



2021 National Senior Teams Championships

RULES AND REGULATIONS – TBNZ #2106

Venue – North City Tenpin

Friday April 30th – Sunday May 2nd, 2021

This is a Grade 1 Ranked Event

These rules will apply for the conduct and control of the National Senior Teams Championships and related matters. In the event of any regional rule conflicting with these rules, then these rules will take precedence.

The 2021 National Senior Teams Championships will be conducted and promoted by Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Incorporated (TBNZ).

1.0 NAME

1.1 The tournament will be known as the National Senior Teams Championships 'NSTC'.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of the NSTC is to determine annually the best senior team of tenpin bowlers representing their Centre.
- 2.2 To advance a spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship that promotes a friendly rivalry amongst representative teams.

3.0 CENTRE PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 Participation in the NSTC will be limited to one team per Sponsor Centre (**See 3.3**).
- 3.2 A Centre may request to enter extra teams, or an Invitational team may be invited to compete in the NSTC at the TBNZ Tournament Managers discretion.
- 3.3 The TBNZ Tournament Manager may allow extra teams from **16th January 2021**

4.0 DEADLINES

- 4.1 Centres must confirm participation by **15th January 2021**
- 4.2 TBNZ Tournament Manager will allow extra teams from **16th January 2021**
- 4.3 Centres must submit their team list including coach and manager by **28th February 2021**
- 4.4 Proposed team or individual sponsorship submitted for approval by **28th February 2021**
- 4.5 Bowlers must apply to be included in the Draft by **28th February 2021**
- 4.6 Draft will be drawn at the **Manukau Open 4-7 March 2021**
- 4.7 Entry fees must be paid by **16th April 2021**.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY – TEAM MEMBER, SELECTOR, MANAGER, COACH

- 5.1 Must be a financial member of TBNZ in good standing, over the age of 50 or turning the age of 50 during the 2021 calendar year.
- 5.2 Must be capable of conducting themselves in a manner that does not reflect poorly on the sport of Tenpin Bowling or the Centre they are representing.
- 5.3 Must have qualified for the Centre team in accordance with the criteria set by “The Committee”.
- 5.4 Bowlers must have bowled a minimum of 21 games in a recognised league by 31 December 2020 in the Centre they wish to represent.
- 5.5 A league must consist of a minimum of seven (7) separate bowling sessions with a minimum period of seven days between each session.
- 5.6 Where a bowler doesn't meet the eligibility criteria as set out in 5.4 & 5.5 because of the NSTC being brought forward by five months, and intends to bowl in a league in the Centre they wish to represent in 2021, they can apply to that Centre's management for an exemption prior to the start of that Centre's selection process.
- 5.7 A bowler may represent any Centre where they meet the eligibility criteria.
- 5.8 Bowlers who qualify to represent more than one Centre may represent any Centre they qualify for. It is the bowler's responsibility to confirm which Centre they will represent prior to the team submission date (refer 4.3).
- 5.9 Bowlers who have missed selection for their Centre's team and for bowlers whose Centre has no team can apply to enter the **Draft (See Appendix A)**.
- 5.10 When a Centre doesn't have enough eligible bowlers to form a team, they must apply for bowlers through the Draft system. A Centre cannot combine with another Centre or approach a bowler from another Centre.

- 5.11 All applicants for a coaching position must at least hold a Level 1 accreditation under Tenpin Bowling New Zealand's National Coaching Accreditation. If a qualified coach isn't available, approval must be obtained from the TBNZ Tournament Manager for the appointment of an alternative coach.

6.0 APPOINTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The coach, selectors and team manager (The Committee) will be appointed by the Centre management.
- 6.2 Once "The Committee" has been appointed, they are responsible for determining the selection process for selecting their Centre team.

7.0 CONTROL OF EVENTS AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 7.1 The TBNZ Tournament Committee will be determined by TBNZ. The Tournament Committee will appoint a Tournament Director and will be named prior to the start of the competition.
- 7.2 The TBNZ Tournament Director will be responsible for all preparation and conduct of the matches whilst in progress.
- 7.3 The TBNZ Tournament Director may appoint/engage such assistance as deemed necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the tournament.
- 7.4 The lane pattern will be specified and approved by the TBNZ Tournament Committee as per technical requirements at least eight (8) weeks before the start of the tournament.
- 7.5 An independent Technical Advisor will be appointed to assist with the tournament lane pattern.
- 7.6 The TBNZ Tournament Committee will ensure that the host Centre's lanes have been certified by TBNZ prior to the commencement of the tournament.

