

2025 North City U18/21 Championships Rules (TBNZ Cert. #2524)

General Information

This is a Grade 2 tournament, open to all TBNZ registered bowlers. All standard TBNZ rules and regulations apply.

U21 bowlers must have been under the age of 21 prior to the 1st January 2025 and U18 bowlers must have been under the age of 18 Prior to 1st January 2025. Proof of age is required if the entrant has not previously bowled as an U18 or U21 in a TBNZ certified tournament.

All competitors will be required to be suitably attired, with a clean and tidy standard of dress. This must include either a short sleeved collared shirt or a branded bowling shirt. Males must wear dress trousers or tailored shorts requiring a belt. Females must wear skirts/skortts, dress trousers, or shorts that are of an appropriate length, with the hem reaching at least to the fingertips when the bowler stands upright with arms fully extended at their sides. Track pants, cargo pants, stirrup pants, or any denim material are not permitted.

Protests are to be given verbally to the Tournament Committee within 10 minutes of the occurring infraction and confirmed in writing within 20 minutes of completion of the day's play. Any matters not covered in these rules will be decided by the Tournament Committee, whose decision will be final.

No smoking/vaping or consumption of alcohol is permitted from commencement of practice to conclusion of play for the bowler on each day. This includes when lane changes are made, or breakdowns occur.

A lane pattern will be selected by the Tournament Committee and will remain consistent for the duration of the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make adjustments as necessary, including but not limited to the number of bowlers advancing to the Masters round, the structure or number of squads, and the distribution of bowlers across lanes.

Qualifying

Each competitor will be required to bowl a minimum of 8 total games per division the entrant desires to compete in. Each squad will be 4 games, with a lane move every 2 games. The number of lanes that the competitors move will be decided by the tournament committee. Qualifying placing will be decided on total pinfall. 7 minutes warm up will be given prior to the start of each squad.

Entry Fee is \$160.00 for all U18 and U21 open divisions, while the **Entry Fee for Junior Graded is \$100.00**. All additional squads that the bowler wishes to enter will cost **\$50.00 per additional squad**. Any bowler who fails to meet the squad check-in time shown on the squad schedule (as per the centre clock) will be removed from the designated squad without refund of any monies paid. The Tournament Committee may permit a late entry from a new competitor, the use of a pacer, or reallocation of bowlers per lane as the Tournament Committee deems appropriate.

A full entry payment + the cost of any extra squads entered by the competitor is required to **guarantee** a place. Competitors may choose to pay only a partial amount initially; however, please note that **only full payments will secure a spot**. If the desired squad reaches capacity, any unpaid entries are at risk of being replaced by competitors who have paid in full. All entry fees will be fully refundable up to 7 days prior to the event. No refunds will be made within the 7 days prior to the tournament.

In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot (6th or 8th), the bowler with the highest single-game qualifying score within their best 2 squads will advance. Should this result in another tie, the next highest games shall be compared.

Masters

The standard format for the Masters round will be a Top 6 field. However, certain divisions—such as U21 Boys, or others with sufficient entries—may be extended to a Top 8 format at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. A Top 8 Masters field will be guaranteed for any division with at least 12 entrants. The Tournament Committee will make a call as to whether the Masters round contains 6 or 8 of the top qualifiers within a division if the number of competitors is between 8 and 12. This will be done by Saturday 14th June, 8pm to give enough time to notify competitors.

Qualifying pinfall will not carry over. Each bowler will compete against every other participant once, bowling a total of five games (Top 6) or seven games (Top 8). A victory within each matchup will result in the winner being awarded 20 bonus pins, whilst a draw will award both competitors 10 bonus pins. The loser of each match will not be awarded any bonus pins.

The **Masters entry fee** will be **\$50 for Top 6**, and **\$70 for Top 8** formats.

At the conclusion of the Masters round, the final standings will determine the overall result for U18 divisions. For U21 divisions, the top four bowlers at the end of the Masters round will advance to the Stepladder Finals. If a tie occurs that affects advancement to the Top 4, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will decide the position.

Step Ladder

This format will apply to U21 divisions only. U18 divisions' final standings will be based solely on Masters results.

Before Match 1 begins, all male and female bowlers scheduled to compete in their respective Match 1 will receive 5 minutes of practice. While Step Ladder matches are underway, the next seed in line may warm up on a separate pair of lanes designated by the Tournament Committee until their match begins. With the exception of the first match, each bowler is allowed two practice shots on each lane of their assigned pair before the start of their match. All Step Ladder matches will consist of **one** game.

Match 1: 4th Seed vs 3rd Seed

Match 2: Winner of Match 1 vs 2nd Seed

Match 3: Winner of Match 2 vs 1st Seed

For each match, the higher qualifying seed will choose who starts. The bowler who begins first will start on the left lane of the pair. If a match ends in a tie, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will decide the winner.

Tournament Committee: Will Pettit & Devan Sahayam



Prize Fund

The following prize funds will be allocated to the given placements for all U18 and U21 scratch divisions. The allocated prize money is based on a number of entries, indicated at the top of the table.

	Number of entries per U18 and U21 scratch division				
	6	9	12	15	18
1st	\$300	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600
2nd	\$185	\$240	\$300	\$350	\$400
3rd	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300
4th		\$85	\$150	\$200	\$250
5th			\$90	\$125	\$150
6th				\$60	\$75

**The prize fund allocation above is based on the assumption that all bowlers will enter an average of 1 extra squad each. A final prize fund will be calculated based on the actual number of extra squads entered.*

The entire prize fund for all Junior Graded entries will contribute towards trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place competitors.