.

#### RULE 325 ORDER OF BOWLING

All members of the contesting teams will successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane and for the next frame change and use the other lane of the pair, alternating each frame until the end of the game, save for any bonus balls resulting from a strike or spare in the tenth frame, which will be bowled on the same lane as the tenth frame.

Every frame must be completed at the time the bowler is bowling in their regular order, with tenth frame bonus balls being completed before the next player bowls.

In matches other than singles competition, the anchor player must have bowled the first ball of the frame before the lead-off player commences the next frame.

When any question arises as to which bowler should bowl first or when two bowlers are in corresponding positions, it will be incumbent upon the bowler on the right to so bowl.

RULE 326 SCORING

The scores of all games will be recorded frame by frame in plain view of all opposing players and spectators. At the end of each game the individual and team scores will be recorded in the manner determined by the league and become the official record for the season. If an obvious error is noticed at any time, the league Secretary must correct it immediately, with questionable errors being referred to the league's Management Committee for decision.

If the scores of any game, series or game in progress, are lost or become irretrievable with no record available, then those game/s must be re-bowled as soon as possible.

RULE 327 INJURY, DISABILITY OR EMERGENCY

When a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or emergency, and a qualified substitute is not available to bowl, the team of which he is a member will count his actual score for the frames bowled in the game total. One tenth of the Blind Score will be added for each remaining frame of the game. The frames bowled may not be used in calculating the bowler's average.

When a player does not complete a game of their own volition and a qualified substitute is not available to bowl then the team will count zero for each of the frames not bowled.

RULE 328 SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GAME OR SERIES

After a game has started, no changes will be made in the order of the players during such game, except that for whatever reason, a qualified substitute is used to replace a bowler listed in the line up. When a substitution is made during a game, the score of such game will be credited to the starting player. A player once removed from a game cannot return to bowl in the same game. Scores bowled through the effort of more than one individual player will not qualify for any TBA individual high score awards. Any game or series containing scores of more than one bowler must not be used to calculate an average.

RULE 329 PREMIERSHIP

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the completed schedule shall be the winner.

**Note: Rule No 301 to 329 CANNOT be ignored or altered by virtue of anything written into a league Constitution.**

RULE 330 THE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

THE LEAGUE AT ITS FORMATION MEETING, SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY ALL OF THE VARIABLES AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ENSURE A SOUND BASIS FOR GOOD, WELL RUN AND ENJOYABLE COMPETITION.

THE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WRITING INTO THEIR LEAGUE CONSTITUTION, ALL OF THOSE VARIABLES THAT WILL ENABLE EVERYBODY TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE RULES.

Refer to Chapter 9 for suggestions and guidance on options.

WITHOUT BEING LIMITED, THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN THE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION:-

Size of league - No. of teams - playing strength of each team - No. of reserves - replacements - substitutes - minimum line-up.

Length of season - No. of weeks/rounds - non-playing dates - starting date - Xmas/holiday break - finals.

Points system - game points - series points - league standings - equal points - ties.

Averages - entering averages - No. of games for handicap.

Handicaps - scratch/base figure - percentages.

Style of play

Blind scores - fixed or variable - which to use - when to use - how often - alternatives.

Vacancy Score

Fees - game fees - prize fund - social fund - absentees - presentation function - secretary/score keepers honorariums.

Time of play - Tardy players.

Withdrawals and replacements.

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY, EACH BOWLER SHOULD SATISFY THEMSELVES AS TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENT TO THE LEAGUE.

THEY HAVE THE RIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE NOT TO BOWL IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ESTABLISHED RULES.

ONCE PLAY COMMENCES, EVERYBODY IS DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO THE LEAGUE RULES AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL PLAYERS WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE AND ITS CONSTITUTION OR RULES.

A COPY OF THE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY TOGETHER WITH THE ACCREDITATION PAPERS OF THE LEAGUE.

***IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC RULES SPELLED OUT IN THE LEAGUE'S OWN CONSTITUTION, RULES 331 TO 339 WILL BE APPLIED, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR LEAGUE PLAY.***

**RULE 331 LEGAL LINE-UP - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

A legal line-up in league play is defined as follows:-

- Five player teams - Three or more players
- Four player teams - Two or more players
- Three player teams - Two or more players
- Two player teams - One player
- Singles leagues - One player

**RULE 332 PRIZES - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

- 1) The prize list should be prepared as defined in Rule 306 (5).
- 2) To qualify for individual average, game or series prizes, a bowler must have bowled in at least 50 percent of the scheduled games in the current season. (Excluding Most Improved Average).
- 3) To qualify for any Team trophy, a bowler in the team must have bowled in at least 50 percent of Leagues scheduled games for that team since the team joined the League.
- 4) A team can qualify for only one special prize for series or game.
- 5) A bowler can qualify for one individual series and one individual game trophy.
- 6) Rules (4) and (5) do not include Premiership, Runner-up, Individual Team award, most improved average or high average trophies.

**RULE 333 HANDICAP - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

The handicap allowance shall be 80 percent and shall be figured on the difference between each individuals average and 200 scratch.

e.g.	If the average calculated	=	134
	For handicap calculation, 200 - 134	=	66
	Handicap (80% of 66)	=	52

The calculation results in 52.8. Decimal places are not used and are therefore ignored.

**RULE 334 TEAM ROSTERS - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary on the first day of the season. New players cannot be added to a team roster after the start of the last schedule, without the approval of the Management Committee.

**RULE 335 BLIND SCORES - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

A blind score shall be allowed when a team has a legal but less than full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less ten pins of any absent bowler on the team roster. The absent bowlers handicap must be added to the Blind Score.

**RULE 336 POINTS SYSTEM - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

- 1) POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:
  - a) Two points will be awarded to the winner of each Team game.
  - b) Four points will be awarded to the winner of the Team series.
  - c) One point will be awarded to each team in the case of a tied game.
  - d) Two points will be awarded to each team in the case of a tied series.
- 2) In "handicap leagues" results of all matches will include Handicap's.
- 3) Blind Scores and Vacancy Scores will be included in all Team totals.

**RULE 337 POSITION STANDINGS - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

Shall be determined on the basis of games won and lost. Where more than one team/individual has the same number of points, the team/individual with the highest gross pinfall for the season to date will take precedence. Gross pinfall will include any handicaps, blind or vacancy scores used in determining points won or lost

**RULE 338 POSTPONED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)**

All league games will be bowled as per the pre-arranged schedule unless they are postponed or pre-bowled upon authorisation of the league's Management Committee. Whilst the Committee may determine what is sufficient cause to grant postponement/pre-bowling, they must always allow for "Emergency" situations. When Doubles or Teams are postponed or pre-bowled, they must compete as Doubles and Teams respectively.

Rules similar to those for postponements will apply to pre-bowling.

REQUEST NOTICE - At least 48 hours prior to scheduled match.

TIME LIMIT - No postponed game may be bowled later than 24 hours after the end of the final scheduled competition, unless that match could have a bearing on the outcome of the league championship. Such matches must be concluded within seven days of the scheduled close of competition.

PROCEDURE - Once granted, the league secretary will advise the centre on the changes to the schedule and make arrangements for the new dates. Usual league rules and conditions to apply and one pair of certified lanes in the same centre are to be used.

ALTERNATIVE DATES are to be arranged between the team captains concerned, but if after seven (7) days, agreement cannot be reached, the line officers of the league will set and advise both captains of the new date and time, giving at least three (3) days notice.

AVERAGES/HANDICAPS existing at the date of play are to be used.

RULE 339 PLAY - OFFS - (Unless covered by a Leagues own Rules)

Total pinfall plus handicap in one game shall determine the winners of any play-off for the 1st or 2nd place, on a pair of lanes to be selected by draw.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **AWARDS AND CONDITIONS**

### **GOVERNING THE ISSUE OF AWARDS**

RULE 401 THE PERFECT GAME AWARD

TBA will prepare and present a suitably embossed Plaque and chevron to any affiliated TBA bowler in good standing who has, in a single game in accredited competition anywhere under the jurisdiction of TBA, attained the score of 300. This award is free of charge once in a lifetime.

Should a bowler achieve these scores two or more times, a Certificate will be presented.

RULE 402 SPECIAL AWARDS - PLAQUES

TBA will prepare and make available suitably embossed Plaques for purchase by all affiliated TBA bowlers in recognition of the following special accomplishments in accredited competition.

300 Game	(second and/or subsequent achievements)
299 Game	
298 Game	
1000 Series	(for bowling 1000 or better in four consecutive games).
900 Series	(for bowling 900 or better in four consecutive games).
800 Series	(for bowling 800 or better in three consecutive games).
800 Series	(for bowling 800 or better in four consecutive games).
700 Series	(for bowling 700 or better in three consecutive games).
11 in a row	(for bowling 11 strikes in a row where the score is 297 or less).

A bowler may request either a Ring or Watch for the following achievements. The award will be supplied at full cost to the bowler.

300 Game	
299 Game	
298 Game	
1000 Series	(for bowling 1000 or better in four consecutive games).
800 Series	(for bowling 800 or better in three consecutive games).
11 in a row	(for bowling 11 strikes in a row where the score is 297 or less).

For each of the achievements listed under this Rule, a Certificate will be presented free of charge.

RULE 403 SPECIAL AWARDS - CHEVRONS

TBA will prepare and make available suitably embossed chevrons for purchase by all affiliated TBA bowlers in recognition of the following special accomplishments in accredited competition. TBA Awards are not available for any scores bowled in matches without the direct opposition of their opponent.

7 - 10 Split	(for converting the 7 - 10 split).
Big 4	(for converting the 4-7, 6-10 split).

