

Eligibility:

This tournament is open to all current Senior and Grand Senior members of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Inc. (TBNZ), or any Senior or Grand Senior member of an affiliated organisation to the World Bowling. Bowlers must be over the age of 49 as at 1 January 2018 or over the age of 59 to enter the Grand Seniors Division as at 1 January 2018.

Playing Rules:

All TBNZ general playing and tournament rules will apply.

Anti-Doping Policy:

All bowlers who enter this tournament may be tested for compliance with the TBNZ Anti-Doping Policy. Many drugs remain present in the body for months after use. If you are unsure about your drug free status, do NOT enter this tournament.

Events:

In each grade the events to be played shall be Singles, Doubles and four (4) person Teams. Bowlers will be eligible for the All Events, as long as they have entered all three events, and paid the appropriate All-Events entry fee.

Divisions:

There will be three divisions, an Open division, a Grand Senior Division and a Graded Division.

Bowlers will only be eligible to compete in the Masters of the All Events for which they have registered. Men and Women will compete in separate sections for the Open & Grand Senior Divisions

The Graded Men & Women will compete in separate sections for Singles and All Events, but combined for Doubles & Teams. These can be Male/Female or Mixed.

The Graded Division will be handicapped, and the system used will be 90% of 200.

An Open Mixed Doubles event will be held during the tournament. It is a scratch event. Open Mixed Doubles scores do not count towards the All Events totals, for any competitor. Squads for this event are available in any Doubles squad.

Grand Senior:

A Grand Senior Division will be included in this tournament, for All Events and Masters only. This will be a scratch open pin-fall event.

Entering Multiple Divisions:

Bowlers can enter a maximum of two All Events Divisions, and may bowl in two separate Masters if they qualify. Each Bowlers 'first' attempt at Singles/Doubles/Teams will count towards both All Events, so bowlers are only required to compete in one squad of each event.

The \$10 all-events fee must be paid for every All Events Division entered.

National Rankings:

Please refer to the Rankings Policy at www.tbnz.co.nz for this particular event.

Number of Entries:

Multiple entries will be accepted as follows:

- Teams: Two bowlers must be changed in the team line-up.
- Doubles: You may only bowl with same partner once.
- Singles: One entry only per division entered (subject to eligibility).
- All Events: You may enter a maximum of two All Events divisions.

Note – Bowlers may only enter the doubles event a maximum of 3 times, excluding Open Mixed Doubles.

Number of Games per Event:

Doubles and Teams events shall consist of three (3) games per bowler.

Senior Open and Graded Singles shall consist of six (6) games per bowler. Lane changes will be after every two games. Lane movements will be two pairs of lanes, either to the left or right. Doubles and Teams events shall consist of three (3) games per bowler. There are no lane movements for either the Doubles or Teams events.

Entries:
All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees. Entries close on the 29th of April, 2018. Preference will be given to paid entries. Late entries at the tournament will only be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Payment:
All entry payments are to be paid into the TBNZ Bank Account.
The account number is **03 0227 0331250 00**, please include your name and 'SNR NATS' in the reference details so we can identify your payment.

Entering Averages:
Bowlers entering this tournament must use their current Tournament average as per the National Rankings as at 29 April 2018. The average used must be established over a minimum of 21 games. Bowlers who don't have a National Rankings average will be required to provide proof of a current league average as at 29 April 2018. Entries will not be accepted without this verification.

Senior Men holding an average above 175 must enter the Open Division. Senior Ladies holding an average above 165 must enter the Open Division. All other bowlers are permitted to enter either the Open or Graded Division.

Review of Bowlers Averages:
The Tournament Committee may use their discretion to review entering averages submitted and may re-grade any bowler or entry.

Replacements or Substitutes:
All replacements or changes to the original entry must be reported and approved by the Tournament Committee at least **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled bowling time. The average of the replacement or substitute cannot change the grading of the original entry.

Check-In:
Bowlers must check-in **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled starting time. With regards to the teams and doubles events, all bowlers must be present at check-in.

Masters Events: Check-in will be a sign in check-in **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled starting time, if a bowler is absent at this time they will be disqualified from the Masters and will not be permitted to bowl. The next available qualifier available will then be invited to contest the Masters in that Division.

Lane Draw: Bowler's starting lanes will be decided by **RANDOM** lane draw,

Tardy Bowlers:
Any bowler not ready to bowl at the scheduled starting time will not be permitted to catch up and will commence at the frame being bowled.

Practice Balls:
Each bowler will be entitled to ten (10) minutes practice for the Singles & Doubles events and fifteen (15) minutes for the Teams event. Masters will be five (5) minutes and after the bowlers have been introduced prior to the start of the Masters.

All Events:
An All Events Champion will be declared for each Division. An All Events total is made up from a bowlers Singles pinfall and the first attempt in both Doubles and Teams events, regardless of the Division in which the events are bowled. If a bowler is competing in more than one grade, they must indicate which entry will count for which All Events Division, prior to the start of the tournament.

Presentations:
Presentations are as specified below.

Masters Events:

A Masters Event will be held for each Division as follows:

Men's Open – 12 finalists

Ladies Open – 12 finalists

Men's Grand Senior - 8 finalists

Ladies Grand Senior – 8 finalists

Graded Men's & Ladies – 10 finalists

The qualifying finalists from each All Events will be invited to contest a Masters. The finalists will contest a series of match-play games based on the number of finalists. Bonus points will be awarded 20 for a win, 10 for a draw. The bowler with highest total pin-fall including bonus pins will be declared the winner.

