



TENPIN BOWLING NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL RANKING POLICY

2026
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1. Objective

To rank athletes competing in TBNZ ranked tournaments within their respective divisions.

2. Divisions

Rankings will be compiled for these Divisions:

- TBNZ18 Girls
- TBNZ18 Boys
- TBNZ50 Women
- TBNZ21 Women
- TBNZ21 Men
- TBNZ50 Men
- Open Women
- Open Men

3. A Centre hosting a ranked tournament must: -

Be a TBNZ Partner Centre to host a Grade 1 or 2 tournament.

Have current TBNZ lane certification.

Have operational foul lights or judges for the entire tournament.

Open the tournament to all TBNZ members unless it is an age specific tournament (e.g. TBNZ21, TBNZ50) then it must be open to all TBNZ members within that age group.

Make an application for a certificate number to the Tournaments Manager. The application should include the full tournament format and schedule. The Tournaments Manager may make recommendations to ensure the tournament complies with this Policy or not approve the tournament for ranking if it does not.

Once the Tournament calendar is confirmed and released additional Tournaments will ONLY be ranked by making an application to the Tournaments Committee. That application may be denied if any addition disrupts the confirmed calendar.

Comply with the **Lane Pattern Criteria** as set out in section 5 of this policy.

Pay the TBNZ tournament fee of \$5 per bowler after each tournament.

Send results of completed tournaments to be posted on the TBNZ Website.

4. Grades and Formats of Ranked Tournaments

Grade 1:

All age group TBNZ Nationals.

All age group National Teams tournaments (where ranking is possible, and All Events comprises 12 games or more).

Any other tournament the board determines should be Grade 1.

Grade 2:

All Events format:

- a) Comprises a combination of Singles, Doubles, Trios and Teams (4 or 5-person teams).
- b) Minimum of 9 games for the All Events.
- c) Masters qualification is based on All Events from best attempts and no pinfall carried forward.
- d) Masters qualification is based on All Events from the first attempt.

Singles format WITH Masters:

- a) Minimum qualifying number of games for Masters is 6 games.
- b) Tournament may allow for multiple attempts and no pinfall carried forward to Masters.
- c) The qualifying stage may be multi-stage before the masters event.

Singles format WITHOUT Masters – i.e. based on total pinfall only:

- a) Minimum 12 games for both Open and TBNZ50.
- b) Minimum 8 games for TBNZ18, TBNZ21, TBNZ65 and Graded.

Grade 3:

All other tournaments and those run by non TBNZ Partner centres which can be ranked.

5. Lane Pattern Criteria

- All TBNZ Nationals and National Teams tournaments will use patterns selected by a Lane Patterns Panel, which will be appointed by the TBNZ Board. The Panel will liaise with the host centre for pattern selection which must have a maximum side to side ratio of 6:1.
- Grade 2 tournaments will use patterns with a maximum side to side ratio of 6.5:1 as selected by the host centre.
- Grade 3 tournaments may use any pattern.

For all tournaments:

If two patterns are used, there must be at least 2 feet difference in length between the shortest and longest pattern.

If three patterns are used, there must be at least 2 feet difference in length between each pattern.

The same pattern cannot be used 2 years in a row.

6. Ranking Method

Open Rankings

- a) An athlete's highest ranking points scoring tournaments will determine their overall rankings position as follows:
 - i. For TBNZ18/TBNZ21 the top four tournaments.
 - ii. For Open and TBNZ50, the top five tournaments.
- b) Where there are separate divisions within the tournament (as listed in Clause 2. Divisions of this policy e.g. Open Women, TBNZ50, TBNZ21 etc.) - then the points in section 7 will apply in each division.
- c) No TBNZ18, TBNZ21 or TBNZ50 men or women ranking points will be allocated at any Open tournaments.
- d) Where there is no separate women's division, any women competing with the men in a combined Open tournament will be allocated open women's ranking points relative to other women competing. The allocation of ranking points for the men will be adjusted accordingly with competing women removed.
- e) For TBNZ18 and TBNZ21 where the host centre's tournament rules state there are separate TBNZ18 and TBNZ21 divisions, ranking points will be allocated based on each division. If the tournament rules confirm there is only a TBNZ21 division then only TBNZ21 ranking points will be allocated. If the tournament rules state that there are TBNZ18 and TBNZ21 separate divisions but because of numbers the centre elects to combine divisions then both TBNZ18 and TBNZ21 ranking points will be allocated based on the finishing position within each age group. In this case the bowler will need to nominate which ranking division they will be competing in. If no nomination is confirmed prior to bowling then the bowler will receive rankings points appropriate to their age.
- f) An athlete, coach or manager who misses a tournament through national representation, and competed in that tournament in the previous year, will be awarded equivalent points for the position they finished in that prior year based on Clause 7.
- g) Any bowler unable to complete the scheduled number of games in a tournament will still be allocated ranking points based on their finishing position using their actual pinfall, compared to the final pinfall of all other bowlers at the completion of the tournament. If any bowler was unable to compete due to disqualification then **no** ranking points will be allocated.
- h) Male athletes who receive a handicap while competing in an Open tournament will not be allocated ranking points. These athletes will be removed from the finish order and points allocated to Open male scratch athletes only based on adjusted finish positions.