5-7-10 Split	(for converting the 5-7-10 split).
Triplicate	(for bowling three consecutive games of the same score in a series).
Dutch 200	(for bowling consecutive strike/spare or spare/strike in all ten frames).
All Spare	(for sparing all ten frames in a game).
800 Series	(for bowling 800 or better in three consecutive games).
800 Series	(for bowling 800 or better in four consecutive games).
700 Series	(for bowling 700 or better in three consecutive games).
600 Series	(for bowling a three games series totalling 600 or better).
550 Series	(for bowling a three game series totalling 550 or better).
500 Series	(for bowling a three game series totalling 500 or better).
450 Series	(for bowling a three game series totalling 450 or better).
450 Series	(for bowling a two game series totalling 450 or better).
400 Series	(for bowling a three game series totalling 400 or better).
400 Series	(for bowling a two game series totalling 400 or better).
350 Series	(for bowling a three game series totalling 350 or better).
350 Series	(for bowling a two game series totalling 350 or better).
300 Series	(for bowling a three game series totalling 300 or better).
300 Series	(for bowling a two game series in totalling 300 or better).
Century Award	(for bowling 100 pins over average in a single game).
75 Over Average	(for bowling 75 pins over average in a single game).
50 Over Average	(for bowling 50 pins over average in a single game).
25 Over Average	(for bowling 25 pins over average in a single game).
300 Game	
299 Game	
298 Game	
275 game	(for bowling a game of 275 or more).
250 game	(for bowling a game of 250 or better).
225 game	(for bowling a game of 225 or better).
200 game	(for bowling a game of 200 or better).
175 game	(for bowling a game of 175 or better).
150 game	(for bowling a game of 150 or better).
125 game	(for bowling a game of 125 or better).
100 game	(for bowling a game of 100 or better).
Turkey	(for bowling three consecutive strikes in a game).
Doubles	(for bowling two consecutive games of the same scores in a 2 game League).
Scorebuster	(an encouragement award. Targets are set for bowlers and when they are achieved the award is won).

**RULE 404 BUMPER LEAGUE AWARDS - CERTIFICATES**

TBA will prepare and make available suitable Certificates for all affiliated TBA Bumper League bowlers in recognition of the following special accomplishments. Certificates will be provided free of charge.

Participation certificate (given to every member as recognition of their participation).

League Champion

League- 2nd Place (for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a league).

League- 3rd Place (for achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a league).

250 Series (for bowling a 2 game series totalling 250 or better)

200 Series (for bowling a 2 game series totalling 200 or better)

150 Series (for bowling a 2 game series totalling 150 or better)

75 Game (for bowling a game of 75 or better)

50 Game (for bowling a game of 50 or better)

**RULE 405 LEAGUE AWARDS (Excluding Bumper Leagues)**

TBA will prepare and make available suitably embossed chevrons for all leagues registered with a TBA licensed Association. One set of chevrons will be supplied for each Accreditation Application requesting accreditation for a 20 week or longer season, with a maximum of two sets per year. The CEO at his discretion may vary the issuing of chevrons to an accredited league.

League Champion Chevron

Most Improved Average

The Most Improved Average chevron shall be awarded to the bowler who has the most improved average, calculated as follows:

- (a) A bowler's increase in average is determined by comparing his final average for the current competition and his final average of at least twenty one (21) games for the preceding competition in the same League.
- (b) For a bowler who entered the League with an average established in another accredited League, compare his final average for the current competition with his highest average shown on the final standing sheet for his previous League/s.
- (c) For a bowler with no average for the preceding competition, compare his final average for the current competition with the average he established in his first twenty one (21) games during the current competition.
- (d) Decimal places must be taken into account in the event that two or more bowlers have the same increase in average.

To be eligible for Most Improved Average, a bowler must have bowled in at least two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the leagues scheduled games in the current season.

These chevrons are available for purchase by leagues whose seasons are shorter than 20 weeks.

TBA will prepare and make available suitably embossed chevrons for purchase by all leagues registered with a TBA licensed Association or Registered Bowling Centre.

- League- 2nd Place (for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a league).
- League- 3rd Place (for achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a league).
- Individual High Game
- Individual High Series
- Individual High Average

#### RULE 406 AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR OVER-AVERAGE AWARDS

The following will apply to averages on which winners are determined in qualifying for the Over Average awards:

##### **League Play**

Last season's average (minimum of 21 games) in the same League for the first 21 games.

Last season's highest average (minimum of 21 games) for new members of the League for the first 21 games.

After a current 21 games average is established, current average will apply. A bowler with no 21 game average for the previous season becomes eligible after establishing a 21 game current average.

##### **Tournament Play**

In Handicap or Classified Tournaments, the average used for that Tournament.

In Scratch Tournaments, the bowler's highest current average (minimum of 21 games).

If no current average of 21 or more games, the highest previous season's average (minimum of 21 games).

#### RULE 407 SERIES AWARDS

When three (3) or more games are bowled in a League or Tournament, high score awards apply to any three (3) consecutive games and when four (4) or more games are bowled in a League or Tournament, high score awards apply to any four (4) consecutive games.

#### RULE 408 SPECIAL CONTESTS CONDUCTED BY LEAGUES

When special contests limited to members of a League granted accreditation are held and such contests are conducted by the League under the rules governing accredited League or tournament bowling, high score recognition will be extended automatically under the same terms and conditions as outlined in this chapter.

#### RULE 409 CONDITIONS GOVERNING A 300 GAME AWARD

The following are the requirements which must be met for eligibility for 300 game award:

1. The high score must have been bowled in a League or Tournament Accredited by TBA.
2. The lanes upon which the score was bowled must have been currently certified by TBA.
3. A competent foul judge or an automatic foul detecting device approved by TBA must have been employed during the full time the score was being bowled.
4. Every provision of TBA Constitution, Rules and Regulations must have been in effect by those conducting the League or Tournament in which the high score was bowled.
5. Notification of the high score must be given to the Association Secretary within 24 hours after it has been bowled. The League or Tournament Director must give this notification.
6. No more than fourteen (14) days may elapse before the Local Association Secretary or President gives such notification in writing to TBA.
7. **Inspection of Pins and Bowling Balls:**
  - (a) The Tournament Director, Secretary of the Association or his duly authorised representative must inspect and weigh the very pins used when the high score was bowled. If that is not done immediately after the

- game or series or session of play, these pins should be put aside in a receptacle immediately after the conclusion of the series or session of play and sealed, awaiting their inspection and weighing.
- (b) Any bowling balls used when the high score game was achieved will be certified for correct weight and balance by an authorised person, eg Association Secretary or his authorised representative, or qualified bowling centre staff members.
  - (c) The inspection and weighing by the Association Secretary or their authorised representative must be done within 72 hours after the score has been rolled. He must submit the complete High Game Application together with the original score sheet to TBA before thirty days have elapsed.
8. When a claim for recognition of an individual high game of 300 is submitted, TBA may approve the issuance of the award immediately upon receipt of the High Game Application, or they may refer the claim to the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee for their consideration.

## CHAPTER 5

### OFFENCES AND SUGGESTED PENALTIES

Any member of a Licensed Association who commits any of the following offences may be liable to suspension from membership of that Association for such period as the Association Board of Directors thinks fit. Any member suspended under any of the rules in this Chapter will:

- (a) cease to be affiliated with TBA for the duration of the suspension unless an appeal is lodged.
- (b) have the right of appeal to TBA.

If the suspension has resulted from a loss or misappropriation of funds, all Associations licensed with TBA will be advised of the suspension.

#### OFFENCE 501 ATTEMPTING TO GAIN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Gaining or attempting to gain an unfair advantage by any means whatsoever during League or Tournament play including (but without limiting the generality of this provision) the following:

- (a) By tampering, directly or indirectly with lanes, bowling pins, bowling balls or other bowling equipment so that such lanes, pins, balls or other bowling equipment or any of them no longer meet with TBA requirements or specifications.
- (b) By misrepresenting their average in order to gain a greater handicap, to qualify for a lower classification in a league or tournament or to gain any similar unfair advantage.
- (c) By establishing an average below their ability prima facie proof whereof will arise where it appears that the bowler has repeatedly exceeded his or her League average in handicap or classified competition without re-submitting themselves for re-rating, re-handicapping or re-classification.
- (d) By deliberately throwing his ball into the gutter.
- (e) By deliberately committing a foul.

**Suggested Penalty** - For any of the above offences - loss of game or games in which the unfair advantage was gained or attempted including loss of prize money (if any) and suspension of membership for not less than 6 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

#### OFFENCE 502 DEROGATORY CONDUCT

- (a) Conducting himself or herself in a manner derogatory or prejudicial to the best interests of the game of tenpins or to the objects of TBA. Including (but without limiting the generality of this provision) conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline of TBA.
- (b) Placing the game of tenpins in jeopardy of unfair criticism by the use of dishonest or disreputable tactics in connection with the game.

**Suggested Penalty** - not less than 1 month suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

#### OFFENCE 503 DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY

Failing to distribute team prize money in accordance with an oral or written agreement.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

#### OFFENCE 504 PAYMENT OF FEES

Failing to pay fees due for participation in an accredited league or tournament to the proper authority as and when the same become due and payable.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors. Any person suspended will

continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other moneys due by him to TBA and/or any association/Registered Bowling Centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made.

**OFFENCE 505 FAILURE TO PAY MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS**

Failing to pay any accounts owing to TBA or any Association or Organization accredited by TBA as and when the same become due and payable.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other moneys due by him to TBA and/or any association/Registered Bowling Centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made.

**OFFENCE 506 BOWLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME**

Bowling under a name dishonestly assumed including (but without limiting the generality thereof) bowling under the name of an entrant scheduled to bowl in an accredited league or tournament but unable to attend or who is under suspension.

**Suggested Penalty** - Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

**OFFENCE 507 FUND SHORTAGES**

(a) Embezzling, stealing, absconding with or failing to account for any funds entrusted to him or her.

**Suggested Penalty** - Ineligibility for life to hold any office in any league or the Association and in addition suspension from membership for not less than 12 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other moneys due by him to TBA and/or any association/Registered Bowling Centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made.

(b) Being the officer required to make periodical verification of the accounts and funds of any accredited league or Association is guilty of malfeasance or non-feasance of any such duty.

**Suggested Penalty** - Suspension of membership or other penalty as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

(c) Being an officer of an accredited league or Association which has suffered a loss of funds from any cause is guilty of deliberately making or filing a false statement in relation thereto with the proper authority in order to obtain a greater sum than that to which the said accredited league is entitled under any insurance policy or for any other dishonest purpose of any nature whatsoever.

**Suggested Penalty** - Ineligible for life to hold any office in any league or Association and in addition suspension from membership for not less than 12 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

**OFFENCE 508 DEFAULTING IN ATTENDANCE FOR LEAGUE PLAY**

(a) Defaulting in attendance for league play without reasonable cause more than once in a season.