8.0 FORMAT

- 8.1 This tournament will be conducted as an '**All-Events**' tournament. Each bowler will compete in Singles, Doubles, and Teams.
- 8.2 A team will comprise of 4 male and 4 female players who will compete in separate divisions.
- 8.3 Each bowler will bowl 6 games per event, for a total of 18 games.
- 8.4 Singles and Doubles will be bowled in one block of 6 games. Teams will be bowled in 2 blocks of 3 games.
- 8.5 In Singles Doubles, Teams and All-Events, each bowler or team will earn points towards their team's total points.

- 8.6 There will be a lane change after every game.
- 8.7 LANE CHANGING. On completion of each game, bowlers or teams can immediately move to their next lane, when it becomes clear, and commence bowling when their opponents arrive and their names appear on the screen.

9.0 POINTS SYSTEM

- 9.1 In Singles and All-Events, the winning bowler will earn points equivalent to the total number of bowlers in that event. i.e. 40 bowlers = 40 points for first place. The points awarded to the other bowlers will reduce by one point per place.
- 9.2 In Doubles, the winning pair will earn points equivalent to the total number of pairs in that event, multiplied by 4. i.e. 20 doubles = 80 points for the winning pair. The points awarded to the other bowlers will reduce by four points per placing.
- 9.3 In Teams, the winning team will earn points equivalent to the total number of teams in that event, multiplied by 16. i.e. 10 teams = 160 points for the winning team. The points awarded to the other teams will reduce by sixteen points per placing.
- 9.4 See Appendix B for an example of the points table based on 10 teams. When the final number of teams is known an updated table will be circulated.
- 9.5 After the teams' event is complete, the men's and women's team having the highest number of points will be declared the men's or women's NSTC champion.
- 9.6 The points earned in the men's and women's divisions by each team will then be combined to determine the overall NSTC champion.

10.0 TIES

- 10.1 In Singles, Doubles, Teams and All Events where there is a tie, bowlers or teams will earn the same amount of points, which will be the total of all the points available to the tied placings, split evenly between the tied bowlers/teams.
- 10.2 When a tie results for any placing for the overall champions in the men's, women's or combined divisions. The tie will be broken by the team with the highest All Events points total.

11.0 DRESS RULES

- 11.1 All bowlers must wear a team collared shirt of the same design and colour, clearly displaying the team's Centre and/or region name on the back.
- 11.2 All men of a Centre's team must wear the same colour dress trousers or dress shorts that require a belt and must be the same colour as the women's clothing. Mens team members will be permitted to wear a combination of the above (i.e. some men may wear dress shorts whilst others wear dress pants).
- 11.3 All women of a Centre's team must wear either dress slacks, dress shorts, dress skirts or dress skorts of the same colour as the men's clothing. Ladies team members will be

permitted to wear a combination of the above (as per the Men above, but applying to all Ladies options).

- 11.4 The length of skirts, shorts, or skorts must be below the bowler's fingertips when standing with their arms hanging naturally. If there are special circumstances that prevent this, approval will be required by the TBNZ Tournament Committee.
- 11.5 Track suit pants, cargo pants, denims, hats, caps, or any other type of headwear (except for religious reasons) cannot be worn during play.
- 11.6 Teams can wear any uniform colour and design they like, if they conform to the guidelines in the TBNZ general playing rules and points 11.1 – 11.5 above.
- 11.7 Where a bowler or bowlers in a team do not comply with the dress code, the bowler or bowlers concerned will be given a score of zero for their first game in that event which will contribute to their average and to their placing in the All Events and in the All Stars.

12.0 SPONSORSHIP

- 12.1 All participating teams are required to submit to the TBNZ Tournament Manager tournament@tbnz.co.nz any proposed team or individual sponsorship by **28th February 2021** to determine whether there is any conflict with current or proposed national sponsorship agreements or venue sponsorships.
- 12.2 Any proposed sponsorship logo shall be restricted to a size not exceeding 100cm².

