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Championships

22nd Annual Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Championships

Certification # 2603

Singles – Doubles – Teams - Masters

Sunday, 27 September – Wednesday, 30 September 2026

Entries close Sunday, 20 September 2026

Previous Champions:

Year	Venue	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Youth Men	Youth Women	Junior Graded	Junior Bantams
2005	Rotorua	Jordan Pinker	Jenni Carr	Tim Gough	Suzanne Howell	Kylie Jackson	
2006	Waitakere	Adrian Hoggard	Jenni Carr	Patrick Chan	Suzanne Howell	James Luxford	
2007	Whangapaparaoa	Matthew Toi	Zoe Godfrey	Eric Ang	Amanda Kebblewhite	James Luxford	
2008	Strike Porirua	Blake Brooks	Angela Boswell	Corey Johnson	Angela Boswell	Jose Billington	
2009	Rotorua	Paul Housham	Angela Boswell	Blake Brooks	Bianca Tofilau	Monica Sopi	
2010	Takapuna	Kaleb Allardyce	Angela Boswell	Ethan McKay	Bianca Tofilau	Carlene May	
2011	Newtown	Anthony Carbonell	Rachel Boswell	William Wells	Laura Sinclair	Christian Karatau	
2012	Tenpin Tauranga	Blake Brooks	Monica Sopi	Blake Brooks	Stephanie George	Brittney Howie	
2013	Christchurch	Blake Brooks	Dayna Haylock	Blake Brooks	Saash Ritchie	Salem Cook	
2014	PINS Lincoln	Kieran Davis	Dayna Haylock	Anthony Carbonell	Dayna Haylock	Clare Sahayam	
2015	North City Tenpin	Leon Fox	Jess Swain	Blake Brooks	Fiona Sopi	Alexi Lourie	Christian Karatau
2016	PINS Lincoln	Sam Kidd	Dayna Haylock	Blake Brooks	Dayna Haylock	Seth Rota Taylor	Paris Speers
2017	North City Tenpin	Devan Sahayam	Dayna Haylock	Josh Stretton	Alexi Lourie	Will Pettit	Memphis Strachan
2018	Hastings	Robbie White	Melissa Moore	Hanz Osa	Sammy Langdon	Billy Wildgoose	Millar Eastham
2019	Manukau	Christian Karatau	Paige Knox	Hanz Osa	Dayna Haylock	Jay Scandlyn	Celeste Taylor
2020	Kapiti	Ryan Julian	Emilee Adams	Connor Frith	Dayna Haylock	Sophie-Lee Leydesdorff	Niki van den Broek
2021	Tenpin Tauranga	Ryan Julian	Melissa Moore	Ryan Julian	Cindy Lister	Karlyn Richardson	Blayden Herewini
2022	PINS Lincoln	Ben Pettit	Courtney Walker	Ryan Julian	Paige Knox	Daezharn Ewington	Kahikatea Poki
2023	North City	Ben Pettit	Natasha Goggin	Ben Pettit	Jessica Marginson	Tia Matthews	Kahikatea Poki
2024	Manukau	Ben Pettit	Natasha Goggin	Ben Pettit	Jessica Marginson	Liani Anderson-Tule	Harmony Herewini
2025	PINS Lincoln	Ben Pettit	Kaitlyn Hoare	Kosei McGrath-Takeii	Natasha Goggin	Tyler Cortland-Baker	Tyler Cortland-Baker

Eligibility:

This tournament is open to all current financial Junior/Youth members of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Inc. (TBNZ), or any member of an affiliated organisation to the International Bowling Federation.

- Junior bowlers must be under the age of 18 prior to 1 January 2026
- Youth bowlers must be under the age of 21 prior to 1 January 2026
- Junior Bantam bowlers must be under the age of 13 prior to 1 January 2026, whose averages are below 160 for boys and below 150 for girls.
- All bowlers are eligible to enter the Youth division.

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:

Junior - There will be three divisions, an Open Boys, Open Girls and a Graded division. The Graded division will be mixed, i.e. boys & girls will compete against each other.

Youth – There will be two divisions, an Open Men and Open Women divisions. These will be scratch. All Youth bowlers must enter the Open division.

Bantams – In the Junior Bantam grade there will be only one division. This division will be mixed and handicapped.

Events:

In each division (except Junior Bantam) the events to be played will be singles, doubles and four (4) person teams. Bowlers will be eligible for the All Events, if competitors have entered all three events and paid the All Events fee.
Bowlers will only be eligible to compete for Masters in the All Events division for which they have registered and paid.

Please note the Junior Bantam events are only Singles and All Events. Junior Bantams must bowl in the Junior Graded Doubles and Teams to complete their All-Events.

Number of Games per Event:

Doubles and Teams events shall consist of three (3) games per bowler without lane changes.
Singles shall consist of six (6) games per bowler. Bowlers will change lanes on completion of each two (2) game block.
Bantam Singles shall consist of four (4) games per bowler, with a lane change after two (2) games.
The number of lanes to change will be determined by the tournament committee.

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, with a maximum of three (3) doubles entries..
Singles:	Each entry must be in a separate division.

The same Teams/Doubles combination can bowl twice if each entry is in a different Grade/Division and all bowlers are eligible to bowl in all grades/divisions.