**Suggested Penalty** - Expulsion from the league concerned and in addition forfeiture of franchise/bond money, social fees and prize money and suspension from membership for not less than 3 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

(b) Withdrawing from a league without reasonable cause or excuse.

**Suggested Penalty** - Forfeiture of franchise/bond money, social fees and prize money and in addition, suspension from membership for not less than 3 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

**OFFENCE 509 DEFAULTING IN ATTENDANCE FOR LEAGUE PLAY, FAILURE TO PAY FEES - LEAGUE PROCEDURE**

When a league member has been accused of failing to pay league fees and/or withdrawing without sufficient cause, the league will endeavour to resolve the matter before charges seeking disciplinary action may be filed with the Local Association under the TBA Outline of Suspension Procedure. The league will proceed as follows:

1. Schedule a meeting of the league's Management Committee and notify the principal by normal mail of his right to attend a fact finding hearing and offer a defence.
2. Prepare a roster listing those present and absent. A quorum of the Management Committee must be present at the meeting.
3. Maintain minutes of the meeting and all documents or material relating to the issue. Compile an accounting of any fund shortages including dates and amounts showing whether accused was present or absent when fund shortages occurred.

4. Determine by majority action of Committee members attending the meeting if the accused is guilty or not guilty. If found not guilty, the charges are to be dismissed by the league's Management Committee. If found guilty, and the league's Management Committee recommends that the bowler be suspended, the league will within 30 days of the league meeting, furnish the Local Association Secretary with a copy of the minutes together with all documents, material and the accounting developed at the league meeting together with the recommendation of the league's Management Committee. On receipt of the foregoing, the Local Association will initiate suspension action in accordance with the Procedures for Suspension Action defined in this Chapter of the TBA Rule Book. One or more of the league officers who attended the league hearing must appear at the Local Association hearing.

#### OFFENCE 510 KNOWINGLY PERMIT AN OFFENCE TO BE COMMITTED

The members of any team who knowingly permit or suffer any member thereof to bowl under a name dishonestly assumed, or to bowl under the name of an entrant scheduled to bowl in an accredited league or tournament but unable to attend, or who is under suspension or who plays any bowler under suspension or who, as a team, default in attendance for league play without reasonable cause more than once in a season or withdraw from a league without reasonable cause or excuse or assist or condone the breach of any of the Rules and Regulations of TBA, will be guilty of an offence and be liable to be dealt with in the same manner and to the same extent as if they and each of them were the individual member committing such offence.

**Penalty** - suspension of membership for not less than 3 calendar months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate and in addition forfeiture of all games in which such suspended bowler participated.

#### OFFENCE 511 ALTERING THE SURFACE OF A BALL DURING PLAY

Rule 602 of Equipment Specifications prohibits the alteration of the ball surface during any series or session of consecutive games - except with a clean cloth or towel.

**Penalty** - Any balls so altered will immediately be removed from the lanes and use in the competition and a warning issued to the player. If it is shown that the player had prior knowledge that their actions would be in violation of this rule, the game in which the violation occurred is subject to forfeiture. In addition, the player is subject to removal from the event in progress.

#### OFFENCE 512 TBA DRUGS IN SPORT POLICY

TBA have adopted an Anti-Doping Policy in conjunction with the Australian Sports Drug Agency and the Australian Sports Commission. Copies of the Policy are available from TBA.

**Suggested Penalty** - Any person found to be in breach of the TBA Anti Doping Policy will be subject to the penalties defined in that Policy.

#### OFFENCE 513 TBA CODE OF ETHICS

TBA have adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all personnel. Copies of the Code are available from TBA.

**Suggested Penalty** - Any person found to be in breach of the TBA Code of Ethics will be subject to the penalties defined in that Code.

#### OFFENCE 514 BOWLING WHILST UNDER SUSPENSION

Any bowler suspended for any offence defined in Chapter 5 who competes in any TBA accredited competition whilst still under suspension will be further penalised as follows:

First infraction – a further two year suspension will be applied, to be served in addition to the original suspension.

Second infraction – the person will be banned for life from competing in any TBA accredited competition.

### PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION ACTION

The procedure established is to ensure a fair hearing for any person whose right to membership in the organization is being challenged and also to ensure justice to all parties concerned. Any organization recognised by TBA may institute action for suspension. In all cases, the Association Board of Directors or a Committee appointed by them will conduct hearings. Associations need to be aware of any ramifications that may result from suspending a member.

TBA may require a written report of the hearing with any penalties imposed in the event of a suspended member lodging an appeal with TBA.

### SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS

1. Suspension proceedings must be commenced after the Association has been supplied with a written statement of charges or by the direction of TBA.
2. In all cases involving a possible suspension of membership the Association President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors or a Committee appointed by them, giving at least 14 clear days written notice which will specify the time, place and purpose of the meeting. He will further direct in writing the member or members charged and the complainant or complainants to appear at the said meeting and will also request the attendance of any other person or persons whose testimony may be of or appear to be relevant.

Each member charged will be sent a separate written notification of the meeting by normal mail to his or her last known or most usual place of address. Delivery of the notice is taken to be effected by properly addressing, pre paying and posting a letter containing the notice to an address recorded by the Association as that last supplied by the charged member. The notice will be taken to have been delivered on the day after its posting.

Personal service of the said notification on the member or members charged will also be good and sufficient compliance with this requirement upon proof hereof. In any event, the said notification will be served personally upon or posted as aforesaid to the member or members charged not less than 14 clear days prior to the date of the said meeting.

The member or members charged will in all cases be informed in the said notification of the specific charges against him, her or them and of the right to the member or members to be represented by an advocate and the right to produce witnesses to testify in his, her or their behalf at the meeting.

3. Procedures at the meeting

- (a) A quorum of the Board of Directors or a Committee appointed by the Board must be present at the meeting and a roster of those present and those absent will be recorded.
- (b) Both the member or members charged and the complainant or complainants will have the right to be represented by an advocate there at, but any such advocate will obey the directions of the chairman of the meeting as to the manner in which he may participate in the proceedings.
- (c) A true and accurate transcript of the proceedings and all evidence given will be taken in such a manner as the chairman of the meeting will direct provided that where any evidence is in writing, the member or members charged, the complainant or complainants and the Board of Directors/Committee will be entitled to have the author produced for cross-examination if this is reasonably practicable and provided further that all oral evidence given will be on oath or affirmation.
- (d) Both the member or members charged and the complainant or complainants will be entitled to see all documents submitted by way of evidence and to comment thereon and to submit documents by way of evidence on their own behalf.
- (e) The member or members charged (and if so represented) his, her or their advocate will be entitled to be present throughout the presentation of the evidence and to cross-examine the witnesses against him, her or them. He, she or they or the said advocate will in each case be entitled to call such witnesses whether as to matters of fact or good character as he, she or they or the said advocate may reasonably require, to give evidence on his, her or their behalf and to address the Board of Directors/Committee either personally or through the said advocate after the whole of the evidence has been presented.
- (f) The member or members charged will be entitled to be assisted by a legal practitioner during the said meeting and may consult such legal practitioner at any time on matters of law. If the Board of Directors/Committee thinks fit, such legal practitioner may be appointed chairman ex officio of the meeting.
- (g) No person other than the members of the Board of Directors/Committee and any legal practitioner assisting or appointed by the committee aforesaid will be present during the deliberation of the committee after the evidence has been completed.
- (h) At the conclusion of the meeting, the following will forthwith be made known verbally and in writing to all parties.
  - (i) The recommendation of the Association unless this is withheld pending the production of additional evidence or for any other purpose authorised by these rules.
  - (ii) That the Association may be required to file a complete report with TBA.
  - (iii) That the member or members charged has or have a right of appeal from the decision of the Association exercisable by the filing of a brief containing his, her or their grounds of appeal with TBA and a copy thereof with the Association not later than 7 days after notification of the Association's decision.
  - (iv) That the status of the member or members charged remains unchanged until 7 days after the Association notifies in writing the member or members charged of the final decision.
  - (v) If an appeal is lodged with TBA, the status of the member or members charged remains unchanged until TBA completes its investigation and hands down its findings.

For the purpose hereof notification of the above matters to the member or members charged will be effected in the same manner as in section 2 hereof, relating to notification to the member or members charged at the meeting.

- (i) The chairman of the meeting will have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time for any purpose including (but without limiting the generality of this power) the purpose of production of additional evidence.
- (j) The members of the Board of Directors/Committee will treat the evidence given, the deliberations of the committee and all matters relating thereto or contained therein as confidential until the conclusion of the 7 day appeal period. If an appeal is lodged within that period, the members of the Board of Directors/Committee will treat the evidence given, the deliberations of the committee and all matters relating thereto or contained therein as confidential until TBA completes its investigation and hands down its findings.

4. In Absentia Proceedings.

In the event that the written notification referred to in paragraph 2 hereof is returned unclaimed or in the event that the member or members charged or any of them cannot be located or fail to attend the said meeting, having duly received notification thereof as aforesaid, the meeting may nevertheless proceed in accordance with paragraph 3 hereof notwithstanding the absence of the member or members charged or any of them. For the purpose hereof, notification to the absent member or members charged of the matters mentioned in paragraph 3 (h) hereof will be effected as defined in section 2 hereof.

**TBA RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

1. In considering all recommendations for suspension, the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will give such consideration as it deems necessary or desirable to the rules of evidence as the same are applicable in the courts of the State in which the suspension proceedings are held in so far as the same govern the admissibility or otherwise of all evidence given during the said proceedings but the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will not be bound thereby in such consideration.
2. The TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will have power to remit any suspension proceedings to any Association for re-hearing if it considers it necessary or desirable for this to be done and will also have power to require additional evidence to be taken in any case where this appears to the Rules and Ethics Committee necessary or desirable.
3. The TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will be bound to observe in any such consideration the principle that the onus of proof in each case will rest upon the complainant or complainants beyond reasonable doubt.
4. A member or members dissatisfied with any ruling by the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee may appeal the decision to an independent specialist body designated by TBA for the purpose.

**REINSTATEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

Reinstatement will automatically take place at the conclusion of a member's suspension, providing that full restitution has been made in the case of fund shortages.

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**SAMPLE LETTER OF NOTICE  
TO APPEAR AT A HEARING OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Date

Mr John Doe  
Main Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

You are hereby summoned to appear before a Board of Directors meeting of this Association (or a Committee appointed by them) to answer charges

that.....  
.....

