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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

RULE 101 SCORING THE GAME

A game of Australian tenpins will consist of ten frames. Each player will bowl two balls in each of the first nine frames unless a strike is scored. A player who scores a strike or spare in the tenth frame will deliver three balls. Every frame must be completed at the time the player is bowling in his regular order.

Except when a strike is scored, the number of pins knocked down by a player's first delivery is to be marked in the small square in the upper left-hand corner of that frame and the number of pins knocked down by the players second delivery is to be marked in the upper right-hand corner. If none of the standing pins are knocked down by the second delivery in the frame, the score sheet shall be marked with a (-). The count for the two deliveries in the frame shall be recorded immediately.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	X	X	7 2	(8) /	F 9	X	7 /	9 -	X X 8
30	57	76	85	95	104	124	143	152	180

A game shall be played on two lanes (a pair) immediately adjoining each other.

Members of competing teams, doubles and individuals shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair.

RULE 102 STRIKE

A strike is recorded when the player completes a legal delivery and bowls down the full setup of ten pins on the first ball. It is designated by an (x) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame in which the complete set of ten pins is bowled down with the first ball. The count in each frame where a strike is bowled will be left open until the player has completed two more deliveries. The maximum count on one strike when followed by a spare is 20.

RULE 103 DOUBLE

When a player bowls two strikes in succession legally delivered, he will have scored a double. The count in the frame where the first strike was bowled will be left open until the player has completed his next delivery. When all pins are down twice in success on the count for the first strike is 20 plus the number of pins knocked down with the first ball of the third frame following. The maximum count on a double figuring a nine pin count on the first ball following the second strike is 29.

RULE 104 TRIPLE OR TURKEY

In scoring three successive strikes, the player will be credited with 30 pins in the frame in which the first strike was bowled. Thus, in a game of ten full frames, a player must bowl 12 strikes in succession in order to bowl a game of 300.

RULE 105 SPARE

Any player who bowls down the remaining pins with a legally delivered second ball in any frame has scored a spare. A spare is designated by a (/) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame in which it is made. The number of pins knocked down after the first delivery before the player bowls for the spare should be marked by a small figure in the upper left corner of the frame. The count in such frame proper is left open until the player has bowled his first ball in the next frame following, when the number of pins knocked down by the first ball will be added to the ten pins represented by his spare, and the total will be credited therein. When a spare is scored in the tenth frame, a third ball will be bowled in that frame.

RULE 106 OPEN FRAME

When a player fails to bowl down all ten pins after having completed two deliveries in a frame, unless the pins left standing after the first ball constitute a split, it is called an open frame.

RULE 107 SPLIT

A split will be a setup of pins remaining standing after the first ball has legally been delivered provided the head-pin is down, and:

1. At least one pin is down between two or more pins that remain standing, as for example, 7-9 or 3-10;
2. At least one pin is down immediately ahead of two or more pins that remain standing, as for example, 5-6. A split may be designated by a bracket around the number of pins bowled over with the first ball. Eg (8).

RULE 108 PINFALL - LEGAL

1. A ball is legally delivered when it leaves the bowler's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory.
2. Every ball delivered by the player will count, unless declared a dead ball.
3. A bowling ball must be delivered entirely by manual means and will not incorporate any device either in the ball or affixed to it which detaches at time of delivery or is a moving part in the ball during delivery except that any person who has had his hand or major portion thereof amputated may use special equipment to aid in grasping and delivering the ball providing the special equipment is in lieu of the amputee's hand.
4. Where an artificial or medical aid is necessary for grasping and delivering the ball because of any other disability of the hand or arm, permission to use the aid in accredited competition may be granted by TBA under the following conditions:
    a. The aid does not incorporate a mechanical device with moving parts which would impart a force impetus to the ball.
    b. A description or drawing and model of aid is furnished to TBA.
    c. A doctor's certificate describing the disability together with his recommendation that the aid should be used is furnished to TBA.

    If permission is not granted, the claimant will have the right of appeal to TBA. Should permission be granted for the use of an artificial or medical aid, a special identification card (not a TBA membership card) will be issued to the applicant indicating that the aid may be used in structured or accredited competition providing the bowler has a current membership card and the use of the aid is specifically authorised by the events management group.

Permission to use the device may be withdrawn for cause.

5. Following a legal delivery, pins that are to be credited to a player, termed dead wood and to be removed before the next delivery shall include:
    a. Pins which are knocked down or off the pin deck by the ball or another pin.
    b. Pins which are knocked down or off the pin deck by a pin rebounding from the side partition or rear cushion.
    c. Pins which are knocked down or off the pin deck by a pin rebounding from the sweep bar when it is at rest on the pin deck before sweeping dead wood from the pin deck.
    d. Pins that lean and touch the kickback or side partitions
    e. Pins which come in contact with or are pulled over by any pin string on a string machine.

RULE 109 PINFALL - ILLEGAL

1. When any of the following incidents occur the ball counts as a ball rolled, but pins knocked down will not count:
    a. When pins are knocked down or displaced by a ball that leaves the lane before reaching the pins.
    b. When a ball rebounds from the rear cushion, pins knocked down by the rebounding ball. If there is any doubt as to which pins were knocked over by the rebounding ball, all pins must be re spotted.
    c. When pins come in contact with the body, arms or legs of a pin setter and rebound.
    d. A standing pin which falls upon removing dead wood.
    e. A pin is knocked down by a human pin setter or touched by mechanical pin setting equipment. (does not apply to string machines.)
    f. If in delivering the ball a foul is committed.
    g. A delivery is made with dead wood on the lane or in the gutter and the ball contacts such dead wood before leaving the lane surface.
    h. Pins knocked down by a ball illegally delivered. Refer Rule 603, Holes.
2. If illegal pinfall occurs and the player is entitled to additional deliveries in the frame, the pin or pins illegally knocked down must be re-spotted where they originally stood.

RULE 110 DEAD BALL

1. A ball will be declared dead if any of the following occur:
    a. After a delivery (and before the next delivery on the same lane), attention is immediately called to the fact that one or more pins were missing from the setup.
    b. A human pin setter interferes with any standing pin before the ball reaches the pins.
    c. A human pin setter removes or interferes with any downed pin before it stops rolling.
    d. A player bowls on the wrong lane or out of turn. (refer Rule 113)
    e. A player is physically interfered with by another player, spectator, moving object or by the pinsetter as the ball is being delivered and before the delivery is completed. In such case, the player has the option to accept the resulting pinfall or have a dead ball declared.
    f. Any pin is moved or knocked down as a player delivers the ball but before the ball reaches the pins.
    g. A delivered ball comes in contact with any foreign obstacle, including Bumper Rails (excepting strings in a string machine Centre and Bumper Leagues or tournaments approved using Bumper Rails).
2. When a dead ball is called, the delivery does not count. The pins standing when the dead ball occurred must be re-spotted and the player allowed to re-bowl the delivery.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 110

Q: What rule applies when a bowler delivers a ball and discovers that (or is informed that) a pin or pins were missing?

A: Please refer to TBA Rule 110 DEAD BALL. A ball will be declared dead if (Point a) after the delivery attention is called to the fact that one or more pins were missing from the setup. Point 2 of the same rule then states that the delivery does not count. This situation is a 'dead ball' situation. There should be a reset of the pins and the bowler is to re-bowl at a full set of pins.

RULE 111 OTHER PIN ACTIONS

1. When rolling at a full setup it is discovered immediately after the delivery that one or more pins are improperly set, although not missing, the ball and resulting pinfall will be counted. It is each player's responsibility to determine if the setup is correct. The player will insist that any pins incorrectly set be re-spotted before delivering his ball, otherwise the setup is deemed to be acceptable.
2. Unless string machines are used, no change can be made in the position of any pins left standing after a delivery. That is, pins that are moved or misplaced by a mechanical pinsetter shall remain in the moved or misplaced position and shall not be corrected manually.
3. Pins that rebound and stand on the lane must be counted as standing pins.
4. No pins may be conceded and only those actually knocked down or moved entirely off the playing surface of the lane as a result of the legal delivery of the ball by the player may be counted.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 111

Q: The bowler conducts a legal delivery of the ball and knocks some pins over. Because of the physicality of the strings, one of the pins (for example the 2-Pin) is suspended at 30 degrees off the vertical and remains there until the curtain closes. The pin does not appear to be leaning on anything and (for the purposes of this scenario) is not leaning on any other pins.

For the purposes of scoring: is the pin considered to be standing or knocked down?

A: Rule 111 covers this scenario. If a pin is not knocked over or moved off the surface, it is not counted and should be re stood. If a pin is hanging at 30°, it has not been "actually knocked over" and should be re stood.

RULE 112 REPLACEMENT OF PINS

Should a pin be broken or otherwise badly damaged during the game, it will be replaced at once by another as nearly uniform in weight and condition as possible with the set in use. The league or tournament officials in conjunction with Centre Management will determine the replacement of such pins.

A broken pin does not change the score made by a bowler. The number of pins knocked down is counted, after which the broken pin is replaced.