The average to be used in the Graded masters will be as per the entering average of the bowler for the tournament (i.e. there will be no re-averaging). At the close of entries the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reduce/increase the number of participants in a Masters event depending on the number entries.

National Champions:

National Champions placings will be determined by adding All Events total, Masters pin-fall, including bonus points will form a National Champion total.

National Champions and 2nd and 3rd place overall will be declared in the each of the divisions.

The Senior Men's and Senior Women's Open National Champion receives direct entry into Australian Seniors Cup Final to be held in Melbourne during October 2018 provided they complete an Australian Senior National Champs All Events entry. The Finals entry is paid for by TBNZ.

Should the National Champion decline this prize the runner up will be awarded this prize.

If the runner up declines then the prize is forfeit.

General Conditions:

- Only participants, scorers and officials shall be allowed in the players' area.
- Drinking and eating in the bowlers' area shall not be permitted.
- The consumption of alcohol is also not permitted while competing in an event, or if you have events still to complete for the day.
- Smoking is not permitted during the playing of any event.
- The use of abrasives or solvents on bowling balls or changing the surface in any way other than wiping is only permitted at the completion of a block of games.
- Bowlers must not express or display any verbal comments of abuse of either a physical or symbolic nature towards equipment, centre staff, tournament committee, other competitors or the public will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Bowlers will conduct themselves in a sportsperson like manner at all times.
- Any transgressions will result in the card system being implemented.

Card System:

White Card – General warning to the participant in regards to a rules breach.

Yellow Card - Official warning to the participant in regards to a rules breach or behavioural offence.

Red Card – Will lead to the disqualification of the participant from the tournament.

Dress Code:

Short sleeved, collared shirt or any approved bowling branded shirt must be worn.

Men must wear dress trousers at all times.

Women may wear either dress trousers, dress shorts, skirts, skorts or ¾ pants

No denims, cargo type pants or tracksuit pants will be permitted.

A clean and tidy standard of dress will be required at all times.

All bowlers are required to wear correct bowling shoes. Any shoes that leave deposits on the approaches, e.g. rubber soled shoes, will not be allowed. Applying any substance to the surface of shoes is not permitted.

Ties:

In the event of tie for the National Champion, a one game roll-off will take place to decide the final placings.

Masters: In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position for the Masters in any division, a one game roll off will be bowled to determine the final qualifier. All other ties, medals/positions will be shared.

Special Note:

Any matters which arise that are not covered herein shall be decided by the Tournament Committee.

Disclaimers:

The Tournament Officials, and the Bowling Centre management and their staff will not be held responsible for any injuries, loss/damage of belongings/equipment during the Championship.

Tournament Committee:

Pete Richardson, Ian Klein, Tim Swain, Tony Trembath

Senior Cup:

The Top 12 Men & Top 12 Women with the highest three game series from qualifying will be invited to contest the Senior Cup Final. Scores in Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Teams across all divisions can be used. Bowlers must confirm their Senior Cup entry at check-in and pay the \$10 entry fee prior to competing in their nominated squad. This a multiple entry event.

All qualifiers will be invited to bowl 6 games. Final placings will be determined by scratch pin-fall.

Prize pay-out will be based on the number of entries received.

SQUAD TIMES

Thursday 3rd May			Friday 4th May			Saturday 5 th May			Sunday 6th May		
<i>Lane Condition</i>			<i>Lane Condition</i>			<i>Lane Condition</i>			<i>Lane Condition</i>		
1	Doubles	3:00pm	5	Singles	9:00am	10	Singles/Teams	9:00am	14	Grand Snr Ladies	8:30am
2	Doubles	4:30pm	6	Doubles	11:30am	11	Doubles	11:30am	15	Grand Snr Mens	8:30am
<i>Lane Condition</i>			<i>Lane Condition</i>			<i>Lane Condition</i>			Prizegiving		
3	Singles	6:30pm	7	Singles	2:00pm	Prizegiving		1:30pm	<i>Lane Condition</i>		
4	Doubles	9:00pm	8	Doubles	4:30pm	12	Senior Cup	2:30pm	16	Open Mens	11:00am
<i>Finish</i>		10:30pm	<i>Lane Condition</i>			<i>Lane Condition</i>			Prizegiving		
			9	Teams	7:00pm	13	Graded Masters	6:00pm	<i>Lane Condition</i>		
			<i>Finish</i>		9:00pm	<i>Finish</i>		8:30pm	17	Open Ladies	2:30pm
									Prizegiving		

The above times are bowl times, practice may commence prior to these times.

Mixed Doubles are available in all Doubles squads.

Doubles & Teams – up to 18 spots per squad.

Main Medal Presentations will be after Squad 11.

National Champion Awards to follow each Masters.

DIVISION AVERAGES:

	MALE		FEMALE	
	Senior Open	Senior Graded	Senior Open	Senior Graded
Singles	All Averages	Below 175	All Averages	Below 165
Doubles	All Averages	Below 350	All Averages	Below 350
Teams	All Averages	Below 700	All Averages	Below 700
Mixed Doubles	All Averages			

EVENT	COST
Singles	\$50.00
Doubles	\$25.00 per bowler
Teams	\$25.00 per bowler
All Events	\$10.00 per division
Masters: Graded	\$65.00
Masters: Ladies Open	\$80.00
Masters: Mens Open	\$80.00
Masters: Grand Senior	\$60.00
Senior Cup: Men & Ladies	\$50.00