(list specific charges).

The meeting is to be held Friday evening, 18th December, at 7.30 pm at the Community Civic Club, corner Main and Broad Streets.

You may bring witnesses to testify on your behalf or introduce counsel to represent you.

Should you not avail yourself of your rights of defence, your case will be tried on the basis of testimony and information pertinent to the charges outlined herein, which is at the disposal of the Management Committee.

Yours faithfully

Name

Position

Bowling Association

**SAMPLE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION  
OF ASSOCIATION DECISION**

Date

Mr John Doe  
Main Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

At a meeting on 18th December the Board of Directors of the ..... Bowling Association  
or a Committee appointed by them

considered charges that.....  
.....(l  
ist specific charges).

The Board of Directors/Committee have agreed upon the following decision:

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.....

You have the right to appeal against this decision by submitting a brief, within seven days of this letter, to the office of  
TBA. Your membership status remains unchanged until that period of time expires.

A copy of the appeal must be filed with this Association.

If an appeal is lodged with TBA, the status of the your membership remains unchanged until TBA completes its  
investigation and hands down its findings.

Yours faithfully

Name

Position

Bowling Association

# CHAPTER 6

## EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

### RULE 601 BOWLING BALL SPECIFICATIONS

#### Material

1. The ball will be constructed without voids in its interior, and be of a non-metallic composition except for minute reflective metallic particles or flakes for decorative purposes, provided such particles or flakes are made a part of the ball at the time of manufacture and are evenly distributed in a uniform pattern under a transparent shell of at least 1/4 inch in thickness. This material will be so distributed as not to have any affect on the balance of the ball and the total amount of such material will not exceed 1/2 ounce per ball.
2. The introduction of metal or any other substance that is not comparable to the original material used in manufacturing a bowling ball is prohibited. Likewise, altering a bowling ball in any way so as to increase its weight or cause it to be off balance outside the specifications is prohibited and the use of such a ball in TBA accredited competition is forbidden.

#### Surface

The surface of the ball will be free of all depressions or grooves of specific pattern, except for holes or indentations defined in Rule 603, identification lettering and numbers and incidental chipping or marking caused by wear.

#### Weight and Size

1. The new ball will not have a circumference of more than 27.002 inches or be less than 26.704 inches. The corresponding diameters are 8.595 inches (218.3mm) and 8.500 inches (215.9 mm) respectively.
2. The weight of the ball will not exceed 16 pounds. There is no minimum weight.

#### Devices

Movable devices will be permitted, provided such devices are used for changing the finger span or the size of the holes, and are constructed so that it is locked in position during delivery and cannot be removed from the ball without destroying the device. All such devices must first be submitted and approved by TBA before being used in accredited competition.

#### Mechanical Aids

A bowling ball must be delivered entirely by manual means and will not incorporate any device either in the ball or affixed to it which is either detached at time of delivery or is a moving part in the ball during delivery except that any person who has had his hand or major portion thereof amputated may use special equipment in grasping and delivering the ball providing the special equipment is in lieu of the amputee's hand (see TBA Rule 101c for further clarification).

#### Hardness

1. The surface hardness of bowling balls may not be less than 72 durometer D at room temperature (68-74°F).
2. The use of chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the hardness of the surface of the ball after it is manufactured is prohibited.

#### Cleaning

Cleaners may be used to clean the surface of the ball before or after a session of play, provided:

1. They do not affect the hardness of the ball.
2. They are totally removed from the surface of the ball before delivery of the ball.
3. They are not used during a series or session of continuous games.

Any ball that does not conform to any of these provisions may not be used in TBA Accredited competition.

### RULE 602 BALL SURFACES ALTERATIONS

Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the application of any substance, liquid or abrasive, including the use a recognised ball cleaning or polishing machine during a series or session of continuous games is prohibited. A ball may be wiped with a clean cloth or towel at any time. Penalties apply - Refer Offence No. 511.

### RULE 603 DRILLING SPECIFICATIONS

#### Holes

The following limitations will govern the drilling of holes in the ball:

1. Holes or indentations, not to exceed five (5), for gripping purposes.
2. One hole for balance purposes not to exceed 1 1/4 inch in diameter.
3. No more than one (1) vent hole to each finger and/or thumb hole not to exceed 1/4 inch in diameter.
4. One mill hole for inspection purposes not to exceed 5/8 inch in diameter and 1/8 inch in depth.

Any hole drilled for gripping purposes will not be deemed to be a balance hole. However, when delivering a ball that has a thumb hole drilled, the player must have his/her thumb in or over the thumb hole. It may not be 180 degrees away from the thumb hole. If a bowler delivers a ball and did not have his/her thumb as defined, the ball will be deemed illegal for that delivery and pins knocked down with that delivery will not be counted.

### Balance

The following tolerances will be permissible in the balance of a bowling ball used in accredited competition: Refer to Rule 127 for the penalty for bowling with a ball that is found to be illegal.

1. 10 pounds or more:
  - (a) Not more than three (3) ounces difference between top half of the ball (finger hole side) and the bottom half (side opposite the finger holes).
  - (b) Not more than one (1) ounce difference between the sides to the right and left of the finger holes or between the sides in front and back of the finger holes.
  - (c) A ball drilled without a thumb hole may not have more than one (1) ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.
  - (d) A ball drilled without any finger holes or indentations may not have more than one (1) ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.
  - (e) A ball used without any hole or indentations may not have more than one (1) ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.
2. Less than 10 pounds:
  - (a) Not more than one (1) ounce differences between the top half of the ball (finger hole side) and the bottom half (side opposite the finger holes).
  - (b) Not more than 3/4 ounce difference between the sides to the right and left of the finger holes or between the sides in front and back of the finger holes.
  - (c) A ball drilled without a thumb hole may not have more than 3/4 ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.
  - (d) A ball drilled without any finger holes or indentations may not have more than 3/4 ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.
  - (e) A ball used without any hole or indentations may not have more than 3/4 ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.

### Plugs and Designs

1. Plugs may be inserted for the purpose of redrilling the ball.
2. Designs may be embedded in the ball for guides, observation or identification purposes, provided such designs are flush with the outer surface of the ball.
3. In all cases there will be no interior voids.
4. Plugs and designs must be made of material similar to, although not exactly the same as, the original material out of which the ball was made, and will otherwise comply with all other specifications for a bowling ball.
5. No foreign material may be placed on the outer surface of the ball.

### RULE 604 BOWLING PINS - MARKINGS, LABELS AND COATINGS

Pins used in accredited competition will only bear the name and trademark of the original manufacturer or distributor and be marked "ABC/WIBC Approved". The pins in each set must be uniform in appearance including finish, labels and neck markings, reasonable wear excepted. The coating of single piece or laminated maple tenpins must be transparent (clear) or white pigmented with the exception of neck markings, identifying symbols or name. Standard all wood or plastic coated pins will not vary more than four ounces in each set.

#### Weight

	Not less than	Not more than
Standard wood pin	3lbs 6ozs	3lbs 10ozs
Plastic coated (wood core)	3lbs 6ozs	3lbs 10ozs

### RULE 605 LANE DRESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TBA ACCREDITED EVENTS

TBA have adopted a Lane Conditioning Policy. Copies of the Policy are available from TBA.

#### International Standard (WTBA)

Requires a minimum of 5 units of dressing to be applied to not less than 28ft & not more than 45ft from the foul line. For TBA requirements, refer to the TBA Lane Conditioning Policy. Copies are available from TBA.

# CHAPTER 7

## ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS - BASIC RULES

### RULE 701 AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ANNUAL CITY/STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Committees shall be formed as defined in the TBA By-Laws for the purpose of organising and conducting the Annual Championships within their State. They will be the only tournaments in which the game of tenpins is played which may be officially recognised as **State Championships**.

State Committees will conduct an annual championship of the game of tenpins at a time decided by the Committee. Tournament champions will hold such title until the next tournament is held. Such champions and other prize winners will be certified to TBA at the conclusion of the tournament after such championships have been determined.

### RULE 702 WILL HOLD AN ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

A TBA licensed Association whose membership exceeds 150 members shall conduct an Annual Tournament to decide the Association Champions in the categories contested, which may include teams events, doubles, individual and All Events class, for both male and female bowlers, separately or mixed, for both adult and junior bowlers. Tournament champions will hold such title until the next tournament is held. Such champions and other prize winners will be certified to TBA at the conclusion of the tournament after such championships have been determined.

### RULE 703 MUST OBSERVE ALL TBA RULES

All games in the State Championships and a Licensed Association Championship will be played in strict compliance with the rules and regulations of TBA governing tournament play. The relevant Committees conducting the Championships will have the authority to rule on any and all disputes or protests that arise in connection with their Annual Championships.

### RULE 704 EVENTS TO BE HELD

The tournament will consist of a team event (as at the discretion of the association), two-man and individual event. An All Events and/or special feature as authorised in Rule 814 may also be included. Each entrant in each event will bowl three consecutive games and total pins (with or without handicap) will decide the winner. The winners in each event will be declared the champion(s), will hold such title until the next tournament and will receive suitable medals or awards emblematic of the championships.

### RULE 705 PRIZE FEE

Not more than \$25.00 per person may be charged as a prize fund in each event, except All Events in which the maximum fee of \$10.00 per person may be charged.

### RULE 706 WHO MAY BOWL

State Committees will accept entries from any person affiliated with TBA, except that a State Committee may by rule, deny entry to non-residents who are eligible for competition in another State. Licensed Associations will accept entries from registered members of their Association and must define eligibility criteria in their rules for other bowlers not registered as members of their Association.

### RULE 707 MORE THAN ONE TOURNAMENT

An individual may participate in the tournament of any State where he holds membership in a Local/City/Area Association except as provided in Rule 706.

### RULE 708 AVERAGES

When a bowler competes in leagues in more than one Association he must submit his highest league average when entering the tournament of each Association unless the rules of the Association tournament he enters require only those averages established under its jurisdiction.

### RULE 709 ABANDON CITY TOURNAMENT

When the annual TBA or State Tournament is being held within the jurisdiction of a Licensed Association, the Association's Board of Directors may abandon the City Tournament for that year. A Licensed Association may not abandon the City Tournament for any other reason except with authorisation of TBA.