13.0 THE NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONS TROPHY

- 13.1 The NSTC trophy will be presented to the team with the highest total points in the combined male and female divisions.
- 13.2 The above trophy is a perpetual trophy and will remain in the custody of the champion Centre for a period of nine months and will then be returned to the TBNZ Tournament Manager by **31st January 2022**.

14.0 MEDALLIONS

- 14.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third placed individuals winning those positions in both divisions of the following events:
 - i) Singles
 - ii) Doubles
 - iii) Teams
 - iv) All Events
 - v) Overall winning team Male

- vi) Overall winning team Female
- vii) Overall winning combined team Male and Female.

15.0 AWARDS

15.1 NSTC Sportspersons Award

- i. Voting slips will be handed out to all team managers at the commencement of day two. They will be collected before the commencement of the teams competition on day three.
- ii. The male and female bowler who receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the award, subject to the TBNZ Tournament Committee having the right of veto. Votes will be scrutinised by the TBNZ Tournament Committee.
- iii. Bowlers may vote for a member of their own team.

15.2 NSTC Outstanding Achievement Award

- i. The male and female recipient of this award is selected by the TBNZ Tournament Committee.
- ii. Criteria taken into consideration when selecting the recipient of this award are event average, medals won and pins over entering average.

15.3 NSTC All Star Team

- i. At the conclusion of the NSTC Tournament, an “**All Star Team**” will be announced in both the men’s and women’s divisions.
- ii. The top five men and women with the highest averages in the All Events will be invited into the All Star Team.
- iii. In the event of a tie for 5th place, the bowler with the highest six game singles score will gain 5th place. If the tie still exists, the bowler with the highest six game doubles score will gain 5th place. If the tie still exists, equal 5th place will be declared.

16.0 COSTS

- 16.1 The cost of entering the NSTC will be **\$1600** inclusive of GST for a team entering the men’s and women’s divisions. Entry fees must be paid by **16th April 2021** into the TBNZ bank account **03 0227 0331250 00**.

17.0 EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Random ball checks may be conducted each day. A minimum of two and a maximum of four bowlers may be randomly selected to have all their equipment checked. These checks will take place after each session has concluded. Managers will be notified prior to the bowlers being selected.
- 17.2 Any bowler whose equipment is deemed to be illegal will be given a score of zero and lose all scores/points won in that session.

18.0 PLAYERS AREA

- 18.1 Only team members, coaches, managers and tournament officials shall be allowed in the players area.
- 18.2 Only one coach or manager per team is permitted in the players area at any one time

19.0 WARM UP / PRACTICE / LANE CHANGING

- 19.1 Bowlers will be entitled to five (5) minutes practice for the singles & doubles events and ten (10) minutes for the teams' event.

20.0 GENERAL

- Drinking and eating in the bowler's area is not permitted.
- The consumption of alcohol is not permitted while competing or if you have events still to complete for the day.
- Smoking is not permitted while competing in an event.
- The use of abrasives or cleaning fluids on bowling balls or changing the surface of a bowling ball in any way is only permitted at the completion of each block of games and **MUST** be done away from the playing area.
- Bowlers are always expected to exercise the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Abuse towards Centre staff, Centre equipment, other competitors or members of the public will not be tolerated. This includes any inappropriate use of social media.
- Serious transgressions will be dealt with as in rule 21.0.

21.0 CARD SYSTEM:

- White card – verbal warning given to the team member regarding a rules breach or behavioural offence.
- Yellow card – verbal warning to the team member regarding a rules breach or behavioural offence.
- Red card – Immediate disqualification of the team member from the tournament.

22.0 PROTESTS

- 22.1 All protests must be lodged in writing to the TBNZ Tournament Director within 30 minutes of any alleged infraction. A protest may only be lodged by a Centre's Team Manager and all decisions made by the TBNZ Tournament Committee will be final.

23.0 SUBSTITUTES

- 23.1 If one or more nominated team members withdraw from their Centre team prior to the start of the tournament, the Centre can fill their team with eligible bowlers as are available from their Centre or bowlers in the draft.
- 23.2 If one or more team members are unable to bowl, due to an emergency or injury occurring during the tournament, such that four (4) players are not available to play, the team can be filled by eligible bowlers as are available. Their inclusion must be approved by the TBNZ Tournament Committee. If their inclusion is approved, all scores of the bowler/s shall count towards the team score.
- 23.3 If no eligible bowler is found and a pacer is used then no scores of the pacer shall count towards the team score.