RULE 113 BOWLING ON WRONG LANE

A ball shall be declared dead and the player or players required to re-bowl on the correct lane if no more than a total of 4 individual frames have been bowled on a pair of lanes by the players for Singles, Doubles, Trios and Team. If more than four individual frames have been bowled on the wrong lane, that game will be completed without adjustment. Any succeeding game must be started on the correctly scheduled lane.

RULE 114 BALLS - PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Bowling balls used in the game and marked by their owners are considered private and other participants in the game are prohibited from using the same, unless the owner consents to such use. Any shared balls must conform to the rules defined in Chapter 6 for all users.

RULE 115 FOUL - DEFINITION OF

A foul is committed with no pinfall being credited to the player although the ball counts as a ball rolled, when a part of the bowler's person encroaches upon or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of a lane, equipment or building during or after executing a legal delivery. A ball is in play and a foul may be called after a legal delivery has been made and until the same or another player is on the approach in position to make a succeeding delivery.

If the player commits a foul which is apparent to both captains or one or more members of each of the opposing teams competing in a league or tournament on the same pair of lanes where the foul is committed, or to the official scorer or a tournament official, and should the foul judge or umpire through negligence fail to see it committed or an TBA approved automatic foul detecting device fails to record it, a foul will nevertheless be declared and so recorded.

Wherever it is deemed necessary to determine fouls, the officials of any Local Association, upon authorisation by their Board of Directors, may require that a foul line be plainly painted on the walls, posts, division boards, or any other structure in a bowling establishment at any point on a line with the regular foul line.

RULE 116 FOUL – COUNTS AS BALL BOWLED

A foul ball will be recorded as a ball bowled by the player, but any pins bowled down when a foul is committed will not count. When the player fouls upon delivering the first ball of a frame, all pins knocked down must be re-spotted, and only those pins knocked down by the second ball may be counted. If he bowls down all the pins with his second ball after fouling with the first, it will be scored as a spare. When less than ten pins are bowled down on the second ball after fouling on the first, it will be scored as an error. A player who fouls when delivering his second ball of a frame will be credited with only those pins bowled down with his first ball, provided no foul was committed when the first ball was delivered.

When a bowler fouls during the delivery of his first ball in the tenth frame & bowls down all tenpins with his second ball (making a spare) he bowls a third ball & is credited with a spare plus the pins bowled down with the third ball. When a player fouls while delivering his third ball in the tenth frame, only those pins bowled down in delivering his first two balls will be counted.

RULE 117 FOUL – DELIBERATE

When a player deliberately fouls to benefit by the calling of a foul, the player will receive zero pinfall for that delivery and will not be allowed any further deliveries in that frame. Such action may be regarded as an attempt to gain an unfair advantage. (See Rule 501).

RULE 118 FOUL - DETECTION

League and tournament officials may adopt and use any TBA approved foul detecting device and where none is available, either a foul judge must be stationed so he has an unobstructed view of the foul line or league/Tournament Officials can appoint officials as foul judges.

RULE 119 FOUL - APPEAL

No appeal will be allowed when a foul is indicated by an approved automatic foul detecting device or is called by a foul judge except when it is proved that the device is not operating properly or there is a preponderance of evidence that the bowler did not foul.

If the device becomes temporarily inoperative the following procedures will be used in calling fouls:

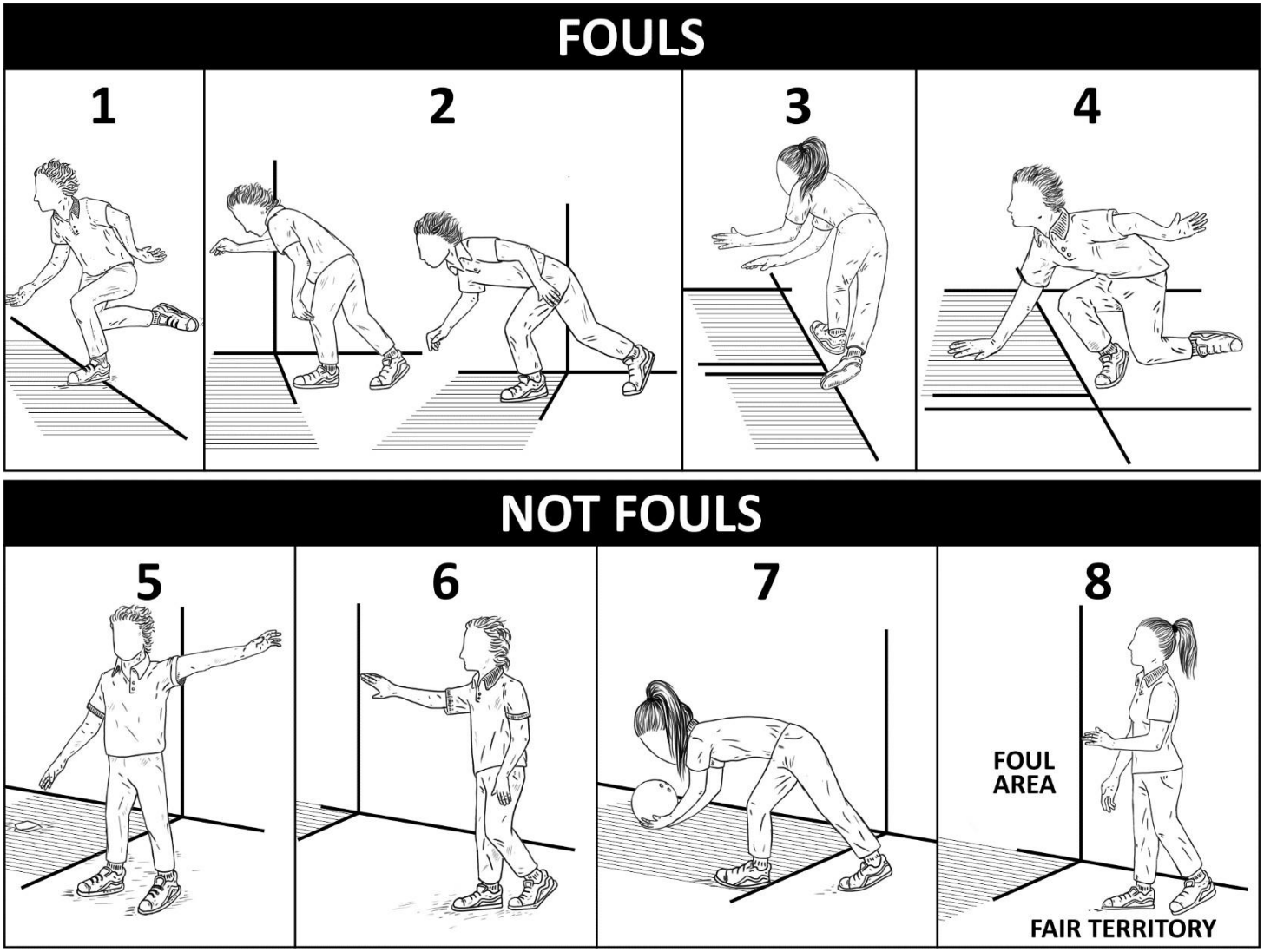
1. In tournament play tournament management will assign a human foul judge or arrange for the official scorers to call fouls.
2. In league play, the opposing captains will call fouls or designate someone to act as a foul judge.

Failure to have the automatic foul detecting device in operation or provide for foul line observance when it is inoperative will disqualify scores bowled for TBA high score consideration.

EXPLANATION

1. This diagram shows a foul being committed because the bowler's foot is touching the lane in the foul area beyond the foul line.
2. In effect, the foul line extends in an unbroken line across the building, including aisles and up the wall. Therefore, the bowlers in the diagram who have stepped into the aisle or touched the wall beyond the foul line have committed fouls.
3. This bowler's right foot has crossed the foul line on an adjacent lane causing the foul light to register on that lane. A foul must be called even though the light did not indicate a foul on the lane on which she is bowling.
4. This bowler has fouled because her hand is resting on the lane beyond the foul line. This foul must be called and recorded by the scorekeeper or the team captain even though the automatic foul detecting device has not registered the foul.
5. When foreign objects such as cigarettes, cigars, pencils, etc, drop from a bowler's pocket on or across the foul line and no part of the bowler's person touches on or across the foul line, no foul is committed.
6. Everything on the approach side of the foul line is "fair territory" for the bowler. He may prevent a foul by holding onto posts, ball returns or the wall on his side of the foul line.
7. A foul is not committed when the bowler enters the foul area but retains possession of the ball. The bowler should not be charged with a foul because he has not executed a legal delivery.
8. A ball is legally delivered when it leaves the bowler's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory. The diagram clearly illustrates the "foul area" and "fair territory".

A bowler is subject to the foul rule after every legal delivery and until he or another player is in a position to make a succeeding delivery. The player will be charged with a foul whether the ball is in the pit or on the way back to the rack if he enters the foul area before he or another bowler is in a position to bowl again. The ball is considered in play until that time.



RULE 120 PROTESTS - PROVISIONAL BALL

When a protest involving a foul or the legality of pinfall is entered and it cannot immediately be resolved between the two team captains, a provisional ball or frame will be bowled by the contestant.