**RULE 710 WHERE HELD**

Under normal conditions the State Tournament will not be held within the confines of the same City for more than three years in succession. When a State Committee finds it impractical to select a tournament site in a City other than where the previous three were held it may, upon application to and with the approval of TBA, conduct its tournament in the same city. Such application must be filed annually when the State Tournament is held in the same city more than three times in succession.

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ACCREDITED TOURNAMENTS**

**RULE 801 DEFINITION**

A bowling tournament is defined as a prearranged contest between teams, individuals, or a combination of both in which bowlers affiliated with TBA are eligible. A centre, Association or one or more individuals can sponsor a tournament.

Any tournament consisting of four or more teams or singles tournaments consisting of four or more individual participants will be eligible to apply for accreditation with TBA.

Teams will be composed of the number of players fixed by the rules of the particular tournament in which competition is restricted.

It will provide in its rules for the designation of champions of the events in which individuals are entered, and total pins will decide such championships and other prize winners in the various events unless another system based on pinfall is otherwise provided for in the tournament rules. When two or more events are held, an All Events championship may be determined based on the total pins scored in these events. Tournament champions will hold such title until the next tournament is held. Such champions and other prize winners will be certified to TBA at the conclusion of the tournament after such championships have been determined.

**RULE 802 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, - DISPUTES - PROTESTS - RULES**

The Managing Committee or Board of Directors of the tournament must decide upon all disputes, complaints or protests relating to any claim, controversy or violation in the tournament involving any TBA or tournament rule. It will have the authority to hear and the power to decide, proper appeals from the decision of the Tournament Director or any tournament employee. The Committee or Board has the authority to adopt, enforce or revoke any of its own tournament rules as may be found necessary to the successful conduct of such tournament when not inconsistent with the rules of TBA, provided such rules are submitted to and approved by TBA prior to their publication on the tournament entry form or publicity material. The decision of the Committee or Board will be final except where an appeal is made to TBA for its further consideration.

**RULE 803 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

The Tournament Director will be the authorised representative of the Board of Directors or Managing Committee when either is not in session. He will have supreme power as to the players who are to bowl in the tournament whether originally entered or those who bowl as authorised replacements. If accepted, each player must bowl each event under his own full name, and then only at the time and date designated by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will also have the power to decide upon any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament when not inconsistent with its own tournament rules or any provision of the TBA Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

**RULE 804 TOURNAMENT ACCREDITATION**

When a State Association/Committee conducts a tournament or a Licensed Association conducts an Annual Championship as defined in Rule 702 or a group of bowlers organised as a Club/Association/Touring/Travelling Group (Refer Rule 302) arrange events that are to be conducted in more than one bowling centre, a TBA Tournament Accreditation Application must be completed prior to the Tournament and forwarded to TBA, together with the relevant Accreditation Fee.

When a Licensed Association conducts an "in house" tournament, the Licensed Association will accredit the tournament. A TBA Tournament Accreditation Application must still be completed prior to the Tournament and a copy forwarded to TBA however there is no fee required.

Tournaments granted accreditation must display the certificate in the establishments where the tournament event or events are scheduled and will comply with all rules governing tournaments as set forth in the TBA Rule Book.

Such tournament and the teams and individuals competing therein must conduct and play all their games in strict compliance with the rules and regulations governing such games, as adopted by TBA.

TBA shall accredit any tournament conducted by a State Committee in a State or Area or Zone which have lanes accredited by TBA where qualifying may be conducted in more than one centre within one State, Area or Zone, provided such qualifying scores be conducted in such a manner as to comply with the following:

1. Two or more qualifiers are required to qualify on a pair of lanes at the same time.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the bowler to ensure that their score is transmitted to the TD by a specified time and in a specified manner, as detailed and printed on the qualifying score sheet.
3. TBA shall ensure that all TBA tournament requirements are met before accreditation is granted to such a tournament.

When tournaments are conducted without TBA accreditation, the participants will not be eligible for TBA membership services including high score recognition.

#### **RULE 805 ACCREDITATION APPLICATION - REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be complied with for tournament accreditation:

1. The centre must be registered and in good standing with TBA and the lanes used for competition must have a current season TBA Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate posted in the establishment. The procedure is detailed in the TBA Lane Accreditation Policy, available from [www.tenpin.org.au](http://www.tenpin.org.au). Go to the Policy section of the Web Site.
2. An application must be filed on a form made available by TBA. (See your Association secretary or write direct to TBA for these forms.)
3. For tournaments including Centre, Area, Regional and State Championships and all Masters events, application must be filed with TBA. For other "in house" tournaments, application must be filed with the Association or Registered Bowling Centre under whose jurisdiction the tournament is to be held.
4. No Centre, Area, Regional or State Championships, Masters or Ranked tournaments will be accredited by TBA unless the entry form and/or tournament rules, together with a completed accreditation application, are received in the TBA Office at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the event or any qualifying period of the event. Any tournament accreditation applications received in the TBA Office inside that time frame will not be processed. If a Ranked tournament is not accredited, no Ranking points will be applied.
5. Competition among entrants in an event, with the exception of All Events, will be held in the same establishment. When an event is divided into two or more divisions, competition in each division must be held in the same establishment.
6. Under no circumstances will TBA accredit any mailographic, telegraphic, telephonic, etc tournament where scores bowled in different bowling establishments are compared to qualify for prizes in one common prize list unless prior TBA approval has been obtained.

#### **RULE 806 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS**

TBA may refuse the accreditation of any tournament which does not comply with TBA rules or which in their opinion misrepresents in its advertising or otherwise the value of the prizes which are offered or guaranteed or the volume of prize payments offered to the participants.

#### **RULE 807 ELIGIBILITY**

To participate in a tournament granted accreditation by TBA, an entrant will qualify under that tournament's rules. The tournament rules will require all entrants to be affiliated with TBA and may require an entrant to be a member of a licensed Association.

Tournament officials may define in the rules of a tournament that only Junior members or only Adult members are eligible to participate.

#### **RULE 808 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

Accreditation may be issued to tournaments staged for the purpose of providing international competition where bowlers from other nations not served by TBA and bowlers affiliated with TBA are competing. In such cases, bowlers affiliated with TBA participating in the tournament will qualify for high score recognition providing the equipment used conforms to TBA specifications.

#### **RULE 809 LANES MUST BE CERTIFIED**

All accredited tournaments must be so organised and their activities conducted in such a manner that they comply strictly with all TBA laws, rules and regulations. The lanes upon which all such games are bowled must have been certified for the current bowling season.

**RULE 810 BOWLING BALLS MUST BE APPROVED**

Only bowling balls that are included on the ABC/WIBC Approved Bowling Ball list may be used in competition. A full list of approved bowling balls is available from [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

**RULE 811 PINS MUST BE APPROVED**

The bowling pins used for TBA accredited tournament competition must at all times bear only the name and trademark of the original manufacturer or distributor thereof, and be marked "ABC/WIBC Approved".

When in use for TBA accredited tournament competition, all pins in each set will be uniform in appearance, including finish, labels and neck markings, reasonable wear excepted.

**RULE 812 FEES AND PRIZES**

**a. DESIGNATION OF FEES**

The management of any accredited tournament must in all cases designate fees separately on the entry form and poster as follows:

- Prize Fee
- Bowling Fee
- Tournament Expense Fee
- Total, per man, per event

The "tournament expense fee" will be used to help defray the operating costs.

Additional collections such as those for All Events, special feature or membership dues will conform to Rules 813 and 814. Also other collections to qualify for participation in the tournament such as donations to charity, subscriptions or banquet fees may be authorised providing these fees are designated separately on the entry form and poster.

**b. NO FEES RETURNED**

After entries have been received, and the dates assigned by the Tournament Director are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to preparation of the schedule, no fees will be refunded.

**c. CONDITIONS CANNOT CHANGE**

The conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts. This includes entry fee charges and the rules governing the competition.

**d. FREE OR REDUCED ENTRIES**

The Tournament Management may not provide or arrange to provide any kind of a free or reduced entry that is not fully advertised in the tournament programme. When a free entry is made available, an amount equal to the prize fee must be placed in the tournament prize fund.

**RULE 813 DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE FUNDS**

Under application for and receipt of TBA accreditation the Tournament Management agrees that the fund derived from that part of the entry fee designated as "prize fee" will be held in trust in the name of the tournament. Such funds must be returned to the participants in accordance with the following conditions:

1. All prize money collected in an event will be returned to the participants in that event. Chevrons, medallions or trophies required in addition to cash prizes for an event may be purchased out of that event's prize fund. If multiple entries are permitted, a bowler can be listed more than once in the prize list and receive the prize for any such position.
2. In Teams, Doubles and Singles events there will be at least one prize for each ten entries or major fraction thereof.
3. When there are 100 or more entries in an event or division of an event, first place will not exceed 40% of the total prize fund. Second place will be paid approximately one half of first place. The last place prize including those paid for each last place tie must be equal to at least the amount designated as the prize fee. Refer to chart at the end of this document. (following Suggested League Rules) Event rules can limit the number of prizes paid.

TBA may at their discretion require a bond or in lieu thereof a satisfactory assurance that the prize fund obligation will be met.

**RULE 814 FEES - ALL EVENTS AND SPECIAL FEATURES**

Participants in tournaments may be charged an optional prize fee for an All Events contest when two or more events are conducted. In addition, tournament participants may be charged an optional prize fee for a special feature, such as high single game performance, under the following conditions:

1. The All Events prize fee will not exceed \$10.00.
2. The prize fee for the special feature will not be greater than the principal prize fee and will not exceed \$10.00.
3. There will be only one special feature in an event or a division of an event in the tournament.

Distribution of prizes will comply with the formula prescribed for payment of regular position prizes and the ratio of return to entrants will be at least one to twenty or major fraction thereof.

**RULE 815 ALL EVENTS**

When a tournament includes two or more events or when two or more tournaments are conducted under the same management and within the jurisdiction of the same Association, scores may be combined in determining All Events prize winners.

The All Events fee must be paid prior to the advertised closing date for entries or before the participant bowls any of the events, whichever comes sooner. The Tournament Management will be required to indicate the names of all such players who are eligible to qualify for all events prizes.

