**AUSTRALIAN TENPIN BOWLING
SENIORS ORGANISATION NSW INC**
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RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation NSW Inc (ATBSO NSW) hold Monthly Tournaments as a pathway to State Team Representation. All events are Governed by the Rules & Regulations of ATBSO (NSW) and Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA). Rules and disputes which are not covered in these rules and regulations will be decided by the Tournament Director, whose decision will be final.
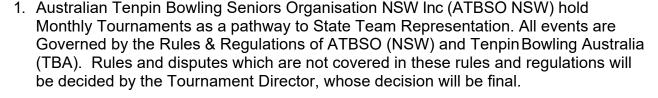
2. Tournaments are open to all bowlers forty-five (45) years of age and over, who hold a current ATBSO NSW and TBA Registration Player's Card. All participants are required to present their current Registration Player's Card at the first event they participate in during the year.

3. Members are required to adhere to the ATBSO Code of Conduct Rules and penalties will be imposed for breach of the Code of Conduct.

4. ATBSON Non-Smoking Rule applies, and includes E-cigarettes, and Vaping, alcohol is also not permitted to be consumed at monthly tournaments, unless the event has finished.

5. All bowlers are required to wear neat acceptable attire at all times, no jeans will be allowed. Collared ATBSO NSW Bowling Shirt is required

   These General Rules will apply to all Tournaments/Events run by ATBSO NSW

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All Monthly tournaments will be $80 for a singles & doubles event, a reduce cost and number of games will apply to a triples event. Entry will be reviewed at each yearly AGM.

2. Prize fund for all Monthly Tournaments will be 75% of the remaining money after lineage costs and paying 1 in 4 for each Division.

3. If there is a tie for any position the prize money will be divided equally.

4. Tournaments will be held in Singles, Doubles and Triples Format
   Doubles and Triples Tournaments will be Handicapped
   Special Events may be nominated throughout each year e.g. Baker format.

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5. The handicap for Singles, Doubles & Team Events will be 90% of Highest Average on the day in that Division. (subject to change)
Handicaps for Special Events will be decided by the Tournament Director and may be different from the above outline, based upon the event being held.

6. Each Monthly Singles & Doubles Tournament will comprise of 8 games, Triples & Teams will be 6 games excepting Special Events in which the games will be played to suit the format being bowled.

7. Averages used for monthly tournaments will be ATBSO National Tournament Averages. If a current ATBSO game average is not available then the bowler's highest league average as at the day of the Tournament will be used.

MASTER'S RULES

The NSW Master's Champion will be determined at the ATBSO NSW State Championships & Masters event held in January, each bowler MUST complete an all events to qualify for the Masters, all masters qualifiers will bowl a 6 game sprint to determine the Top 5 who will then compete in a step ladder final. The winner of the final after repa-charge if required will be determined the Masters Champion.

If the Master's winner is unable or not travelling to the ATBSO National Challenge to compete in the National Masters, he/she will be awarded the NSW State Master's Champion. The next placed player who is attending the ATBSO Nationals will become the NSW State Master's Representative.

If the Current ATBSON Master's Champion is from NSW then the next highest placed bowler will be offered the NSW Masters spot.

The ATBSO NSW Board may from time to time declare another event to determine the NSW representative spot. Such declaration will take place within a reasonable time prior to the event taking place.

CHALLENGE TEAM'S ROLL OFF ELIGIBILITY & ROLL OFF RULES

The ATBSO NSW Open, Classic and Restricted Teams will be the highest placed 6 Open Men and Ladies (based on total pin fall); 3 highest placed Classic Men and Ladies (based on total pin fall) and 6 highest place Restricted Men and Ladies (based on total pin fall plus handicap) to be determined by a Roll Off comprising of a total of 16 games over a 2 day weekend, or as determined by the Tournament Director. (Note that the format and structure of the National Challenge is determined by ATBSO State delegates at each year's AGM.)

Eligibility:

1. Open, Restricted and Classic bowlers must have attained the age of 45 years or above prior to the commencement of the Annual Challenge.

2. Must have bowled a minimum of six (6) monthly ATBSO NSW Tournaments since the previous year's Roll Off, or have bowled 5 monthly tournaments & the ATBSO NSW State Championships. If a bowler withdraws from a monthly tournament due to injury etc then money paid for lineage will only be refunded if the bowler does not wish to include the tournament for Challenge qualifying
Applications for exemption for the 6 tournament criteria must be forwarded to the ATBSO NSW Board within 48 hours of the monthly tournament that is being missed.
Exemptions for the Roll Off will only be considered if we cannot field enough members for a team at the Roll Off.