If the protest occurs on the first delivery in a frame, the player will complete his frame and then bowl another complete frame immediately, unless it involves a question of whether a bowler should receive credit for a strike or a lesser number of pins on his first delivery. In such event, the pin or pins which were protested as constituting illegal pinfall will be re-spotted and the player required to bowl another ball.

When the protest occurs on the second delivery, the player will bowl a provisional ball against the same setup of pins that were standing at the time except when the protest involves a foul in which case no provisional ball will be necessary.

A record of both scores for the frame in which the provisional delivery was made will be maintained and the protest referred to the league's Management Committee or the tournament's management committee for decision. If unable to reach a decision, the Local Association or the TBA can be asked for a decision upon submission of all the facts relating to the protest.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 115 - 120 FOULS

Q: What happens when there is a dispute over a foul call?

A: According to Rule 120, a provisional ball should be bowled when there is a controversy. A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled when a protest involving a foul cannot be resolved by the two team captains. When a dispute over a foul occurs, the player shall complete the frame and then bowl one provisional ball. The score sheet or printout and a record of both scores for the frame in which the provisional delivery is made shall be kept. The protest must be referred to the leagues' management committee or the tournaments' management committee for a decision.

Q: Dropping the ball on the approach before the foul line? Is this legal?

A: There is no rule defining a ball has to be delivered over the foul line. A ball is legally delivered when it passes over the foul line. A ball passing through a foul line beam should not set a foul light off, as the beam is only broken for a small part of a second and they are usually set to go off after a longer break.

Q: I bowl in a league at a centre where the foul lights are not turned on and have been informed they are broken. Should the foul lights not be on at all times as long as it is under league conditions?

A: If a Centre has a foul light system that is not operating, the Centre generally advises all team captains that they are appointed foul judges and as such, keep an eye out on their lanes for bowlers fouling.

Q: A player goes over the foul line while retaining possession of the ball. Is this considered a foul?

A: No. A legal delivery must be executed for a foul to be committed. A legal delivery is made when the ball leaves the player's possession and crosses the foul line into playing territory.

Q: A ball is delivered well behind the foul line, but a foul is called because ball rolled over the foul line during delivery and the foul detector is activated?

A: A ball passing through a foul line beam should not set a foul light off, as the beam is only broken for a small part of a second and they are set to go off after a longer break. If the bowler did not step on or go beyond the foul line, the Centre should be advised that the foul light may have a fault and have it checked. If checking shows no problems, the foul stands. If there was a problem with the operation of the light, the foul should be removed.

Q: If a wheelchair, walker or other mechanical aid goes over the foul line during or after delivery is it considered a foul?

A: Yes, if the wheelchair crosses the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after delivery. Likewise, a bowler holding onto a walker or another mechanical aide while delivering the ball must keep these items from crossing the foul line and touching any surface beyond the foul line.

RULE 121 DELAY - NO UNREASONABLE DELAY

The league or tournament officials will allow no unreasonable delay in the progress of any game. Up to five minutes is allowable in the event of sickness or injury. Should any member or team participating in a league or tournament refuse to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by the proper authorities, such game or series will be declared forfeited. No delays will be allowed for personal equipment failure. If the lanes are available, play shall proceed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 121

Q: A bowler in the line-up of a league team (singles, doubles, trios, 4 man or 5 man team) is present at the bowling centre when the league is scheduled to bowl. The bowler does not have an injury, disability or emergency. Can the bowler refuse to start bowling when bowling commences and advise their team to use their Blind Score until the bowler feels like bowling?

A: No. If a bowler is present in the Centre when the league's bowling commences and any bowler refuses to start when due, the bowler forfeits that game and any other games missed. A Blind Score cannot be used.

Q: If the bowler above is present in the Centre for the first game but chooses to begin bowling in the second or third game, can they?

A: Yes. The bowler can compete in game two or three, but forfeits any games they missed.

RULE 122 AVERAGES & HANDICAPS

AVERAGE:

1. A bowling average is determined by dividing the total number of pins credited to a bowler by the number of games bowled in a particular competition.
2. When establishing an average in handicapped league play, a right-handed bowler must bowl right-handed at all times in that session. Penalty: forfeiture of game. This does not apply to scratch competition.
3. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must bowl left-handed at all times in that session. Refer to Rule 128.4 for what defines a session of games. Penalty: forfeiture of game.
4. No combination of scores bowled both right and left-handed will be used in computing an average in handicap competition.
5. In handicapped competition, a new average must be established if the bowler finds it necessary to change his delivery from right to left-handed or vice versa. Refer to Rule 211 for further details on deliveries.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 122 AVERAGES & HANDICAPS

Q: The league rule requires three games be bowled to establish an average. A member bowls a 120 for game one and a 150 for game two and cannot bowl game three. What score is used for the missed game? How are average and handicap figured?

A: As the rules define three games must be bowled to establish an average, the league would have to wait until the bowler completes their third game before an average can be calculated. If that does not happen until the first game the following week, no results can be published for the match until that time.

Q: What are the requirements of a delivery for a two-handed approach?

A: A two-handed bowler is required to use the same dominant hand during their delivery on both their first and second shots (this refers to the hand in which the bowling ball rests). Only one set of gripping holes is allowed and every hole drilled for gripping purposes must be used when making every delivery.

HANDICAP:

1. In all competitions where bowlers are competing based on pinfall plus handicap:

   (a) The handicap allowance shall be 80, 90 100 or 110 (TBA recommend 100) percent and shall be figured on the difference between each individuals average and a base figure at least 10 pins higher than the highest average in the league so every bowler has a positive handicap.

   (b) e.g. If that base figure happens to be 220 and the league is using 100%:

   If the average calculated = 134

   For handicap calculation: 220 – 134 =86

   Handicap (using 100%) = 86

   Decimal places are not used and therefore any are ignored.

   (c) Extra pins or fractions must be disregarded when using averages for handicapping or classification purposes. The extra pins will be reduced to a percentage of a pin only for the purpose of deciding individual position standings in a league.

2. (a) In any league competition where the results are based on pinfall plus handicap, no upper or lower limits in average (or handicap) can be set.

   (b) In all competition based on pinfall plus handicap, the base figure chosen must always be higher than the highest average in that competition. TBA recommends at least 10 pins, but as long as every bowler has a positive handicap (never zero) it is acceptable.

   3. In "handicapped competition", the results of all matches must include handicap.

Mid-season increase:

If a bowler's average increases to within less than 10 pins of the base figure during a season, then the base figure should be increased at that time, so that every bowler continues to have a positive handicap, including the high average bowler.

Always increase at time of average increase and once this has been applied there is no need to decrease the base figure. Leagues should write into their rules that the Base Figure they choose may be revised during the season as dictated by bowlers' averages.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 122 AVERAGES & HANDICAPS

Q: Why has the handicap rule changed?

A: TBA have made this change to support the bowlers who have an average under 200 in competition where 200 was the Base Figure and there were bowlers playing against them with 210, 220 and in some instances, better than a 230 average who all received an unfair advantage. The change creates an even playing field for all bowlers on pinfall plus handicap.

Q: Is this change Mandatory?
A: The rule is a mandatory change and should have been made before your league began its current season. Your Base Figure shall be set at least 10 pins higher than the highest average in your league when the league commences.

Any league competition conducted in a Registered Bowling Centre is a structured competition and the rules of the sport apply. Centres / Leagues cannot override the TBA Rule Book simply by adding some non-conforming rules into their league rules.

Q: When should this rule be implemented?
A: At the start of a season:

If there is a bowler in the league whose entering average will exceed the Base figure selected, then the league should increase the Base figure at the start of the season.

e.g. – Mary Smith has an average of 214. The league rules currently state 100% of 200. Applying rule 122 the league must increase the base average plus 10 and rounding up to an even number, this would make the base average in this scenario 230.

Q: Is it true that we cannot set a minimum or maximum handicap/or average in our league?

A: Yes, that is true. A handicapped league competition must be available to all bowlers who wish to join, and those bowlers must all compete on a competitive basis.

Q: Can our league apply for an exemption to allow for some bowlers to play off zero handicap.
A: No exemptions will be given to these rules. A league cannot vote to allow bowlers over their base figure to bowl off zero handicap and to receive an unfair advantage in a handicapped competition. If a league has a scratch and a handicapped competition, the scratch is just that, but the handicapped competition must be fair across the competition.

Q: Can our league set a maximum handicap?
A: TBA Rule 122 – Handicaps 2a defines No upper or lower limits in average (or handicap) can be set.

RULE 123 PRIZES - PROPRIETORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

No tournaments or leagues can restrict the owner of the bowling establishment or his employees from qualifying for individual or all events prizes.

RULE 124 PROTESTS - TIME LIMIT

Protests involving eligibility, scoring or general playing rules in leagues and tournaments will be governed as follows:

LEAGUES: Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible official or TBA not later than 72 hours after the series in which the infraction occurred has been bowled.

If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration of the 72-hour period, the series must stand as bowled.

Protests resulting out of competition in the final week of a league's schedule must be filed within 48 hours of the concluding night of the schedule.

TOURNAMENTS: Any protests affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be lodged with a responsible tournament official before the tournament prize payments are made. Such protest has to be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official, Local Association official or TBA within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.