#### **RULE 816 PRIZE PAYMENT AND REPORT**

Within thirty days after the completion of the tournament, the following post tournament requirements must be met:

1. Distribute all prizes, except when TBA has authorised holding up payment pending settlement of any claim or protest that affects position standings.
2. File a copy of the prize list with TBA and the Association secretary showing the name of each prize winner, his score and prize issued to him.
3. File a copy of the financial statement with TBA and the Association secretary on forms provided by TBA listing all receipts and disbursements.

## **TOURNAMENT OPERATION**

#### **RULE 817 ENTRIES CLOSE IN ADVANCE OF TOURNAMENT**

When the date for closing of entries is in advance of the opening date of the tournament, it must be sufficiently in advance of the opening date to notify individual entrants and/or team captains of their scheduled time and date. All entries postmarked the first post office business day following the entry closing date will be accepted. The Tournament Director must prepare a schedule or post a complete list of entrants at the tournament site.

#### **RULE 818 ENTRIES - CLOSING DATE**

No Tournament Director will accept any additional entries for any event after the closing date of entries for the tournament unless the rules of the Tournament allow for late entries to be accepted.

#### **RULE 819 AVERAGES**

The following conditions will apply to individual averages in accredited handicap or classified tournaments unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules:

- a. Individual averages that are used to determine the handicaps or classification of a bowler must be based on a minimum of eighteen (18) games in a TBA accredited league.
- b. It will be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling will disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than actual average.
- c. When tournament prize winners are determined by using a handicap system, the handicap must be based on a known average or estimated ability of a bowler prior to the start of the competition. Participants who do not have an acceptable TBA accredited league average in accordance with the rules of the tournament will be required to bowl scratch unless tournament rules provide that:
  - (i) A bowler with prior league or tournament experience but who does not have an acceptable average under the tournament rules will be accepted at his most recent TBA accredited league average, or 170 whichever is the higher.
  - (ii) A bowler with no previous league or tournament experience will be assigned an average of not less than 170. In addition the Tournament Director, prior to the entrant's bowling, may assign a higher average than the foregoing when information indicates the individual may be a better bowler.

#### **RULE 820 MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION**

It will be optional whether the entrants in a accredited tournament may participate more than once in an event provided it is duly publicised in advance. The number of times participation will be permitted must be indicated.

#### **RULE 821 SCORERS**

After the official scorer, team captain or individual contestant has passed a score, it cannot be changed except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. However, the Managing Committee of a tournament may, by rule, set a time limit for appealing any scoring errors. (See Rule 124)

No scorer will be interested, directly or indirectly, in any bet or wager on any game or series. If at any time the scorer is found to be so interested, is incompetent or interferes with tournament contestants, the Tournament Director may remove any such scorer.

#### **RULE 822 NOTIFICATION OF SCHEDULE**

Notification will be given to the person filing the entry in writing or by printed schedule as to the time and date scheduled.

**RULE 823 CHANGES IN LINE-UPS OR PAIRINGS**

If the entrants in the teams and two-man events appear when scheduled, they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry form. A change in the line-up or pairings of two-man teams, as reported on the official entry form, may be permitted if the request is filed with the Secretary of the tournament or designated members of his staff at least 30 minutes prior to the time the players involved in the change are scheduled to bowl in the event.

**RULE 824 ENTRY IN BOTH SINGLES AND DOUBLES**

If an association elects to conduct both a two-man and individual event, it may by rule make entry in both of these events a requirement to qualify for participation in either, providing the rule is printed on the entry form.

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

**RULE 825 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 that 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 turn, will not be credited with any pins for any frames missed.

**RULE 826 BOWLING ALONE**

When players entered in the team or two-man event of a tournament are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes they must nevertheless bowl any and all games to be bowled as though they were actually contested. In matches other than singles matches, the anchor player must have bowled the first ball of the frame on one lane before the player bowling as lead-off will commence his next frame on the adjoining lane.

In singles tournaments a minimum of two entries will constitute a squad and these entries must bowl on the same pair of lanes. If a bowler competes alone as a squad, his score will be disqualified.

**RULE 827 PACERS**

A tournament may, by rule, permit pacers to equalise the number of players bowling on a pair of lanes thereby maintaining competitive conditions. Scores bowled by a pacer will not count in determining position standings. No person who has paced will be permitted subsequently to enter or compete in the tournament unless the tournament rules permit multiple participation.

**RULE 828 SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GAME OR SERIES**

After a game has started, no changes will be made in the order of the players during such game, except that the captain may replace any of his players by another qualified substitute at any time. When a substitution is made during a game, the score of such game will be credited to the starting player.

A player once removed from a game cannot return to bowl in the same game.

Scores bowled through the effort of more than one individual player will not qualify for any TBA or tournament individual high score awards nor will the score be included in the All Events totals.

In doubles events substitutes may be permitted but a player once removed cannot return to the line-up for the balance of the competition.

In singles competitions that finish with a match play final, the next available bowler will replace a bowler who withdraws prior to the matchplay commencing. If the matchplay has commenced and a bowler withdraws, a bye will be declared for all matches that were to be bowled by the bowler who has withdrawn. All opposition competing against the bye must bowl, but will receive an automatic win. Any bowlers beaten in matchplay by the bowler who has withdrawn will have their results changed and be given an automatic win for that match. A player who has withdrawn may not return for the balance of the competition.

**RULE 829 TWO LANES REQUIRED**

Two lanes immediately adjoining each other will be used in each game of tournament play. The bowling of ten (10) complete frames on the pair of lanes on which the game was started will constitute an official game.

**RULE 830 INTERRUPTED GAME OR SERIES**

The tournament officials may authorise the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and series which cannot be completed on the same date must be resumed from the point of interruption.

**RULE 831            TOURNAMENT SERIES**

In tournament play, the first game of a series will be started on the lane on which the team or individual is scheduled. Succeeding games will be started on the lane on which the team or individual has finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

**RULE 832            ORDER OF BOWLING**

The members of the contesting teams, two-man and individual entrants will successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane, so alternating each frame until five frames are bowled on each lane to complete the game. Each player will bowl two balls in every frame, except where he will make a strike, or player strikes or spares in the tenth frame. No pins may be conceded and only those actually knocked down may be counted. Every frame must be completed at the time the player is bowling in his regular order. When a player makes a strike in the tenth frame, he will then be permitted to bowl two more balls on the same lane on which he bowled the strike. When a player makes a spare in the tenth frame, he will be permitted to bowl one ball on the same lane on which the spare was made. In matches other than singles matches, the anchor player must have bowled the first ball of the frame before the lead-off player commences the next frame.

When any question arises as to which bowler should bowl first or when two bowlers are in corresponding positions, it will be incumbent upon the bowler on the right to so bowl.

**RULE 833            SCHEDULING OF DOUBLES**

Normally, one only doubles team is scheduled on each lane and both members of the team start on the same lane. This order of bowling may be changed, however, when a tournament schedules three doubles teams on a pair of lanes as a part of its normal scheduling pattern.

In that case, the lead-off man of each team will start on one lane and the anchor man on the alternate lane. Players will alternate lanes after each frame. Succeeding games will be started on the lane on which a player finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

**RULE 834            TIE SCORES**

In case of a tie for the team, two-man, individual or all events championship in a tournament, it will be optional with the Managing Committee or Board of Directors to have a play-off or declare co-champions except as otherwise provided in Rule 835.

In the event co-champions are declared the cash prizes for the positions affected are to be equally divided and the tournament Association required to supply such additional medals or other awards it makes to champions, which are emblematic of co-championships, from a fund other than the prize fund.

Three games will be played in deciding all ties except All Events when nine games will be bowled on at least three pair of lanes.

The team or individual making the greatest number of pins in playing off such tie will be entitled to the first prize allowed for such contest, and if the tie is in the five-man team, the two-man team or the individual contest, or for the first prize in the All Events prize fund, such winning team or individual will be entitled to the championship and medals or other awards offered for such contest. The team or individual making the next greatest number of pins in playing off such tie will be entitled to the second prize and so on.

At least three games will be played in deciding all ties excepting in match game elimination tournaments where the number of games or frames will be determined by the Tournament Management.

**RULE 835            TIES - DUPLICATION OF TEAM PERSONNEL**

When multiple participation is permitted in a tournament and one or more bowlers are members of the team tied for the championship, the following procedure will apply in conducting the play-offs for the championship:

1. If two teams are tied, and the same person or persons are duplicated on both teams, co-champions may be declared. Otherwise, those members not duplicated on the team only, will bowl a three-game series with total pins deciding the championship.
2. If more than two teams are tied for the championship and there is a duplication of personnel on any of the teams involved, there will be no play-off and co-champions will be declared.

**RULE 836            BOWLER'S EQUIPMENT**

Each five-man team must have at least three bowling balls to use in bowling scheduled games, each two-man team must have at least two bowling balls to use in bowling scheduled games, and each individual must have a bowling ball available for his exclusive use to bowl his scheduled individual event games. Should this be overlooked and proper number of balls are not provided, the contestants will lose their place on the schedule and will be scheduled at the discretion of the Secretary of the tournament and at such time as not to interfere with the regular schedule of the tournament.

**RULE 837            APPEAL OR PROTEST**

An appeal or protest regarding the decision of the foul judge, scorer or tournament official may be made to and decided

by TBA. Should any one or more TBA Directors be present, they may act for the Board of Directors and render a decision. Such appeal or protest will in all cases be made in writing, and be signed by the party making the appeal or making the protest, and the grounds of appeal or protest will be briefly stated. The decision of TBA will be final and binding upon all entrants and officials of such tournament.

**RULE 838 CHANGE OF POSITION**

No entrant will change his position in any team line-up after he has been checked into the lanes to bowl. If a change in the line-up is desired it must be made at the office of the Tournament Director at least thirty minutes prior to the time said entrant is scheduled to bowl.

## **CHAPTER 9 SUGGESTED LEAGUE RULES**

The following pages contain guidance and options which may be adopted by the League as part of the League's Constitution - which will then be read as part of Rule 315.

Many of the following are suggested, "tailor made" rules which can be adopted by scratch or handicap leagues. Others can be modified to include any optional points that may be listed in Chapter three of the TBA Rule Book.

GENERAL

(a) The ..... Bowling League at .....centre shall consist of up to ..... teams with a playing strength of ..... players. The number of extra members allowed in teams varies with circumstances. The League will bowl on ..... for ..... weeks, commencing on ..... Bowling will commence no later than .....am/pm for the selected schedule. It will be accredited with Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited.

