

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 World Bowling. Senior bowlers must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition. Grand Senior bowlers must attain the age of 65 or above in the year of the competition.

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.

Divisions:

There will be three divisions, an Open division, a Grand Senior division and a Graded division. Men and Women will compete in separate divisions for the Open & Grand Senior divisions. The Graded Men & Women will compete in separate divisions for Singles and All Events but combined divisions for Doubles, Teams and Masters.

Events:

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 the singles, doubles and teams, and paid the All-Events entry fee/s. A scratch Open Mixed Doubles event will be held during the tournament, but scores do not count towards a bowler's All Events total. Bowlers will only be eligible to compete in the Masters of the All Events for which they have registered and paid.

Multiple Entries

Multiple entries will only be accepted as follows:

Teams: At least two members of the team must be different, with a total of 4 people per team.

Doubles: You may only bowl with the same partner once

Singles: Each entry must be in a separate division, subject to eligibility.

Note: Bowlers may only enter the doubles event a maximum of 2 times per division, not including Open Mixed Doubles.

All Events:

An All Events Champion will be declared for each division. For bowlers that enter the All Events in only one division, scores in Singles, and their first attempt in the Doubles and Teams will count towards their All Events total. Bowlers must indicate on the entry form which All Events division they are entering.

Multiple All Events:

A bowler can enter two (2) All Events divisions. They must complete two (2) separate sets of singles/doubles/teams. A separate entry form must be filled out for each division entered and bowlers must pay two (2) appropriate All Events fees.

A \$10 all-events fee must be paid for each All Events division entered.

Number of Games per Event:

Singles shall consist of six (6) games per bowler. Bowlers will change lanes on completion of each two (2) game block. The number of Lanes to change will be determined by the tournament committee. Doubles and Teams events shall consist of three (3) games per bowler. There are no lane changes for Doubles or Teams events.

Entries:

All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees. Entries close **28 January 2022**. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Manager, or the Tournament Director if the tournament has begun.

Payment:

Full payment must be received into the TBNZ bank account by Sunday 30 January 2022. The bank account number is 03 0227 0331250 00, please include your name and 'SENIOR NATS' in the reference details so we may identify your payment.

Entry into any squad is not guaranteed until entry fees are paid in full. Until then all entries will be added to the reserve list of the squad entered. A more detailed explanation of this rule can be found on the squad listing page.

Entering Averages:

Bowlers entering this tournament shall use their current TBNZ tournament average obtained from the TBNZ Rankings page as at **28 January 2022**. The average used must be established over a minimum of 21 games. If a bowler does not have a TBNZ tournament average, then their highest league average based over a minimum of 21 games must be submitted. If a bowler cannot provide proof of any average they must compete in the open division.

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 the Open or Graded Division.

Review of Bowlers Entering Average:

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to review any bowlers entering average prior to the start of the tournament and re-grade any bowler or entry where necessary. The average used in the Graded Masters will be the bowlers approved entering average for the tournament.

Handicaps:

The Graded division is handicapped on 90% of a 200 base.

In the Grand Senior division, bowlers will receive a one (1) pin handicap for every year of age above the age of 65. E.g. a bowler aged 66 will receive a one (1) pin handicap for every game bowled, a bowler aged 70 will receive a five (5) pin handicap for every game bowled.

Replacements or Substitutes:

All replacements or changes to the original entry line up must be approved by the Tournament Director prior to the scheduled bowling time. The average of the replacement or substitute cannot change the grading of the original entry.

Check-In:

Qualifying Rounds: Check-in closes 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of each event. For teams and doubles events, all bowlers must be present at check-in.

Masters Events:

Check-in closes 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. A bowler who is late for check in will be disqualified and will not be permitted to bowl. The host centre clock will be used for this. The highest placed reserve from the All Events list will be invited to contest the Masters in that division.

Check-in Masters Reserves:

Available reserves must also check-in no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and may be invited to contest the Masters in that Division.

Lane Draw:

Bowler's starting lanes will be decided by RANDOM lane draw.

Practice:

Each bowler will be entitled to the following practice times, prior to the start of that event:

- Singles: Five (5) minutes practice before the first block only.
- Doubles: Five (5) minutes practice before the first game only.
- Teams: ten (10) minutes practice before the first game only.
- Masters Finals: five (5) minutes practice before the first game only.

Masters Events:

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

- Open Men – 12 finalists
- Open Women – 8 finalists
- Graded Men/Women – 10 finalists
- Grand Senior Men – 8 finalists
- Grand Senior Women – 8 finalists

Open Division - The top 12 bowlers in the Open Men's division and the top 8 bowlers in the Open Women's division with the highest 12 game total from the All Events will proceed to the Open Masters final. The Male finalists will contest eleven (11) round robin games and the women finalists will contest seven (7) round robin games. 20 Bonus points will be awarded for a win and 10 for a draw. No points will be awarded for a loss. The Masters champion will be the bowler with the highest pinfall including bonus points at the completion of the event.