Protests – Errors in Scoring

OBVIOUS ERRORS: Errors in scoring or errors in calculating league or tournament play must be corrected by a responsible league or tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error.

QUESTIONABLE ERRORS: the league's Management Committee or the Management Committee of the tournament will decide upon questionable errors. Protests relating to questionable errors must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament, league or Local Association official as follows:

Tournaments: Within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.

Leagues: Within 14 days after the series has been bowled in which the questionable error arose.

Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule will not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

RULE 125 APPROACHES MUST NOT BE DEFACED

The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, such substances as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes; also soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach are prohibited.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 125

Q: Are bowling shoes required during league and competition play?

A: TBA's only rule relating to shoes is Rule 125 'Approaches Must Not Be Defaced'. This rule prohibits soft rubber soles and heels that rub off on the approach.

Q: Why do you have to wear bowling shoes?

A: Bowling shoes are specialized footwear designed to use with the timber or synthetic approaches in a bowling centre. For centre owners and proprietors, the use of bowling shoes by customers whilst bowling is a requirement for workplace health and safety.

Safety - It is for the customers' safety that a specifically designed bowling shoe must be worn when bowling. The bowling shoe is designed to 'slide' on the approach.

Damage to the Approach - The wearing of 'street shoes' on the bowling approach can cause damage, scuffing or marking the floor and you could also bring in dirt and moisture from outside. If a bowler then steps on that, they can stick on the approach, fall, getting hurt.

Moisture, humidity or a slippery or sticky substance on the sole of a shoe can cause a fall and serious injury. Bowling centres are trying to avoid accidents and avert danger for the customers.

Bowling shoes, whether your own or the rented ones, are made to slide across the floor easily, and don't damage the wood or synthetic approaches. They are also free of dirt and debris that street shoes will have on them.

Q: Is the use of Easy Slide or Talcum Powder etc. on the bottom of my shoe allowed?

A: No. Commercial products like Easy Slide, talcum powder, pumice and resin or any other substance applied to the sole of a shoe is prohibited under TBA Rule 125.

RULE 126 SCORING DEVICES – AUTOMATIC

An automatic scoring device that has been approved may be used in structured league and tournament play.

This device will provide a printed record of the score which can be audited frame by frame and otherwise comply with the scoring and playing rules of the game.

RULE 127 ILLEGAL BALL - PENALTY

1 If a ball in a bowler's possession is checked during or immediately following a session of games on the weighing equipment in that Centre and proved to be outside of the specifications defined in Chapter 6, or

2. the ball is outside of the requirements of Chapter 6 in reference to holes drilled for gripping purposes or any other requirements, then:

3. the last session of games bowled in that tournament or league by that bowler will not be recognised.

4. Refer to Rule 128 for the definition of a session. Neither the game/s nor the score shall be counted. If the game/s were bowled as part of a team's event, the bowlers score shall not be counted in the teams total for that session of games.

5. An illegal ball in the player's possession will be deemed to have been used in that session of games. Any records or awards achieved or presented prior to that session of continuous games will stand.

6. Refer to Rule 603 Q&A for exclusions that apply to certain bowlers with a disability.

RULE 128 SESSION OF GAMES – DEFINITION

A session of continuous games play concludes when a participant changes lanes or opponents. For example, in scenarios 1 and 2, the session of games concludes when a match concludes. In scenario 3, each lane change begins a new session.

In events where teams of two or more compete, the match ends when the anchor bowler has completed their 10th frame.

1. 15 game in a singles match play final changing lanes every match.

2. A number of five man teams playing each other once, changing lanes every match.

3. A number of five man teams playing a match based on total pinfall over six games, bowled in blocks of 2, changing lanes after each 2 games.

4. In a league playing 3 games each week, each 3 game block is a session of games.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 128

Q: Is the bowling centre required to provide an open or buffer lane(s) on either side of a league during league play?

A: TBA does not have a rule requiring open/buffer lanes be provided on either side of a league during league play. Whenever leagues have concerns regarding this issue, it is recommended the league officers, or a committee appointed by the league president, address the matter with centre management.

RULE 129 PARTICIPATION LIMITED

A bowler participating in any accredited competition shall not do any of the following simultaneously:

1. Pre bowl for a future match on any other lanes.

2. Participate more than once in the line-up of a team.

3. Compete in more than one accredited competition.

Contravening this rule will result in the bowler's loss of pinfall for all games used illegally.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 129

Q: Are you allowed to pre-bowl during league, whilst bowling in your regular weekly league competition?

A: No. TBA Rule 129 prohibits a bowler from competing in more than one accredited competition simultaneously, therefore you are not permitted to pre-bowl for a future match on any other lanes during regular league competition.

Q: Are you allowed to participate in two leagues at the same time but in different centres, using pre-bowls?

A: No. TBA Rule 129 prohibits a bowler from competing in more than one accredited competition simultaneously, therefore you are not permitted to pre-bowl in one Centre then bowl with another Centre at a similar time.

Q: Whilst competing in a competition (registered league or TBA accredited tournament) can a bowler bowl some balls on a spare lane?

A: No. TBA Rule 129 states that under no circumstances is a bowler participating in a current line-up permitted to make any deliveries on 'practice', 'warm-up' or any other lanes in a bowling centre apart from the lanes the bowler is actually scheduled to play on at that time. Contravening this rule will result in a bowlers' loss of pinfall for that game.

RULE 130 DELIVERY USING A RAMP

When a ramp is to be used to aid in a delivery, the following shall apply:

1. The bowler (or their carer if required) can place the ramp and line it up as long as it does not go past the foul line.
2. The bowler (or their carer if required) can put the ball on the ramp.
3. The bowler can adjust the ball on the ramp (or their carer if required, at the direction of the bowler. This direction can be made in whichever way the bowler uses to communicate.)
4. In addition, the carer can hold or steady the ramp while the bowler is pushing the ball off the ramp to stop the ramp from moving if required.
5. The bowler must be the last one to touch the ball and must set the ball in motion.

CHAPTER 2
GENERAL

RULE 201 MEMBERSHIP (REGISTRATION) YEAR

Due annually, the membership year shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December in each year.

RULE 202 LANE REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION POLICY

TBA has a pivotal role in the management and development of the sport across the country. This policy outlines the terms and conditions of the relationship between TBA as the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) and its registered Centres. The Policy is available at https://www.tenpin.org.au/about-tba/policies/

RULE 203 TBA REGISTRATION

a) TBA registration is required for all bowlers participating in league play at TBA registered centres.

b) A person becomes registered with TBA by paying the prescribed annual Registration Fee and if applicable, Local Association fees. Fees set each year are for Juniors, Adults, Grand Senior 65+ and Inclusion.

c) A Registration Fee paid online to TBA by a bowler competing in an unregistered centre will not be recognised in that centre by TBA until such time as the centre becomes registered.

d) Participation by that bowler in accredited competition in registered centres will be recognised.

RULE 204 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Membership of TBA is composed of Juniors and Adults. Additional classifications of Youth, Senior, and Grand Senior are used to define groups and identify who can participate in a particular league or tournament.

A Junior is defined as a bowler who has not reached the age of 18 years on January 1st of the current year. Any Junior who satisfies this rule and turns 18 after January 1st may enter Adult events.

A Youth is defined as a bowler who has not reached the age of 21 years on January 1st of the current year.

A Senior is defined as a bowler who must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition.

A Grand Senior is defined as a bowler who must attain the age of 65 years or above in the year of the competition.

RULE 205 LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

TBA will only recognise Local Associations that represent bowlers in centres that are registered with TBA. A Local Association will not be recognised if the centre or centres it represents are not in good standing with TBA or become unregistered.

The Association must offer all levels of membership as established by TBA.

State/Local Associations:

a. May offer optional benefits for members at dues reflective of the value of services/products provided by the Association.

b. The Association may only increase/decrease their own dues, and cannot waive or change TBA national fees or state/local, as applicable.

RULE 206 BOWLING ETIQUETTE

Bowlers must give consideration at all times to the rights of the other bowler.

1. Prepare to take your turn promptly on the lane. Remember, the player to your right has the right of way.
2. Take your time, but don't waste time by posing or waiting until everyone else is off the adjacent approaches.
3. Do not step onto your approach until the previous bowler has left.
4. Stay on your own approach at all times. "Riding" balls is permitted as long as the bowler does not move outside of one lane either side of the delivery lane.
5. Step back off the approach after making each delivery.
6. Do not use another player's ball without permission.
7. The approaches may not be exactly to your liking, but DON'T use chalk, resin or talcum powder to condition them. Your fellow bowlers may like them as they are.
8. Do not use chalk, resin or talcum powder in the players' area.
9. Good bowling requires concentration. When players are ready to bowl, give them the courtesy of making their shot without any interference, as you will want the same courtesy when it is your turn to bowl.
10. Be ready to bowl, but wait until the pin setting machine has completed its cycle and the sweep-bar is raised.
11. Respect the equipment. Getting the ball out on the lane is good bowling, but "lofting" can damage the lane.
12. Play the game to win, but be a gracious loser if you are on the short end of the count when the game is over.