(b) Lanes shall be turned on no later than ..... Each player may have only one practice ball on each of the Teams scheduled lanes, unless Management allows a specific warm up time.

1. MANAGEMENT

The Management of the League shall be vested in the Management Committee, which shall consist of the Officers and the Team Captains. The entire League membership shall elect Officers and adopt League rules. A majority of Teams shall constitute a quorum.

2. FEES

The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be bowling fees for ..... games plus ..... to the Secretary, ..... to the Prize fund and ..... to the Social fund. Each team shall pay the ....., made up of ..... Secretary, \$..... Prize and \$.....Social, each time it is scheduled to bowl, regardless of the number of members present. There shall be no arrearages. **The Team Captain is to pay all team bowling fees to the Treasurer before the commencement of play.**

3. FUNDS

A cheque or savings account shall be opened in the name of the league in a Recognised Banking Institution, in which funds will be deposited weekly. The President, Secretary and the Treasurer shall be signatories, with any two to sign cheques. The President shall verify the balance each week.

4. PRIZES

- (a) The prize list will be as defined in Rule 22.
- (b) To qualify for individual average, game or series prizes, a bowler must have bowled in at least ..... percent of the scheduled games in the current season. (Excluding Most Improved Average).
- (c) To qualify for any Team trophy, a bowler in the team must have bowled in at least ..... percent of Leagues scheduled games for that team since the team joined the League.
- (d) Each team shall have the opportunity to purchase a trophy for any bowler in the team ineligible under the rules to receive a trophy, providing that the League must purchase a minimum of two ..... trophies for any team award.
- (e) A team can qualify for only ..... special prize for series or game.
- (f) A bowler can qualify for ..... individual series and ..... individual game trophy.
- (g) Rules (e) and (f) do not include Premiership, Runner-up, Individual Team award, most improved average or high average trophies.

5. ENTERING AVERAGES

- (a) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games in this League:  
The previous seasons finishing average in this League.
  - (b) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games but not in this League:  
Highest current average in any League in which 21 or more games have been played. If no current average, then the highest yearbook average over 21 games.
  - (c) Previously Bowled, but not 21 Games in one League:  
Current average in the League in which the most games have been bowled or the highest Yearbook average, whichever is the highest.
  - (d) The above averages shall be used for the first nine (9) games of the new season. After nine games have been bowled, the total current seasons pinfall will be divided by nine (9) to determine the new average.
  - (e) No Previous Experience:  
A Bowler shall bowl three (3) games and have the total pins divided by three (3) to determine the average to be used.
  - (f) Premiership points will be allocated to teams from the beginning of the season using the above averages.
6. HANDICAP  
The handicap allowance shall be ..... percent and shall be figured on the difference between each individuals average and ..... scratch.
- e.g. If the average calculated = 134  
For handicap calculation: ..... - 134 = .....  
Handicap (.....%) = .....
7. TEAM ROSTERS  
Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary on the first night of the season. New players cannot be added to a team roster after the start of the last schedule, without the approval of the Management Committee.
8. LEGAL LINE - UP  
..... player/s from a teams current roster must be present at the start of any game or the game will be forfeited.
9. ROVING SUBSTITUTE
- (a) Must be registered with the League.
  - (b) Any Captain, knowing he will not have a full line-up for any match, may ask a roving substitute to report for that match. Providing all teams have a legal line-up, the roving substitute shall be taken as a member of that team for that match.
  - (c) The score of a roving substitute shall be used to calculate the results of a match.
  - (d) League entering average rules shall apply.
  - (e) Shall carry his own average in the League.
10. BLIND SCORES  
Blind scores may only be used when a legal (but incomplete) Line-up is present.  
The League Blind score will be based on one or more of the following:
- a. The average of the team's absent player having played the greatest number of games in the season, less ..... pins.
  - b. The average of the team's absent player with the highest average (minimum of 21 games), less ..... pins.
  - c. Reduced by 5 pins for each consecutive (match/series) use by a team, to a maximum penalty of 30 pins off the established Blind Score.
  - d. A fixed score of ..... pins for each absent player.  
(Care should be used to allow for ability and handicap provisions of the League)  
The absent bowlers handicap must be added to the Blind Score.
11. VACANCY SCORES  
When a team is incomplete at the beginning of the schedule and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of ..... shall be used if the bowlers absent have no previous League experience. A handicap shall be allotted to suit the vacancy score. The score used for the match result is taken as the Blind score of the Vacancy allowance plus handicap.
12. TARDY (LATE) PLAYERS
- (a) A tardy player shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first frame with the score to count, provided the game has not progressed beyond the ..... frame.

- (b) Should a bowler have to take emergency leave, one tenth of the bowlers blind score shall be used for each frame not completed in that game, and the bowlers blind score for each game after.
- (c) Games using any part of a blind score shall not be credited to the players average.
- (d) A bowler who has to leave early, may, with the permission of both Captains, complete the game bowling frames on alternate lanes with one of the opposing players, providing the match has progressed up to the ..... frame of the third game.

13. POINT SYSTEM

The league may decide on any Point System that it feels will suit it. Some options are:

The most commonly used Points System is the simplest method of allocating a Point (or number of Points) to the winner of each game in the series, plus an additional Point (or Points) for the series total of the Match. *A vast array of alternatives are available, but care should be taken when deciding upon systems which include "over average" and "bonus points" which may be difficult to audit at some later time.*

- a. **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:** (Select required options)
  - i. .... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of each Team game.
  - ii. .... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of the Team series.
  - iii. ... .. Points will be shared in the case of a tied game or series.
  - iv. .... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of each Individual game.
  - v. .... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of each Individual series.
- b. In "handicap leagues" results of all matches will include Handicap's unless otherwise specified.
- c. Blind Scores and Vacancy Scores will be included in all Team totals.
- d. Where 'Individual' Points are offered, Blind Scores and Vacancy Scores will be matched against the lowest average bowlers unless otherwise specified.

14. POSITION STANDINGS

Shall be determined on the basis of games won and lost.

15. REPLACEMENT TEAMS

A team which enters the competition after the season is in progress shall assume a position equal to the team it replaces or the team on the bottom of the table.

16. BYES / FORFEITS

- (a) When a bye or a forfeit occurs, due to any reason whatsoever, the team present and not at fault must bowl all games as though they were actually contested.
- (b) Every member bowling on such team must have completed his frame on one lane before the team shall commence its frame on the adjoining lanes.
- (c) When a team forfeits a series, the members of the team are still responsible for all fees except actual bowling fees.

17. PRE-BOWLING UNOPPOSED

*All "Pre-Bowled" League games will be bowled in accordance with Rule 329 unless specified and strict procedures have been adopted prior to the start of the season. TBA Awards are not available for any scores bowled in matches without the direct opposition of their opponent.*

Handicaps/Averages existing at the date of play are to be used.

If required, rules similar to the following can be used or revised to suit:

a. **TEAMS:**

- 1. Team pre-bowling must be supervised by:
  - i. A member of the Team against whom the match is scheduled.
  - ii. A member of the League's Management Committee.
  - iii. A member of a special panel appointed by the League for the purpose. The completed score sheet must be signed by the supervisor prior to passing to the League Secretary for recording of the results.
  - iv. Centre staff.
- 2. Having pre-bowled a scheduled match, that Team may not bowl with the League on the date of the scheduled match.
- 3. If a pre-bowled score sheet is lost or misplaced, the scores from that match will not count and a re-bowl is not permitted.
- 4. Pre-bowling may not be conducted in the Team's own League.
- 5. The League Secretary must be advised PRIOR to any team pre-bowling unopposed..
- 6. No Team may pre-bowl unopposed more than ..... times in any season.

b. **INDIVIDUALS:**

- 1. Reserves, substitutes and roving substitutes will have precedence over pre-bowlers for vacancies in this League.

2. Pre-bowled matches must be played in a League of the same playing strength as that of the League of origin. (i.e. Play for a "Team of 4" match must be in another "Team of 4")
3. Unopposed pre-bowled scores may not also be counted as scores for play in the host League.
4. Any pre-bowl record/verification sheet is to be dated with the date of the scheduled match by the issuing Centre control attendant.
5. Having pre-bowled a scheduled series, a player may not play with their League on the date of that scheduled match.
6. Pre-bowling may not be conducted in the Individuals own League.
7. The League Secretary must be advised PRIOR to any Individual pre-bowling unopposed.
8. If a pre-bowled score sheet is lost or misplaced, the scores from that match will not count and a re-bowl will not be permitted.
9. Unopposed pre-bowling scores will count towards a legal line-up.
10. No player may pre-bowl unopposed more that six times in any season.

18. PLAY - OFFS

Total pinfall plus handicap in one game shall determine the winners of any play-off for the 1st or 2nd place, on a pair of lanes to be selected by draw.

19. PREMIERSHIP

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the completed schedule shall be the winner.

20. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These rules have been adopted by a majority vote of the League members prior to the start of the schedule. After the start of competitive play, the rules may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the Management Committee. Such action must be governed by a unanimous vote of the members of the Management Committee.

21. TROPHIES (Cash, Prizes, etc)

Trophies shall be awarded for the following:

(The President shall arrange for a prize list, together with conditions and eligibility requirements, to be presented to the league's Management Committee for approval, within five (5) weeks of the start of the league schedule.)

In addition to the trophies/cash/prizes selected by the League, all eligible members of the Premiership team shall receive a League Champion chevron.

A Most Improved Average chevron shall be awarded to the bowler who has the most improved average, calculated as follows:

- (a) A bowler's increase in average is determined by comparing his final average for the current competition and his final average of at least twenty one (21) games for the preceding competition in the same League.
- (b) For a bowler who entered the League with an average established in another accredited League, compare his final average for the current competition with his highest average shown on the final standing sheet for his previous League/s.
- (c) For a bowler with no average for the preceding competition, compare his final average for the current competition with the average he established in his first twenty one (21) games during the current competition.
- (d) Decimal places must be taken into account in the event that two or more bowlers have the same increase in average.

To be eligible for Most Improved Average, a bowler must have bowled in at least two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the leagues scheduled games in the current season.