Grand Senior Division - The top 8 bowlers in the Grand Senior Men and in the Grand Senior Women with the highest 12 game total from the All Events will proceed to the Grand Senior Masters final. The finalists will contest seven (7) round robin games. 20 bonus points will be awarded for a win and 10 bonus points for a draw. No bonus points will be awarded for a loss. The Masters champion will be the bowler with the highest pinfall including bonus points at the completion of the event.

Graded Division - The top 8 bowlers in the Graded division with the highest 12 game total from the All Events will proceed to the Graded Masters final. The finalists will then contest seven (7) round robin games. 20 bonus points will be awarded for a win and 10 bonus points for a draw. No bonus points will be awarded for a loss. The Masters champion will be the bowler with the highest pinfall including bonus points at the completion of the event.

National Champions:

National Champions will be declared from a bowler's combined pinfall from the All Events and Masters Final, including bonus points. Any Bowler seeking to represent New Zealand must compete in the Open division and must be resident in New Zealand.

National Champions will be declared in the following divisions:

- Open Men
- Open Women
- Grand Senior Men
- Grand Senior Women
- Graded (men's and ladies combined).

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.

Slow Bowling:

Slow bowling will not be tolerated, except when caused by lane breakdowns or circumstances outside of the bowlers' control. Players preparing to step on to the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

- a) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery.
- b) 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 bowlers in their delivery.
- c) If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in a) and b), it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorised tournament official as follows:
 - i) A verbal warning will be given (no penalty)
 - ii) A verbal warning for the second offence (no penalty)
 - iii) For the third and each succeeding offence during the event, the penalty shall be a zero pinfall for that frame.

Lane Changing:

On completion of each game/block, bowlers in the qualifying rounds or the Masters can immediately move to their next lane. When it becomes clear and commence bowling, when their opponent arrives to the lane and their names appear on the screen.

General Conditions:

- Only participants, scorers and officials shall be allowed in the players' area.
- Drinking and eating in the players 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/Vaping is not permitted while competing in any 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.

Dress Code:

Short sleeved, collared shirt or any approved bowling branded shirt must be worn. Men may wear dress trousers or dress shorts that require a belt. 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 is required.

Ties:

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

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.

Card System:

White card - General warning to participant to any rules breach or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Yellow card - Official warning to the participant to any rules breach or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Red Card - Immediate disqualification of the participant from the tournament.

NB: Any physical or verbal abuse towards centre staff, centre equipment, other competitors or members of the public will result in cards being issued.

Special Note:

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

National Rankings:

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

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.

Presentations:

As specified below

Tournament Committee:

Josh Stretton, Errol Pederson, Ian Klein

Tournament Director: Josh Stretton

DIVISION AVERAGES:

	MEN		WOMEN	
	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 330
Teams	All Averages	Below 700	All Averages	Below 660
Mixed Doubles	All Averages			

Note: All Bowlers are eligible to enter the Open division regardless of their average

SQUAD TIMES

WEDNESDAY 9 Feb			THURSDAY 10 Feb			FRIDAY 11 Feb		
				Maintenance	7.30am		Maintenance	7.30am
			4	Singles – (24)	8.15am	8	Singles – (24)	8.15am
	Maintenance	12.45pm	5	Doubles – (12)	11.15am	9	Doubles – (12)	11.15am
1	Doubles – (12)	1.30pm		Maintenance	12.45pm		Maintenance	12.45pm
2	Doubles – (12)	3.00pm	6	Singles – (24)	1.30pm	10	Teams – (12)	1.30pm
3	Doubles – (12)	4.30pm	7	Doubles – (12)	4.30pm	11	Doubles – (12)	4.15pm
	End of Days Play	6.00pm		End of Days Play	6.00pm		End of Days Play	5.45pm

Squads may start once all bowlers have checked in. The above times are the bowl times.

SATURDAY 12 Feb			Check in Prior to	SUNDAY 13 Feb			Check In Prior to
	Maintenance	7.30am			Maintenance	8.00am	
12	Teams – (12)	8.15am		16	Graded – (8)	8.45am	8.30am
13	Doubles – (12)	11.00am		16a	Open Women (8)	8.45am	8.30am
	Maintenance	12.30pm		17	Maintenance	11.00am	
14	Singles – (24)	1.15pm		17a	Open Men – (12)	11.45pm	11.30am
	Maintenance	4.15pm					
15	Grand Snr Men - (8)	5.00pm	4.45pm				
15a	Grand Snr Women - (8)	5.00pm	4.45pm				
	End of Days Play	6.45pm			End of Days Play	2.30pm	

Presentations:

Teams and Doubles after squad 13.

Singles and All Events after squad 14

Masters and Nationals Championship awards after each Masters Finals.

EVENT	COST
Singles	\$55.00
Doubles & Mixed Doubles	\$27.50 per bowler
Teams	\$27.50 per bowler
All Events	\$10.00 per division
Masters: Graded	\$55.00
Masters: Open Women	\$55.00
Masters: Open Men	\$85.00
Masters: Grand Senior	\$55.00