RULE 207 MEMBER RECOGNITION

TBA services and awards will be available to all TBA registered bowlers who are participating in League or competition organised or arranged by TBA, a Local Association or a Registered Bowling Centre.

Any bowler who competes in a league in a centre not listed as Registered on the TBA web site will not be able to count those league games towards any quota required to achieve State/National team selection eligibility.

RULE 208 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JUNIORS

The following conduct code will be observed during structured league and tournament play so as to provide a good environment for members:

a. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed by Juniors members whilst they are engaged in TBA competitions.

b. Junior members of TBA will refrain from smoking during the time any TBA competitions in which they are participating are in progress.

c. Junior members of TBA will not play on amusement machines or similar while junior TBA competitions or school bowling activities are in progress.

RULE 209 SLOW BOWLING

Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations

a) They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.

b) They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right.

c) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear.

d) A player 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.

e) If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in a) to d) above it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows:

   i) A verbal warning will be given (no penalty)

   ii) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)

   iii) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games. The penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame. A block of games is as defined in that particular competition and all remaining games of match play in a day.

f) For interpretation of the enforcement of this rule, Tournament Officials shall specifically monitor any player or team that gets more than four frames behind the leader in a singles, doubles or master event; or more than two frames behind in trios or team, not counting the end pairs of lanes. In Baker format competition the same rule applies as for the singles event.

g) Whenever there is any question concerning the enforcement of this rule the Tournament Director shall make the final decision.

RULE 210 COACHING WHILST COMPETING & PLAYERS AREA

a) A “coach” is defined as a person listed on the TBA web site as a coach.

b) The players’ area is defined as that part of the lane containing the scoring console and the players seating area.

c) Any bowler participating in any TBA accredited tournament or registered league may be coached during that competition, providing:

   i) the coaching is carried out from behind the players’ area, unless clause d) applies.

   ii) the coaching does not cause any delays in the normal rotation of play.

   iii) under no circumstances is a bowler participating in a current line-up permitted to make any deliveries on “practice”, “warm-up” or any other lanes in a bowling Centre apart from the lanes the bowler is actually scheduled to play on at that time. Contravening this rule will result in the bowler’s loss of pinfall for that game.

d) Exemptions to Clause c) will be allowed if:

   i) the event rules permit a Silver or higher coach to operate from within the players’ area.

   ii) any emergency situation arises.

e) In events where competing bowlers have a Manager present, those Managers are only permitted to enter the players’ area to enter bowler line-ups, change scores if event rules allow and any emergency situation.

RULE 211 BALL DELIVERY DEFINITION

If the ball is delivered on the right hand side of the body, the delivery will be deemed to be a right handed delivery, regardless of whether any holes drilled for gripping purposes are used or not or whether one or two hands are used. Similarly, if the ball is delivered on the left hand side of the body, the delivery will be deemed to be a left handed delivery, regardless of whether any holes drilled for gripping purposes are used or not or whether one or two hands are used.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 211

Q: If a bowler bowls the first ball down the right hand side of the body using two hands, can he/she use only their right hand for spares?

A: Yes, since both deliveries are on the same side of the body, the bowler did not change delivery and therefore this is not a violation of any rules as long as each/any balls used are compliant with TBA Rule 603.

Q: Can a bowler bowl one handed for one shot then two handed for the second shot or vice-versa? Is this allowed? If not is there a penalty?

A: It is permitted without penalty. Provided the bowler delivers the ball on the same side of the body, whether with one hand or two, the delivery is deemed to be legal as long as each/any balls used are compliant with TBA Rule 603.

Q: A bowler started league bowling right handed for one shot then changed to left-handed for the second shot or vice-versa is this allowed? If not is there a penalty?

A: In handicapped competition it is not permitted. No combination of scores bowled both right and left-handed will be used in computing an average in handicap competition. The penalty is forfeiture of game.

It is permitted without penalty in scratch events only.

Q: I have a mate that has an injury and can't bowl one-handed. Can he change to bowling two-handed and keep the same average or does he need a new average?

A: Yes, as long as he continues to deliver the ball down the same side of the body, he can bowl two-handed and with the same average as long as each/any balls used are compliant with TBA Rule 603.

Q: Can you please clarify for me if a two handed delivery is illegal or not?

A: A two handed delivery is legal.

Q: My understanding of the switching from left to right being against the rules is only for handicap purposes? If someone is bowling in a scratch tournament, can they switch from left-handed to right-handed bowling?

A: Switching hands is not permitted in handicapped competition. In a scratch event, balls can be delivered with any hand, anytime. As long as they are legally delivered and compliant with TBA Rule 603, they count. As stated Rule 211 if the ball is delivered on the right hand side of the body, the delivery is deemed right handed. This means if you are a two-handed player and you deliver the ball on the right hand side you are right handed (doesn't matter how many hands are on the ball). If a two-handed player only uses one hand for spares, they must ensure that this delivery is on the same side (right hand) as their first delivery.

Q: Is it true that in order to be considered a 'legal delivery' that only one hand is allowed to be on the ball at the point of delivery?

A: No, there is no rule which limits or dictates how many hands can be used to deliver a ball, or how many hands are allowed on a bowling ball at any point of delivery.

RULE 212 SMOKING

TBA recommends that smoking by participants in League be prohibited whilst the league is competing.

In tournaments, smoking and the use of any tobacco products including synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes is prohibited by a participant during any squad/round/matchplay from the allocated time including the warm-up until the last ball is bowled by them, regardless of whether lanes are changed in that bowling session or not.

RULE 213 DISPUTES/RULE QUERIES

In the event of a dispute or rule query, the organisational body responsible for the people with the dispute or query should resolve the matter. If it cannot be resolved at that level, the next highest organisational level should rule. If the dispute gets to Association level, then the Association should rule. If there is still no resolution, the State Association should rule. If there is still no resolution, the State Manager can be called upon to rule and/or refer the matter to TBA to be dealt with.

RULE 214 DISABILITY – DEFINITION OF

A bowler with a disability is defined as any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation restrictions). The condition is permanent. It should be noted that degree or degrees of pain are not considered a disability.

To prove a disability, a participant needs to provide evidence via the following types of evidence:

- Valid Disability Support Pension card
- Proof of Child Disability Assistance payment
- Letter confirming diagnosis from a medical professional:
  - Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist
  - Psychologist
  - General Practitioner (Medical GP)
  - Audiologist or Ophthalmologist/Optometrist
- Visual evidence in the case of short statured or amputation (amputation at site of major joint, for example amputation of foot/feet or arm/arms).

NOTE: TBA affiliated Associations and State Committees are required to adhere to this definition for the purposes of Disability State Championships and selection of State Teams. For non-TBA or international competitions, bowlers will follow the chosen classification system of the event organisers.

RULE 215 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Unless issued an exemption by TBA, no electronic earpieces, headphones or any other electronic device, excluding hearing aids, can be worn or used by bowlers whilst they are competing in a session of games (refer Rule 128). Any application for exemption must be lodged with TBA at PO Box 77, Deception Bay, Qld, 4508 or emailed to tenpin.bowling@tenpin.org.au and must be accompanied by a medical certificate from a qualified medical practitioner.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 215 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Q: My daughter is wearing headphones while bowling - is this allowed?

A: As stated in Rule 215, you will need to supply TBA with a medical certificate from a qualified practitioner advising of your daughter's condition that requires her wearing headphones and an approval will be issued. Should that not happen, she is prohibited from wearing headphones whilst bowling in any league or accredited competition.

RULE 216 SPECIAL COMPETITION

Competition in which a modified game of Australian tenpins is played or bumpers are used may be accredited by TBA. This includes "Glow in the Dark", Baker, No Tap and any other format approved by TBA. With the exception of bumpers, all TBA equipment specifications shall apply to such competition and all TBA rules shall apply insofar as practical, in addition to the following:

1. Games bowled using the modified format shall not be included in averages established in league play for entry in standard Australian tenpin competition.
2. Only scores bowled using the standard Australian tenpin scoring system as described in Rule 101, bowled in a centre with standard levels of illumination and meeting TBA equipment specifications will qualify for TBA awards.

TBA may permit modifications or variations in team play formats for the purposes of exhibition events, television bowling or playoff matches resulting from TBA tournament competition in the qualifying rounds. The results of such events should be included in the tournament's prize or awards programs.

RULE 217 DRUGS IN SPORT POLICY

TBA have adopted an Anti-Doping Policy in conjunction with the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency and the Australian Sports Commission. Copies of the Policy are available from TBA and are posted on the TBA website.

Suggested Penalty – Any person found to be in breach of the TBA Anti-Doping Policy will be subject to the penalties defined in that Policy.

RULE 218 MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

TBA has adopted a Member Protection Policy in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission. Copies of the Policy are available from TBA and are posted on the TBA website. The MPP should be referenced for any issues related to discrimination, harassment, abuse or other forms of inappropriate behaviour in our sport.

Suggested Penalty – Any person found to be in breach of the TBA Member Protection Policy will be subject to the disciplinary measures outlined in Part A section 9 of the Policy.

RULE 219 CODE OF ETHICS

TBA has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all personnel. Copies of the Code are available from TBA and are posted on the website.

Suggested Penalty – Any person found to be in breach of the TBA Code of Ethics be subject to the penalties defined in that Code.