## EXAMPLE OF HOW TO READ THE PRIZE FUND PAYOUT CHART SHOWN ON NEXT PAGE

- If the entry form states that the prize fund will be returned 100% on the basis of one prize for every ten entries, then the payout is calculated as follows:

If there are 1 to 10 entries there will only be one prize. The winner receives 100% of the that divisions prize fund.

If there are 11 to 20 entries, there will be two winners. First place receives 65% and second place receives 35% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

If there are 21 to 30 entries, there will be three winners. First place receives 60%, second place receives 27% and third place receives 13% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

The chart shows percentages for events that will pay up to twenty places.

- If the entry form states that the prize fund will be returned 100% on the basis of one prize for every five entries, then the payout is calculated as follows:

If there are 1 to 5 entries there will only be one prize. The winner receives 100% of the that divisions prize fund.

If there are 6 to 10 entries, there will be two winners. First place receives 65% and second place receives 35% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

If there are 11 to 15 entries, there will be three winners. First place receives 60%, second place receives 27% and third place receives 13% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

The chart shows percentages for events that will pay up to twenty places.

- The basis for the prize fund payout per number of entries must be stated on the entry form. As long as a tournament has a payout for one prize for any particular number of entries, the chart should still be used.

**CHART SHOWING THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY TO BE PAID ACCORDING TO ENTRIES RECEIVED**

Refer to the example shown on the previous page

NUMBER OF ENTRIES	THE BASIS FOR THE PRIZE FUND PAYOUT PER NUMBER OF ENTRIES MUST BE STATED ON THE ENTRY FORM																			
No OF PRIZES TO BE PAID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PLACING	PERCENTAGE OF PRIZE FUND																			
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	65	60	52	50	45	40	40	40	38	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	30	28	27
2 <sup>nd</sup>		35	27	26	23	21	20	20	20	19	18	17	17	16	15	15	15	14	14	13
3 <sup>rd</sup>			13	12	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6
4 <sup>th</sup>				10	9	9	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5
5 <sup>th</sup>					8	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6 <sup>th</sup>						7	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
7 <sup>th</sup>							6	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
8 <sup>th</sup>								4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
9 <sup>th</sup>									4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
10 <sup>th</sup>										4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
11 <sup>th</sup>											3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
12 <sup>th</sup>												3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
13 <sup>th</sup>													3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
14 <sup>th</sup>														2	2	2	2	2	2	3
15 <sup>th</sup>															2	2	2	2	2	2
16 <sup>th</sup>																2	2	2	2	2
17 <sup>th</sup>																	2	2	2	2
18 <sup>th</sup>																		2	2	2
19 <sup>th</sup>																			2	2
20 <sup>th</sup>																				2

# **6 TEAM LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

DATE	INSERT LANE NUMBERS		
	Team Code Numbers		
1.....	1-2	3-4	5-6
2.....	5-4	1-6	2-3
3.....	3-1	2-5	6-4
4.....	2-6	4-1	3-5
5.....	1-5	6-3	4-2
6.....	3-2	4-5	1-6
7.....	5-6	1-2	3-4
8.....	1-4	5-3	6-2
9.....	6-3	2-4	5-1
10.....	2-5	3-1	4-6
11.....	4-3	6-5	2-1
12.....	6-1	3-2	4-5
13.....	5-2	4-6	1-3
14.....	1-4	5-3	6-2
15.....	3-6	2-4	5-1
16.....	5-4	6-1	2-3
17.....	2-1	4-3	6-5
18.....	3-5	2-6	4-1
19.....	4-2	1-5	3-6
20.....	1-3	6-4	5-2
21.....	5-6	1-2	3-4
22.....	2-3	5-4	1-6
23.....	6-4	3-1	2-5
24.....	3-5	2-6	4-1
25.....	4-2	1-5	6-3
26.....	1-6	3-2	4-5
27.....	3-4	5-6	1-2
28.....	6-2	1-4	5-3
29.....	5-1	6-3	2-4
30.....	4-6	2-5	3-1
31.....	1-2	3-4	5-6
32.....	5-4	1-6	2-3
33.....	3-1	2-5	6-4
34.....	2-6	4-1	3-5
35.....	1-5	6-3	4-2

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# **8 TEAM LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

DATE	INSERT LANE NUMBERS			
	Team Code Numbers			
1.....	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8
2.....	6-8	5-7	2-4	1-3
3.....	5-4	1-8	7-3	2-6
4.....	3-6	7-2	1-5	8-4
5.....	7-1	4-6	3-8	5-2
6.....	2-3	8-5	4-1	6-7
7.....	4-7	6-1	8-2	3-5
8.....	5-6	7-8	3-4	1-2
9.....	2-4	1-3	5-7	6-8
10.....	7-3	2-6	1-8	5-4
11.....	1-5	8-4	7-2	3-6
12.....	3-8	5-2	4-6	7-1
13.....	4-1	6-7	8-5	2-3
14.....	8-2	3-5	6-1	4-7
15.....	4-3	2-1	8-7	6-5
16.....	7-5	8-6	3-1	4-2
17.....	8-1	4-5	6-2	3-7
18.....	2-7	6-3	4-8	5-1
19.....	6-4	1-7	2-5	8-3
20.....	5-8	3-2	7-6	1-4
21.....	1-6	7-4	5-3	2-8
22.....	8-7	6-5	2-1	4-3
23.....	3-1	4-2	8-6	7-5
24.....	6-2	3-7	4-5	8-1
25.....	4-8	5-1	6-3	2-7
26.....	2-5	8-3	1-7	6-4
27.....	7-6	1-4	3-2	5-8
28.....	5-3	2-8	7-4	1-6
29.....	2-1	4-3	6-5	8-7
30.....	8-6	7-5	4-2	3-1
31.....	4-5	8-1	3-7	6-2
32.....	6-3	2-7	5-1	4-8
33.....	1-7	6-4	8-3	2-5
34.....	3-2	5-8	1-4	7-6
35.....	7-4	1-6	2-8	5-3

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# **10 TEAM LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

DATE	INSERT LANE NUMBERS				
	Team Code Numbers				
1.....	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
2.....	7-3	1-6	2-9	5-10	8-4
3.....	4-5	9-8	10-1	3-2	6-7
4.....	9-1	5-3	4-7	8-6	10-2
5.....	10-7	6-2	8-3	4-1	5-9
6.....	5-8	4-10	7-2	6-9	1-3
7.....	6-4	7-9	1-5	10-3	2-8
8.....	3-9	8-1	6-10	2-4	7-5
9.....	8-10	2-5	9-4	1-7	3-6
10.....	4-3	10-9	2-1	6-5	8-7
11.....	6-1	4-8	3-7	9-2	10-5
12.....	8-9	7-6	5-4	1-10	2-3
13.....	3-5	2-10	1-9	7-4	6-8
14.....	2-6	9-5	7-10	3-8	1-4
15.....	10-4	3-1	8-5	2-7	9-6
16.....	9-7	8-2	4-6	5-1	3-10
17.....	1-8	5-7	9-3	10-6	4-2
18.....	5-2	6-3	10-8	4-9	7-1
19.....	9-10	7-8	3-4	1-2	5-6
20.....	8-4	5-10	1-6	7-3	2-9
21.....	6-7	3-2	9-8	4-5	10-1
22.....	10-2	8-6	5-3	9-1	4-7
23.....	5-9	4-1	6-2	10-7	8-3
24.....	1-3	6-9	4-10	5-8	7-2
25.....	2-8	10-3	7-9	6-4	1-5
26.....	7-5	2-4	8-1	3-9	6-10
27.....	3-6	1-7	2-5	8-10	9-4
28.....	8-7	6-5	10-9	4-3	2-1
29.....	10-5	9-2	4-8	6-1	3-7
30.....	2-3	1-10	7-6	8-9	5-4
31.....	6-8	7-4	2-10	3-5	1-9
32.....	1-4	3-8	9-5	2-6	7-10
33.....	9-6	2-7	3-1	10-4	8-5
34.....	3-10	5-1	8-2	9-7	4-6
35.....	4-2	10-6	5-7	1-8	9-3
36.....	7-1	4-9	6-3	5-2	10-8

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## **12 TEAM LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

DATE	INSERT LANE NUMBERS					
	Team Code Numbers					
1.....	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12
2.....	4-5	6-2	12-3	9-11	1-7	10-8
3.....	9-3	1-10	11-4	5-12	8-2	6-7
4.....	7-12	5-8	9-2	10-4	11-6	1-3
5.....	11-8	9-7	1-5	6-3	10-12	2-4
6.....	10-6	11-1	3-8	12-2	7-4	9-5
7.....	5-7	4-12	2-10	1-9	6-8	3-11
8.....	12-9	10-5	7-11	4-6	2-3	8-1
9.....	6-1	2-11	8-12	3-5	4-9	7-10
10.....	3-10	8-9	4-1	2-7	5-11	12-6
11.....	8-4	7-3	6-9	11-10	12-1	5-2
12.....	6-5	2-1	12-11	4-3	8-7	10-9
13.....	3-12	5-4	8-10	2-6	11-9	7-1
14.....	4-11	3-9	7-6	10-1	12-5	2-8
15.....	2-9	12-7	3-1	8-5	4-10	6-11
16.....	5-1	8-11	4-2	7-9	3-6	12-10
17.....	8-3	6-10	5-9	1-11	2-12	4-7
18.....	10-2	7-5	11-3	12-4	9-1	8-6
19.....	11-7	9-12	1-8	5-10	6-4	3-2
20.....	12-8	1-6	10-7	11-2	5-3	9-4
21.....	1-4	10-3	6-12	9-8	7-2	11-5
22.....	9-6	4-8	2-5	3-7	10-11	1-12
23.....	11-12	5-6	9-10	1-2	3-4	7-8
24.....	10-8	12-3	1-7	4-5	6-2	9-11
25.....	6-7	11-4	8-2	9-3	1-10	5-12
26.....	1-3	9-2	11-6	7-12	5-8	10-4
27.....	2-4	1-5	10-12	11-8	9-7	6-3
28.....	9-5	3-8	7-4	10-6	11-1	12-2
29.....	3-11	2-10	6-8	5-7	4-12	1-9
30.....	8-1	7-11	2-3	12-9	10-5	4-6
31.....	7-10	8-12	4-9	6-1	2-11	3-5
32.....	12-6	4-1	5-11	3-10	8-9	2-7
33.....	5-2	6-9	12-1	8-4	7-3	11-10

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