24.0 SLOW BOWLING

- 24.1 Slow bowling will not be tolerated. except when caused by lane breakdowns or circumstances outside of bowler's control. Players preparing to step on to the approach and deliver the ball shall have the following rights and obligations.
- 24.2 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and not delay the start of their approach or delivery.
- 24.3 A bowler is given 30 seconds from the moment the previous bowler steps down from the approach, to the time the ball leaves the hand of the bowler. Tournament Officials may use stop watches to randomly check the timing of the bowler's delivery.
- 24.4 If a player does not observe the procedures outlines in 24.2 & 24.3, it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorised official as follows.
- i. A verbal warning or white card will be given (no penalty)
 - ii. A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
 - iii. A red card for the third and each succeeding offence during the event.
The penalty shall be a zero pin fall for that frame.

25.0 SPECIAL NOTE / DISCLAIMERS

- 25.1 Any matters which arise and are not covered herein shall be decided by the TBNZ Tournament Committee.
- 25.2 The tournament officials, the bowling Centre management and their staff will not be held responsible for any loss or damage of belongings or equipment during the tournament.

NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAFT GUIDELINES

The National Senior Team Championships Draft is open to all current TBNZ bowlers.

The objectives of the Draft are:

1. To provide Centres with bowlers to play in their Centre team if their pool of players is depleted for any reason;
2. To allow bowlers to compete in the NSTC who were ineligible or were unsuccessful in qualifying for their Centre team; and
3. To allow bowlers to compete when their Centre is not entering a team.

Applicants must:

1. Understand that if they are successful in the draft, they must pay travel expenses to the tournament and any other expense to the Centre for which they are representing.
2. During the National Senior Teams Championships, stay with the team they have joined and be part of the team and take directives from the appointed coach and manager of that team.
3. Applications to be included in the draft should be emailed to the TBNZ Tournament Manager at tournament@tbnz.co.nz.

Conditions:

1. All draft bowlers must apply to be included in the draft by **28th February 2021** Their application must include their name, highest TBNZ tournament average or their league average (whichever is the highest) and the Centre they bowl. Average must be based on at least 21 games.
2. Allocation of bowlers will be done by the following process:
 - i. All teams requiring bowlers will be put in a hat and drawn one at a time, this will determine the allocation order (Separate draw for male and female vacancies);
 - ii. The bowler with the highest average will be allocated to the first team drawn, the bowler with the second highest average will be allocated to the second team drawn, the process will continue until all available vacancies have been filled or there are no more bowlers left in the draft.
3. If possible, the draw will be available by live feed but in any case, must be supervised. The draw will be done by **Manukau Open 4-7 March 2021** after the team submission deadline of **28th February 2021**.

4. If there are insufficient bowlers in the draft to fill all teams, the TBNZ Tournament Manager will assist Centres to fill their team but ultimately the responsibility to fill teams sits with the Centres concerned.
 5. If a bowler declines an invitation to bowl for the team he/she is drafted into, that bowler will be ineligible to compete in the NSTC unless he/she is needed to bowl for their home Centre team.
 6. If a Centre declines a bowler from the draft, the Centre will only be allowed to fill their team with bowlers from their Centre, no bowler from another Centre will be allowed to bowl in that Centre's team.
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NATIONAL SENIOR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS TABLE
(Example)

Placing	Singles	Doubles	Teams	All Events
1	40	80	160	40
2	39	76	144	39
3	38	72	128	38
4	37	68	112	37
5	36	64	96	36
6	35	60	80	35
7	34	56	64	34
8	33	52	48	33
9	32	48	32	32
10	31	44	16	31
11	30	40		30
12	29	36		29
13	28	32		28
14	27	28		27
15	26	24		26
16	25	20		25
17	24	16		24
18	23	12		23
19	22	8		22
20	21	4		21
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22	19			19
23	18			18
24	17			17
25	16			16
26	15			15
27	14			14
28	13			13
29	12			12
30	11			11
31	10			10
32	9			9
33	8			8
34	7			7
35	6			6
36	5			5
37	4			4
38	3			3
39	2			2
40	1			1