

2026 TBNZ50 Championships

22nd Annual Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Senior Championships

Certification # **2602**



Singles – Doubles – Teams - Masters

Thursday, 30 April – Sunday, 3 May 2026

Entries close Sunday, 26 April 2026

Previous Champions:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Open Mens</u>	<u>Open Ladies</u>	<u>Graded Mens</u>	<u>Graded Ladies</u>	<u>Grand Snr Mens</u>	<u>Grand Snr Ladies</u>
2005	Tenpin Tauranga	Fred Housham	Ivena Heald				
2006	Strike Porirua	Allan Heald	Ivena Heald				
2007	Panmure	Allan Heald	Diane Robinson				
2008	Tenpin Tauranga	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald				
2009	Pins Lincoln Rd	Lawrie Hill	Ivena Heald				
2010	Manukau	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald	Barry Hamilton	Natalie Adams		
2011	Pins Lincoln Rd	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald	Colin Hirst	Del Edwards		
2012	Tenpin Tauranga	Phil Wright	Lynnaire Churchill	Jim Knappstien	Jacquie Meyer		
2013	Kapiti Tenpin	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald	Tony Warrington	Jenny Hynds		
2014	Tenpin Tauranga	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald	Ramon Tiu	Lili Plunkett	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald
2015	Manukau Superstrike	Terry Mustchin	Cushla Burns	Murray Goodin	Lili Plunkett	Phil Wright	Ivena Heald
2016	Palm North	Terry Mustchin	Carole Adshead	Tony Warrington	Arlene Dunn	Phil Wright	Sandy Hoare
2017	Kapiti Tenpin	Tim Swain	Jho Balanay	Michael Burt	Barbara Hawkins	Phil Wright	Sandy Hoare
2018	Pins Lincoln Rd	Terry Mustchin	Cushla Burns	Macpe Bermundez	Jo King	Phil Wright	Sandy Hoare
2019	North City Tenpin	Stephen Penney	Annabelle Swain	Colin McLean	Alana Maitangi	Delfin de Guzman	Carole Adshead
2020	Superstrike Hastings	Pete Richardson	Melonie Lister	Richard Holdaway	Alma Jamieson	Allan Heald	Judy O'Rourke
2021	Tauranga	Pete Richardson	Melonie Lister	Macpe Bermundez	Judy Sinclair	Phil Wright	Judy O'Rourke
2022	North City Tenpin	Roger Tucker	Jho Balanay	Tony Warrington	Sylvia Meeuws	Fred Housham	Sandy Hoare
2023	Pins Lincoln	Pete Richardson	Melonie Lister	Nelson Navalta	Lesley Greaves	Ron Morgan	Judith O'Rourke
2024	Manukau Superstrike	Mike Gibbs	Melonie Lister	Henry Bonsay	Sylvia Meeuws	Phil Wright	Carole Adshead
2025	North City Tenpin	Mike Gibbs	Alice Margiolas	Nelson Navalta	Adelina Alforte	Greg Nicolas	Judith O'Rourke
2026	Pins Lincoln Rd						

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 the International Bowling Federation. Senior bowlers must attain the age of 50 years in the year of 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 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 and Teams and Masters.

Events:

In each division 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.

A scratch Open Mixed Doubles event will be held during the tournament. Open Mixed Doubles scores will not count towards the All Events for any competitor.

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.

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.

Open Mixed Doubles: You may only bowl with the same partner once.

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 score regardless of the division in which the events are bowled.

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 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, 26 April 2026** Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Manager or the Tournament Committee if the tournament has begun.

Payment:

Full payment must be received in the TBNZ bank account by Sunday, 26 April 2026

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 26 April 2026. 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 as at 26 April 2026. If a bowler cannot provide proof of any average they must compete in the Open division.

Senior Males with 175 or higher must enter the Open division.

Senior Females with 165 or higher must enter the Open division.

Bowlers with no average must enter the Open division.

Note: All other bowlers are permitted to enter either 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 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 Graded division is handicapped on 90% of a 200 base.

Grand Seniors 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 in the Grand Senior division. A bowler aged 70 will receive a five (5) pin handicap for every game bowled in the Grand Senior division.

Replacements or Substitutes:

All replacements or changes to the original entry line up must be approved by the Tournament Committee 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: Eight (8) minutes practice before the first game of block one (1) only.
- Doubles: Eight (8) 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 Men's division	12 finalists	► Grand Senior Men's division	8 finalists
► Open Women's division	10 finalists	► Grand Senior Women's division	8 finalists
► Senior Graded division (mixed)	10 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 Men's	► Grand Senior Men's
► Open Women's	► Grand Senior Women's
► Senior Graded Men's	► Senior Graded Women's

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.** 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.
- While bowling in a TBNZ competition a bowling ball cannot:
 - Have the surface altered by the use of an abrasive
 - Be cleaned with any liquid substance or cleaning agent
 - Have any foreign material on it including, but not limited to, power, rosin, marker or paint

All bowling balls so altered or cleaned will be considered illegal and must be removed from the competition.

*Session is defined as a block(s) of consecutive games where there is a defined start and/or end time i.e. squad.

- 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 Committee:

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.

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.