All Events:

An All Events Champion will be declared for each division. A bowler's score in their Singles, and first attempt bowled in Doubles and Teams will count towards their All Events

Multiple All Events:

Each bowler is permitted to enter a maximum of two (2) All Events divisions. A bowler's score in their Singles, and their first attempt at each division in Doubles and Teams will count towards their All Events... They must complete two (2) separate sets of singles/doubles/teams in each division. A separate entry must be submitted 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.

Entries:

All entries must be accompanied by full payment. **Entries close Sunday, 20 September 2026** 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 in the TBNZ bank account by Sunday, 20 September 2026
The bank account number is 03-0227-0331250-00, please include your name and '**YOUTH 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 **20 September 2026** The average used must be established over a minimum of 18 games.
If a bowler does not have a TBNZ tournament average, then their highest league average based over a minimum of 18 games must be submitted as at **20 September 2026** If a bowler cannot provide proof of any average they must compete in the relevant Open division.

All Junior Boys and Bantam Boys holding an average of 160 or higher must enter the Junior Boys Open division.
All Junior Girls and Bantam Girls holding an average of 150 or higher must enter the Junior Girls Open 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 where necessary. Entry into the Graded division will require written proof to authenticate the bowlers' average.
The average used in the Graded Masters will be the bowlers approved entering average for the tournament.

Handicaps:

The Junior Graded & Bantam divisions, the handicap system will be 90% of a 200 base.

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:

Bowlers must check-in **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled start time of any squad they have entered.

Check-in Masters:

Bowlers (& Reserves) must check-in **15 minutes** prior to the scheduled Masters start time. If a bowler is late for check-in they will be disqualified from the Masters and will not be permitted to bowl. Reserves that have met the check-in time, may be invited to contest the Masters in the Division they have qualified for, if a Bowler has missed the required check-in time.

Lane Draw:

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

Practice Balls:

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

- Singles: Seven (7) minutes practice before the first game of block one (1) only.
- Doubles: Seven (7) minutes practice before the first game only.
- Teams: Fifteen (15) minutes practice before the first game only.
- Masters: Five (5) minutes practice before the first game only.

Masters Event:

A Masters event will be held in each division as follows:

► Open Youth Mens	10 finalists	► Open Youth Womens	10 finalists
► Open Junior Boys	10 finalists	► Open Junior Girls	10 finalists
► Junior Graded (mixed)	8 finalists	► Junior Bantams (mixed)	8 finalists

The finalists from each All Events division will be invited to contest the Masters event for that particular division.
20 Bonus points will be awarded for a win and 10 for a draw. No points will be awarded for a loss.

The Masters will be a round robin event playing each player once. The bowler with the highest total pinfall including bonus points will be declared the winner of their respective Masters event.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reduce/increase the number of participants in a Masters event depending on the number of entries.

National Champions:

The National Champion for each division will be determined by the bowler with the highest combined pinfall from the All Events and Masters final, including bonus points. National Champions will be declared in the following divisions:

- Open Youth Mens
- Open Junior Boys
- Junior Graded (mixed)
- Open Youth Womens
- Open Junior Girls
- Junior Bantams (mixed)

National Representation:

Bowlers who are seeking to represent New Zealand must compete in the Open Division. For more information refer to the National Squad Policy.

Ties:

National Champion - If there is a tie for National Champion, a one (1) game roll off will take place to decide the overall winner.
Masters Qualifying - If there is a tie for the last qualifying position for the Masters, a one game roll off will take place to determine the final qualifier.
All other ties for positions/medals will be shared.

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 bowler's 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 their lane is available. Tournament Officials may use a stop watch 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) above, 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 initially be given for the first two infringements.
   ii) 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 Masters can immediately move to their next lane when it becomes clear and commence bowling when their opponent arrives, and their names appear on the screen.

Dress Code:

- Short sleeved, collared shirt or any approved bowling branded shirt must be worn.
- Men may wear either, dress trousers or dress shorts.
- Women may wear either, dress trousers, dress shorts, skirts, skorts or ¾ pants.
- The length of shorts, skirts 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.
- No denims, cargo type pants or tracksuit pants will be permitted.
- A clean and tidy standard of dress will be required at all times.
- Headwear will not be permitted, the only exception being for culture, health/medical or religious reasons.

Equipment:

- 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.
- Each player will be permitted to register a maximum of six bowling balls for this tournament. Only one of the six registered balls can have coverstock consisting of 50% or more Urethane by volume. This ball can NOT be on the USBC banned list. The bowling ball registration form must be completed and submitted to TBNZ tournament committee prior to players first game. No replacements or additions will be allowed once the bowling ball form has been lodged.
- Any bowler whose equipment is deemed to be illegal or not included in the ball registration forms will be given a score of zero and lose all scores/points won in that session. Forfeited games will be included in the calculation of the bowler's average for that competition.

General Conditions:

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

Card System:

The three-tiered card system will be used for any transgressions as determined by the Tournament Director:
White card – general warning given to the participant regarding a rules breach or behavioral offence.
Yellow card – an official warning to the participant regarding a rules breach or behavioral offence.
Red card – Immediate disqualification of the participant from the tournament for repeated or serious transgressions.

Ball Storage:

Host centre to provide ball storage.

Presentations:

Presentations will be made at the times specified by the Tournament Committee.

Protests:

Protests are to be given verbally to the Tournament Committee within 10 minutes of the infraction occurring and confirmed in writing within 30 minutes of completion of the block of play concerned.

Special note / Disclaimers

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