General Rules

- a) If male and female bowlers are combined in one division, female bowlers will have +8 pinfall per game handicap (e.g. if there is only one TBNZ18/TBNZ21 division, then females will have +8 pinfall handicap).
- b) A qualifying attempt may only be used for one division entered regardless of

format. If an athlete wishes to enter two or more divisions then a full qualifying attempt must be bowled for each division.

- c) For each qualifying attempt the division that attempt is to apply to must be clearly confirmed by the athlete before the first practice ball is bowled for that attempt.
- d) Team only format tournaments (e.g., Doubles, Trios, etc.) will NOT be ranked.
- e) A centre can apply to the Tournaments Manager to have a centre based tournament certified providing the format fits within the tournament guidelines.
- f) International bowlers who are not TBNZ members will be removed from the finish order and points allocated to athletes based on the adjusted finish positions.
- g) Ranking points will continue to be published for a rolling 12-months period but with the following exceptions: -
 - i. Tournaments that fall twice within a 12-month period (e.g. due to date change from one year to the next) can only be represented once in the ranking list. Only the most recently held tournament will be included.
 - ii. Tournaments which are scheduled later in the current year than the previous year will remain in the rankings until the current year's tournament date.
 - iii. Tournaments not scheduled in the current calendar year will remain in the rankings until the anniversary of the previous year's tournament completion date.
 - iv. In the event tournaments are significantly impacted due to public health measures, the treatment in the rankings will be decided by the CEO, National Tournament Committee and TBNZ Ranking Officer in consultation with the Board in the best interest of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand and its members.
- h) Bowler statistics to show all games from all grades and tournaments in alphabetical order.
- i) Centre's to provide all game data from a tournament including those events, that have multiple qualifying attempts.
- j) Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules will be determined by the CEO, National Tournament Committee and TBNZ Ranking Officer in consultation with the Board in the best interest of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand and its members.

7. Points System

Base Points Table

Place	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Place	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
1	125	100	70	16	53	37	26
2	110	83	58	17	51	35	25
3	100	73	51	18	50	34	24
4	92	67	47	19	48	33	23
5	86	62	43	20	47	32	22
6	81	58	40	21	45	31	22
7	77	54	38	22	44	30	21
8	73	51	36	23	43	29	20
9	70	49	34	24	41	28	20
10	67	46	32	25	40	28	19
11	64	44	31	26	39	27	19
12	61	42	30	27	38	26	18
13	59	41	29	28	37	25	18
14	57	39	27	29	36	25	17
15	55	38	26	30	35	24	17
31	35	24	17	76	12	8	6
32	34	23	16	77	12	8	6
33	33	22	16	78	11	8	5
34	32	22	15	79	11	8	5
35	31	21	15	80	11	7	5
36	31	21	15	81	11	7	5
37	30	20	14	82	11	7	5
38	29	20	14	83	10	7	5
39	29	19	14	84	10	7	5
40	28	19	13	85	10	7	5
41	27	18	13	86	9	6	4
42	26	18	13	87	9	6	4
43	26	18	12	88	9	6	4
44	25	17	12	89	9	6	4
45	25	17	12	90	8	6	4
46	24	16	11	91	8	6	4
47	24	16	11	92	8	5	4
48	23	16	11	93	8	5	4
49	23	15	11	94	8	5	4
50	22	15	11	95	7	5	4
51	22	15	10	96	7	5	3
52	21	14	10	97	7	5	3
53	21	14	10	98	7	5	3
54	20	14	10	99	7	4	3
55	20	13	9	100	6	4	3
56	19	13	9	101	6	4	3
57	19	13	9	102	6	4	3
58	18	13	9	103	6	4	3
59	18	12	9	104	5	4	3

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60	17	12	8	105	5	4	3
61	17	12	8	106	5	4	3
62	17	11	8	107	5	3	2
63	17	11	8	108	5	3	2
64	16	11	8	109	5	3	2
65	16	11	7	110	5	3	2
66	15	10	7	111	4	3	2
67	15	10	7	112	4	3	2
68	15	10	7	113	4	3	2
69	14	10	7	114	4	3	2
70	14	9	7	115	4	3	2
71	14	9	6	116	4	2	2
72	13	9	6	117	3	2	2
73	13	9	6	118	3	2	2
74	13	9	6	119	3	2	2
75	12	8	6	120	3	2	1

Any division within a tournament with less than 10 but more than 5 entries will have a 10 percent deduction from the Basic Points Table. If there are 5 or less entries there will be a 20 percent deduction.