

TENPIN BOWLING (open)

2017

AUS Tenpin Bowling competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Tenpin Bowling Australia](#) (TBA) and by laws such as the [National Youth Championships](#), except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 5
- Maximum registered players – 8
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can bowl without incurring a forfeit – 3

2. Substitutions

- 2.1. If a team has 6 or more players they may use a substitute bowler at any time to avoid injury and tiredness with prior approval of the competition manager.
- 2.2. The substitute player must take a position within the team that was nominated at the start of the championship. If they are the third highest ranked bowler they will bowl in such a position for the match they substitute for.
- 2.3. The substitute player must complete the game of the replaced player. The replaced player can not return to bowl in the same game.

3. Competition format

- 3.1. One match will take place on two adjacent lanes.
- 3.2. A match will consist of up to 5 players per team.
- 3.3. The duration of 5 person teams is approximately one hour.
- 3.4. Bowler 1 will compete against the opposing bowler 1, number 2 bowler against the opposing number 2 bowler and so on until 5 games have been bowled in one match.
- 3.5. The order of bowlers will be the reversed order i.e. the number 1 bowler will bowl last and so on with the 5th bowler bowling first.
- 3.6. Bowlers must bowl with the same hand unless injury occurs whereby the competition manager must be notified immediately.

4. Point score

- 4.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;
 - Each team will be matched against the opposing team member in the corresponding position in the line-up and the bowler achieving the highest total scratch pinfall game will win 1 point for their team. In the event of an equal game score, the point will be equally shared
 - A team member bowling unopposed in any match will automatically win the individual match point
- 4.2. The team's total pinfall will be compared with the total pinfall of the opposing team and 2 points will be awarded to the team with the highest total pinfall. In the event of an equal team score, the points will be equally shared.
- 4.3. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:
 - a) the overall pin fall for and against in all pool matches

- b) most individual wins in all pool matches

5. Drawn matches

- 5.1. In the event that game scores are drawn at the end of a progression or medals match the winner will be decided by the highest total pinfall in the current match i.e. the comparison of the total number of pins that have fallen for each team during the current match adding all 5 players pinfall totals together.

6. Forfeit, Late Start, Tardy Players

- 6.1. Tenpin Bowling teams/players are subject to [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 6.2. A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn, will not be credited with any pins for any frames missed.
- 6.3. If an opposing team is either incomplete or entirely absent 10 minutes after the scheduled start time (confirmed by the competition manager) the team remaining will begin playing as per normal as they need to record their total pinfall for potential drawn matches in further preliminary and progression matches. Any player or team arriving late will begin play with their score count starting from the frame then being bowled.
- 6.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by competition management or AUS), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.
- 6.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

7. Uniform requirements

- 7.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 7.2. The specific uniform requirements for Tenpin bowling are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
- Teams need to be properly attired in tasteful matching uniforms displaying the universities colours and identifying marks such as logo or wording
- 7.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally, the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

8. Award ceremonies

- 8.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 8.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competition.
- 8.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams
 - For regional university games events
 - Open champion
 - For the Australian University Games
 - Overall open champion
 - Open champion division 2
- 8.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion team at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):
 - Open Overall Champions – AUS Tenpin Bowling Champions trophy

Rule amendments

March 2006 | April 2008 | March 2010 | March 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017
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