RULE 220 COMPUTER SCORING – POWER FAILURE

In computer scoring, if a power failure or power surge occurs and scores cannot be recovered and no record has been kept of the scores bowled, these games must be re-bowled at the earliest convenience, if possible before the next match in the schedule. If scores have been kept, then those scores can be inserted into the scoring system before the next match in the schedule, whenever the games are resumed. Bowlers should be permitted to complete any uncompleted frames without opposition at any time suitable to the Centre before the league is scheduled to play again. If any frames were incomplete when the power failure occurred, the complete frame must be bowled again. If the games cannot be re-bowled for any reason, then actual scores at the time of the failure will be recorded for the event. One tenth of the Blind Score will be added for each remaining frame of the game and the bowler's Blind Score for any remaining games in the series. The frames bowled may not be used in calculating the bowler's average.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 220

Q: One night a team's scores were accidentally erased in the eighth frame of the first game. A printout was not available, so the league secretary allowed the team to reconstruct the scores. Was this procedure correct?

A: If a member of one of the effected teams has recorded the score of the game for all bowlers, the scores could be reconstructed and, if necessary, the games continued from the point of interruption. If the official record is mutilated, lost, defaced, or the captains cannot agree on the scores, the games in question should be re-bowled.

CHAPTER 3

LEAGUE RULES

RULE 301 LEAGUE – DEFINITION AND QUALIFICATION

a) Any group of four or more teams of players OR four or more individual players, participating in the sport of Tenpins according to a pre-arranged TBA schedule may be defined as a League, regardless of whether prizes of any character are offered.

b) All games of Australian Tenpins to be considered league play, must be bowled and conducted in compliance with the rules established by the league and the General Playing Rules of Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited. Each team shall play three consecutive games every time the league is scheduled to bowl, unless otherwise decided by the leagues Management Committee. The Committee must also determine the manner in which all league games shall be decided.

c) The league will compete in a single centre that is registered with TBA and will follow a regular schedule of matches. 6, 8, 10 and 12 team schedules are shown in the Rule Book, 4 and 14 to 28 are available from TBA. One schedule is completed when each team has competed against each other team once. Leagues will decide on the number of schedules to be bowled in a season. At all times, the spirit of good fellowship and sociability will be fostered amongst members. Provision will be made for the league to declare an annual or season champion, based upon the games bowled during the full season's schedule.

d) The number of teams and playing strength of each team will be set in the league's Rules. The names and details of the members of each team will be registered with the league Secretary prior to the commencement of play. The number of team members can be greater than the playing strength of a team.

e) Any competition not bowled in accordance with Rule 301 will be regarded as a tournament and organisers will be required to apply to TBA for tournament accreditation.

NOTE: Rules 302 to 309 apply unless all League management functions are done by the Centre.

RULE 302 LEAGUE – MANAGEMENT

Every bowling league will have rules that provide for the league's regular activities. The rules will provide for the election of its Officers and a Management Committee.

Each league will elect a President, Vice-President (at least one), Secretary and Treasurer, who must all be registered with TBA and be in good standing with TBA and the local centre/Association. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined, but no other offices may be combined. The supervision of a league consisting of bowlers with an intellectually disability or Junior bowlers may be by an adult guardian who is not intellectually disabled. The guardian will assist in the setting up of a Management Committee and Officers and guide in the administration of the rules of the league. The local/regional Association may appoint any current member who is registered with TBA in good standing as guardian of such a league.

No business shall be transacted at any League or Committee meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum shall be a majority of the persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

RULE 303 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES - PRESIDENT

1) The President will preside at all meetings of the league and its Management Committee.

2) The President and the Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) will either:

   a) establish an account in the name of the league, in a recognised banking institution, government guaranteed building society or credit union, with the signatures of at least two officers required for all withdrawals or,

   b) follow the bowling centre or Association procedure for League fund management.

   Two members of an immediate family (legitimate or de facto) cannot be co-signatories for withdrawals from a league account.

3) The President will personally on a regular weekly basis, check and verify that the correct amount of monies collected have been deposited correctly.

4) Regular financial statements should be made available to all team captains and retained by the President until all funds have been disbursed at the end of the league season.

5) The President shall arrange for a prize list, together with conditions and eligibility requirements, to be presented to the league's Management Committee for approval, within five (5) weeks of the start of the league schedule.

6) A President may be removed from office and/or suspended from membership of an Association for failing to comply with the requirements of this rule, or any other duties assigned by the league's Management Committee.

RULE 304 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES - VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will assume all the duties and responsibilities of the league President. A Vice President may be removed from office and/or suspended from membership of an Association for failing to comply with the requirements of this rule, or any other duties assigned by the league's Management Committee.

RULE 305 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES - SECRETARY

In addition to those duties specified by the league's Management Committee, the Secretary is responsible to ensure that:-

1) A copy of the league Rules is supplied or made available to all members,

2) A copy of the league schedule is posted or made available to all members,

3) An accurate record of all individual and team scores are maintained. (Centre computer print-outs are acceptable),

4) A current standing sheet is posted or made available to every league member, unless the league decides to withhold it for a period of time at the end of the season,

5) Assist the Centre in providing the information required to complete the Centres league information sheet.

6) All players are registered with TBA and are financial members of the Association if applicable. Any fees collected are remitted to the Association office within 7 days of collection,

7) Applications are lodged promptly for awards due to players,

8) Upon request, a complete list of players who participated throughout the season, in alphabetical order, together with the number of games bowled, total pinfall and average of each bowler, is to be forwarded to the Association.

9) All results and performance records for the league are to be retained for 12 months after the conclusion of each season.

10) If there is a change of Secretary, all records of the league must be passed on to the successor.

11) A Secretary may be removed from office and/or suspended from membership of an Association for failing to comply with the requirements of this rule, or any other duties assigned by the league's Management Committee.

RULE 306 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES - TREASURER

1) The Treasurer shall, if required, assist the President to set up the required accounts.

2) Unless alternative arrangements are made with the Centre management, all funds collected are to be deposited within one week of each session of play and the league's financial transactions are to be recorded in a manner acceptable to the League. TBA has a Treasurer's record form available on the TBA website if required.

3) Within thirty days after the completion of the league's schedule, all prizes must be distributed unless the league's Management Committee has set a specific date for prize distribution, or the local Association has authorised withholding of payment pending the settlement of any claim or protest affecting prize distribution.

4) A full financial report showing income from all sources, and all expenditure items, will be supplied to the Management Committee when requested, or in accordance with the requirements of the Rules.

5) League financial records must be retained for at least five years.

6) A Treasurer may be removed from office and/or suspended from membership of an Association for failing to comply with the requirements of this rule, or any other duties assigned by the league's Management Committee.

RULE 307 VACANCIES IN OFFICE

When a vacancy occurs in any of the "positions of office" of the league, the Management Committee will hold an election to fill the vacancy the next time the League meets.

RULE 308 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. The Management Committee is the governing body of the league. It is comprised of the officers of the league and each of the team captains. A team captain may appoint an alternate to represent the team at a Management Committee meeting. Each person attending will be entitled to only one vote, regardless of whether they are team representative, officer or both.

2. The Management Committee will hear and decide upon all matters pertaining to the league's Rules. They will also hear and handle complaints or protests relating to controversy or violation of any TBA or Association rule.

3. The Management Committee and the league will be bound by the Rules adopted prior to the commencement of the season. Such rules must not be in conflict with TBA rules.

After commencement of play, the league Rules may only be altered with the full approval of every member of the Management Committee and support of all players if the change involves revision to any of the basic "contract" items agreed to by each bowler, typically defining the length of the season, size of teams, points system, cost etc. Any changes that do not impact on that "contract", like Handicap base figure, dealing with tardy players etc. can be made by a majority vote of the Management Committee.

The Committee may declare forfeited, or null and void, any protested or disputed games, and decide upon any other matters arising in the league. The decision of the Committee will be final, except where an appeal is made to the Local Association or TBA for further consideration. It is incumbent upon the Committee to ensure that all parties to any dispute or protest have the opportunity to present their case, and written notice of the date, time and place for such a meeting or opportunity must be given.

RULE 309 TEAM CAPTAIN – DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

A team captain will be one of a group of players playing as a team in the league, and may be appointed or chosen by election of the team members or simply by majority consent. The team captain as recorded with the Secretary will be the team's representative on the league Management Committee, and will be responsible for the team's conduct and attendance for all league play. The team captain is required to collect the required dues from each player and pay the full team contributions due for each session of play to the league Treasurer.

At the end of each season, the captain is obliged to divide all prizes or prize money won by the team, in accord with any written or verbal agreement made by the team.

RULE 310 LEAGUE INFORMATION

All members of TBA participating in structured leagues (leagues run under TBA rules and following a TBA schedule) will be awarded all benefits of membership. As part of the requirements for Centre Registration, each Centre should supply TBA with League Standing Sheets containing all data regarding their leagues. The centre must be registered and in good standing with TBA and the lanes used for competition must have a current season TBA Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate posted in the establishment. The Regulation Bowling Lane Certificate procedure is detailed in the TBA Lane Registration/Certification Policy, available from www.tenpin.org.au. Go to the Policy section of the Web Site.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULES 302 - 310

Q: Our bowling league utilises the Centre's computer programs for record keeping. Do we still need to:

(a) elect a Secretary and

(b) keep records at the end of each season?