3. Must reside in NSW for a period of time that enables participation in the Roll Off.

4. Must comply with average requirements for Restricted & Classic Division which are as follows:

Restricted Division	Classic Division
Men's – 179 and under	Men's – 199 and under
Ladies – 169 and under	Ladies – 189 and under

5. Averages to be used will be from the ATBSO National Database as at the date specified on the nomination form.

Roll Off Rules:

1. Any bowler failing to complete any stage of the Roll Off will not be entitled to a refund of any monies paid and will be considered as withdrawing but remain eligible for the team, if required.

2. Applications for exemption to any rules or eligibility criteria are to be in writing to the Tournament Director not later than 48 hours following the rule or criteria not being adhered to.

3. Bowlers who are not successful in the Roll Off will be eligible for the Draft. For clarity any bowler who is successful in the Roll Off and withdraws from the team for any reason is deemed to be not eligible for the draft.

4. All nominations for the National draft must be approved and signed off by the executive committee

5. Ties for the last team position in any division will be resolved by a one game play off. Should a tie still exist, a 9th and 10th frame will be played until the tie is broken.

Conditions which apply to Challenge Team Members:

NSW's Challenge Team Members must:

1. Abide by all rules and any instructions given by the Board and its delegated officials at any function, tournament or training session.

2. Attend & be punctual at official training sessions designated by the Board.

3. Attend all uniform fitting sessions and wear the official training/team uniform, if available, when directed.

4. Team shirts are sponsored by ATBSO NSW and we request that no logos other than those authorised by the Board be attached to any team shirt. Team Trousers/Pants//Shorts/Skirts will be in a Black Colour for 2020 and beyond

5. Accept all directions from the Team Manager and Captain.

6. Report any major illness or injury.

7. Assist in any fundraising or activities set by the Board.

8. Make own way to the Challenge Venue and pay all associated costs.

Manager and Captain Selections

Team Managers will be selected by the Board from nominations received.

Team Captains will be elected from nominations received and if more than 1 Captain is standing for a position a secret ballot by all Team Members and 3 Board Members will be held. If the number of voting Members for Team Captain is even then the required number of Board Members will be removed from the secret ballot so as a winner may be declared.

Any bowler rolling-off for the first time will not be eligible to nominate for Captain.

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring that these Rules are followed.

Any disputes will be heard by the convening of a Sub Committee made up of the Tournament Director plus at least 2 Board Members. (If the Tournament Director is not available then 3 Board Members will be appointed). If the dispute still remains unresolved it will go to the ATBSO National Disputes Committee whose decision will be final. Please note: If Tournaments are not accredited with TBA then the TBA has no authority in disputes.

The Board Members so appointed will be made by vote at a Board meeting called for this purpose.

Any Errors and/or Omissions in the above Rules will be determined at a specially convened meeting of the ATBSO NSW Board

ATBSO NSW Bowler of the YEAR

To reward our valued members we introduced "Bowler of the Year" award, the bowler of the year is determined by a point system listed below, points will be awarded based on which position each bowler finishes at each monthly tournament. Points will be accumulated from January till October, and the winners in each division will be announced at the annual ATBSO NSW State Awards Dinner.

Open Division:	Graded Division:
1st Place: 100 points	1st Place: 100 points
2nd Place: 80 points	2nd Place: 80 points
3rd Place: 70 points	3rd Place: 70 points
4th Place: 60 points	4th Place: 60 points
5th Place: 55 points	5th Place: 55 points
6th Place: 50 points	6th Place: 50 points
7th Place: 45 points	7th Place: 45 points
8th Place: 40 points	8th Place: 40 points
9th Place: 30 points	9th Place: 30 points
10th Place: 20 points	10th Place: 20 points
11th-20th Place: 10 points	11th-20th Place: 10 points
21st & Beyond: 5 points	21st & Beyond: 5 points

All Bowlers that participate at Gosford earn **DOUBLE** points
BONUS 20 points for all bowlers that participate in all monthly tournaments from January till October

Cost of Monthly Tournaments will $80 per member for 8 games starting from January 1st 2024, as voted by the members at the 2023 February AGM held at Tenpin City.

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