A: (a) Yes. Rule 302 (League – Management) requires each league to elect not only a Secretary, but a Management Committee comprising of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(b) Yes. The records must be kept for 12 months. Either the Secretary or the Centre keeps the records if the league utilises the Centre's league secretarial service (e.g. Computer Score).

Q: I was at our league's organisational (reformation) meeting and the league elected the Treasurer's husband as their President. Is this legal?

A: Yes. However, two members of an immediate family (legitimate or de facto) cannot be co- signatories for withdrawals from a league account.

Q: Who is considered immediate family? What if they are no longer in the same household?

A: Members of an immediate family include mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, husbands, partners, sons, brothers, fathers, stepsisters, stepbrothers, stepmothers, stepfathers and in-laws.

Q: How should a league handle complaints regarding problems occurring within the bowling centre?

A: When the league has concerns regarding lanes, equipment, loud music, etc., the league officers or a committee appointed by the league president, should discuss the problem with the centre management in an effort to resolve the matter.

Q: Are the members of the league management committee required to be financial members with TBA?

A: Yes, each league will elect a President, Vice-President (at least one), Secretary and Treasurer, who must all be registered with TBA and be in good standing with the local centre/Association.

RULE 311(A) PRE-BOWLING, NOT REVISABLE

Refer to Rule 334 for further information.

Each league should decide whether to allow or prohibit pre-bowling in their league. If a league allows pre bowling, bowlers are not permitted to have any undated pre-bowled scores. A pre-bowl, once approved, must be used for the match it was applied for. Unless a league sets a maximum number, bowlers can have any number of dated pre-bowls, as long as each series is dated for a particular match in the schedule.

Having pre-bowled a scheduled series, a player may not play with their League on the date of that scheduled match. A natural pair of lanes must be used.

AVERAGES/HANDICAPS existing at the date the score was used in the league are to be used.

TBA SPECIAL SCORE RECOGNITION/AWARDS – Special Score Awards defined in Rule 402 will not be recognised nor will those awards be available for any special scores bowled in pre bowled or deferred/postponed matches.

POST BOWLING: Post bowling (bowling a scheduled match after the scheduled date) by individuals or a team is not permitted in any form.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 311(A) PRE-BOWLING, NOT REVISABLE

Q: If I bowl a pre-bowl and I do not wish to keep it banked, do I have a right to rip up my own pre -bowl? Does my committee have a right to say I have to use it? These pre-bowls were not dated. Do I also have a right to pick and choose which ones I wish to use at which times?
A: No to all questions, as defined in Rule 311(a) you cannot have any undated pre-bowls. Once a pre-bowl has begun, it is bowled under the normal rules defined in Rule 324 regarding withdrawals. A bowler cannot throw away a dated pre-bowl, nor decide not to use their pre-bowl game/s or part there-of once the pre-bowled game has commenced – it has to be used for the match it was requested it for.

Q: I commenced my pre-bowl and wasn't bowling too well, so chucked it in the bin. Can I do that?
A: No. Once a pre- bowl has begun, it is bowled under the normal rules defined in Rule 324 regarding withdrawals. A bowler cannot throw away a dated pre-bowl, nor decide not to use their pre-bowl game/s or part there-of once the pre-bowled game has commenced – it has to be used for the match it was requested it for.

Q: An individual/team pre-bowled because they had to work. Later they found out that they would not have to work on that date so they appeared at the lanes to bowl. Can the league secretary throw out their scores and allow them to bowl?
A: No. When an individual or team receives permission from the league to pre-bowl and completes their pre-bowl, they have exhausted their eligibility for that scheduled match.

Q: If a person has bowled a pre-bowl but is then able to bowl on the nominated date, can the bowler change the date of that pre-bowl to a different date?
A: No. Once a pre-bowl is completed, it must be used for the match it was approved for.

Q: Could you please tell me if you are allowed to pre-bowl with people who are not members of the league?
A: The only requirements TBA have regarding a pre-bowl is that they have to be approved by the league, they must be identified with the date the games are to be used and must be bowled on a pair of lanes. TBA have no rules governing who a pre-bowling member bowls with, as long as those conditions are complied with.

Q: Does my pre bowled high score count in my leagues end of season high score awards.
A: No, unless league rules allow it to happen. Refer to TBA Rule 334.

True or False? You can pre-bowl for the first round/match of the season.
A: Yes a bowler can pre-bowl for the first round of the season. Options available to bowlers who cannot attend a league scheduled date are to either arrange a pre-bowl or if available, a roving substitute bowler

Did You Know? Regarding a new bowler pre-bowling at the start of a league, TBA have no rules prohibiting a new bowler in a league pre-bowling their first match or matches, as long as each pre-bowl is dated for the night it is to be used. An average should be calculated once the bowler has bowled three games.

Did You Know? A Roving Substitute, once approved to replace a bowler in a scheduled match, is permitted to pre-bowl should they then become unavailable for that approved match, unless the league's rules prohibit it.

RULE 311(B) DEFERRED/POSTPONED GAMES: NOT REVISABLE

Refer to Rule 334 for further information

PROCEDURE – The league Management Committee and both team captains must agree on an alternative date for the match before any deferred/postponement becomes official. The match must be played within seven days. Once granted, the league secretary will advise the centre of the change to the schedule. Usual league rules and conditions to apply and one pair of certified lanes in the same centre are to be used. If for any reason the deferred/postponed match does not take place within seven days, no points will be allocated to either team. If one team does not turn up, Rule 317 will apply.

TIME LIMIT – No deferred/postponed game may be bowled later than 24 hours after the end of the final scheduled competition, unless that match could have a bearing on the outcome of the league championship. Such matches must be concluded within seven days of the scheduled close of competition.

AVERAGES/HANDICAPS existing at the date of play are to be used.

REQUEST NOTICE – At least 48 hours prior to scheduled match.

Without exception, any team not attending for league play on the scheduled night that has not organised a deferred/postponement at least 48 hours before the scheduled match will forfeit and the team present and not at fault must bowl all games as though they were actually contested. (Refer Rule 320)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 311(B)

Q: If a bowler is unable to attend league for a scheduled night, can that person bowl their games after the league has played?

A: No. This is called post bowling and as defined above you cannot bowl after the original scheduled date and time. The only time this can be completed is in a postponed match against the entire opposition team.

Q: Can a league "vote" to decide on whether post bowling is allowed or not?

A: No. Two teams that are scheduled to play against each other may postpone their match to some other time within the next 7 days if one of the teams cannot attend on the scheduled night. Post bowling by an individual is prohibited at all times and this rule cannot be changed or overridden by a league.

RULE 312 ENTERING AVERAGES - (TYPICAL ONLY – FOR A 3 GAME LEAGUE)

Previously Bowled 21 or More Games in this League:

1) The previous seasons finishing average in this League.
2) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games but not in this League:

   Highest current average in any League in which 21 or more games have been played.
3) Previously Bowled, but not 21 Games in one League:

   Current average in the League in which the most games have been bowled.
4) The above averages shall be used for the first nine (9) games of the new season. After nine games have been bowled, the total current seasons pinfall will be divided by nine (9) to determine the new average.
5) No Previous Experience:

   A Bowler shall bowl three (3) games and have the total pins divided by three (3) to determine the average to be used.
6) Premiership points will be allocated to teams from the beginning of the season using the above averages.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 312

Q: If the league is not a 3 game league, is it still 21 games previous experience or the equivalent of 7 weeks?

A: If your league is a 2 game league, Clause 3 would depend on where the bowler competed before (3 game league 21or 2 game league 14), Clause 4 would be 6 games and Clause 5 (no previous experience) would be 2 games.

Q: Can a league vote and include in their league rules how they wish to handle entering averages for their league?

A: No. TBA Rule 312 cannot be changed by league rules and the league should ensure that their rules conform to TBA rules.

Q: We have a new bowler join our league, he also plays with another league with a high average of 196. Is his average determined by the first 9 games of bowling in the new league or should he be using his current average with the 2nd league he plays with?

A: Clause 2 in Rule 312 (above) answers this. When a new bowler joins a league, if previously they have bowled 21 or more games but not in this League, then they are to use their highest current average in any League in which 21 or more games have been played. If no current average, then the highest yearbook average over 21 games.

Q: A bowler is using the two-handed approach. The bowler's dominant hand is the right hand (bowls the ball down the right hand side of the body). Can the bowler use the right hand only for spares?

A: Yes, since both deliveries are with the same dominant hand, the bowler did not change delivery and, therefore this is not a violation of any rules, providing any/all balls used are compliant.

Q: When identifying the entering average for an experienced bowler new to a league, is the entering average taken as the average over the first three games (as per Clause 5) or is the entering average taken as the highest current average in an league (year book average) which aligns with Clause 2?

A: If a bowler is described as an experienced bowler with a Year Book average, they do not fit the "No Previous Experience" reference, so use their Year Book average.

The only exception to that is if the bowler has had some serious injury or illness that has impacted on their ability to bowl.

RULE 313 ROVING SUBSTITUTE

1) Must be registered with the League as a roving substitute.
2) Any Captain, knowing he will not have a full line-up for any match, may ask a roving substitute to report for that match. Providing all teams have a legal line-up, the roving substitute shall be permitted to bowl in that team for that match.
3) The score of a roving substitute shall be used to calculate the results of a match.
4) League entering average rules shall apply.
5) Shall carry his own average in the League.
6) Unless a league has rules that prohibit pre bowling or an approved roving substitute from pre bowling, a roving substitute is permitted to pre bowl should they then become un available for that approved match. If a roving substitute is approved for a team that has a legal line-up without that roving substitute and another team needs a bowler for a legal line-up, that latter team should get first use of the roving substitute.
7) The Roving Substitute shall pay nothing and have no claim on any trophies or prizes. The person or team requesting the Roving Substitute must pay all relevant costs, such as Linage, Prize Fund, Social Fees, etc.
8) A Roving Substitute will have no voting rights at any meeting of the league.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 313

Q: Can a league decide whether to allow roving substitutes?

A: If a league chooses to not have any that is fine. TBA have no rules defining it is compulsory to have them.

Q: My team organised a roving substitute to replace an absent team member. The substitute bowled the first game and then found it necessary to leave the bowling centre for the remainder of the evening. Is the Blind score for the remaining two games based on the regular team member's average or the substitute's average?

A: Based on TBA rule 313(2), the Blind score to be used is that of the roving substitute, because they are taken as a member of that team for that match.

Did You Know - A Roving Substitute, once approved to replace a bowler in a scheduled match, is permitted to pre-bowl should they then become unavailable for that approved match, unless the league's rules prohibit it.

RULE 314 VACANCY SCORES

When a team is incomplete at any time and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of one hundred and twenty shall be used if there is no bowler in the vacant position. If a bowler was registered with the league and has ceased bowling but is still listed on the team roster, the bowler's Blind Score must be used. A Vacancy score is only to be used if the bowler has been removed from the team roster. A handicap shall be allotted to suit the vacancy score. If possible with the Centres scoring system, the score used for the match result is taken as the Blind score of the Vacancy allowance plus handicap.

A Vacancy Score does not count towards a Legal Line-up.

A Vacancy Score can win no individual points and is only used to achieve a total game and/or total series score.

WHY DID TBA UPDATE THIS RULE - RULE 314

If a bowler misses a night of bowling and a blind score is used, that bowler & team are penalised by taking 10 pins off their average per game. Previously if a team had a vacancy the score used was 120 with no penalties. The rule was updated so that any vacancies would receive the same penalty as the blind score.

120 less the 10 pins = 110 plus the appropriate handicap.

RULE 315 TARDY (LATE) PLAYERS

A tardy player shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first frame with the score to count, provided the game has not progressed beyond the third frame.

RULE 316 BLIND SCORES

A blind score shall be allowed when a team has a legal but less than full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less at least ten pins and no more than 30 pins (to be set in the league rules) of any absent bowler on the team roster. The absent bowler's handicap must be added to the Blind Score. There shall be no limits on the number of times a Blind Score can be used. A Blind Score can win no individual points and is only used to achieve a total game and/or total series score.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - BLIND AND VACANCY SCORES

Q: What is the difference between a 'blind' score and a 'vacancy' score?

A: Blind Score - As defined by Rule 316, a Blind Score is used when a regular member is absent and a sub is not available. A Blind Score shall be allowed when a team has a legal but less than full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less at least ten pins and no more than 30 pins (to be set in the league's rules).

Vacancy Score - When a team is incomplete at any time and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of one hundred and twenty shall be used if there is no bowler in the vacant position.

Q: I would like some clarification on exactly <u>where</u> a vacancy should be placed in a 4-man team?

A: The league needs to adopt a rule to define how they will deal with the placement of Vacancies. TBA recommends they treat a Vacancy as a person with a 120 average and put that person wherever that average puts them in the line-up.

Q: Can teams use a sub until they can fill that vacancy with a real bowler?

For example, if a four-man team has three registered members but not a fourth, and have a vacancy in their team. The question is can they use a sub for the fourth or do they have to use the vacancy until they find another player?

A: Yes. If a team is short on numbers and the league has a registered roving substitute, they can ask that person to bowl in their team for that match by approval of the league, unless some other team does not have a legal line up and wants the bowler.

Q: My team had a substitute bowler show up on league night to replace one of our absentee bowlers. The substitute bowled the first game and then found it necessary to leave the bowling centre for the remainder of the evening. Is the blind score for the remaining two games based on the regular team member's average or the substitute's average?

A: Based on TBA rule 313(2), the Blind score to be used is that of the roving substitute, because they are taken as a member of that team for that match.

Q: In the first week of a season, does a league bowler who does not come to that first session of play go in as a blind or a vacant score?

A: If the bowler missing bowled in that league in the last season and is going to bowl in the current season, then use the bowlers' Blind Score. Never use a Vacancy Score for a bowler that exists in the league.

RULE 317 BYES / FORFEITS

1) When a bye or a forfeit occurs, due to any reason whatsoever, the team present and not at fault must bowl all games as though they were actually contested.

2) Every member bowling on such team must have completed his frame on one lane before the team shall commence its frame on the adjoining lanes.

3) When a team forfeits a series, the members of the team are still responsible for all fees except actual bowling fees unless the league is a Contract or Rebate and the league's rules define bowling fees must also be paid.

4) The points for individual effort can only be won when a player without opposition bowls a score higher than their own average less ten pins per game. When a game ends in a tie, the player concerned shall be credited with half of the points awarded for individual effort. Points not won by the team present and bowling shall be abandoned.

5) The points for team effort can only be won when the pinfall total for each game exceeds the team average less ten pins for each player in the line-up playing against the bye or forfeit. If the team's total pinfall only equals team average less ten pins for each player in the line-up playing the bye or forfeit, the team concerned shall be credited with half of the points awarded for individual effort. Points not won by the team present and bowling shall be abandoned.

RULE 318 BOWLING CENTRE CLOSURE

In the event that a Centre should cease operation as a Bowling Centre, the following shall apply:

1) Leagues wishing to continue operating should enquire with other Centres to ascertain if any vacancies exist and if their league can continue as it is in the new Centre. If that option is available, the league can simply change Centres and continue its schedule.

2) If a Centre is available but any bowlers in the league do not wish to move to the new Centre, then the league must end its competition and settle all prizes and awards as at the date of completion.

3) Should there be no available Centre within the area or another Centre cannot fit the league in with its current structure, the league must end its competition and settle all prizes and awards as at the date of completion.

RULE 319 TRANSFERRING TEAM MEMBERSHIP

A player who has competed with a team and whose scores have counted in deciding games may transfer to another team of the league during the season provided:

1. The captain of his/her existing team consents to the transfer.

2 Two-thirds of the league's team captains agree to the transfer.

3. A player so transferred may not return to any team with which he had previously played during that season.

RULE 320 INTERRUPTED GAME

Any game or series which cannot be completed on the pair of lanes assigned in the league schedule, for any reason, may be transferred to another pair of certified lanes in the same centre on the same or some subsequent date, or held over for completion at another time. The league officers will decide on the circumstances for re-scheduling. Any game or series so interrupted will resume from the point of interruption.

RULE 321 SERIES - HOW BOWLED

A natural (two adjoining) pair of lanes will be used in each game of league play. Teams scheduled to bowl against each other must be in direct competition on adjacent lanes and will then and there oppose each other, unless a forfeit or deferred/postponed or pre-bowled game is granted. Any team failing to abide by this rule by moving to another pair of lanes without the opposition team will forfeit all games bowled on the lanes that were not allocated originally. The team that remained on their scheduled lane is eligible to win points, playing a bye.

The first game of a series will be started on the scheduled lane with succeeding games starting on alternating lanes of the pair.

RULE 322 ORDER OF BOWLING

All members of the contesting teams will successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane and for the next frame change and use the other lane of the pair, alternating each frame until the end of the game, save for any bonus balls resulting from a strike or spare in the tenth frame, which will be bowled on the same lane as the tenth frame.

Every frame must be completed at the time the bowler is bowling in their regular order, with tenth frame bonus balls being completed before the next player bowls.

In matches other than singles competition, the anchor player must have bowled the first ball of the frame before the lead-off player commences the next frame, unless league rules say otherwise.

When any question arises as to which bowler should bowl first or when two bowlers are in corresponding positions, it will be incumbent upon the bowler on the right to so bowl.

A bowler who has to leave early, may, with the permission of both Captains, complete the game bowling frames on alternate lanes with one of the opposing players, providing the match has progressed up to the fifth frame of the third game.

RULE 323 SCORING

The scores of all games will be recorded frame by frame in plain view of all opposing players and spectators. At the end of each game the individual and team scores will be recorded in the manner determined by the league and become the official record for the season. If an obvious error is noticed at any time, the league Secretary must correct it immediately, with questionable errors being referred to the league's Management Committee for decision.

If the scores of any game, series or game in progress, are lost or become irretrievable with no record available, then those game/s must be re-bowled as soon as possible.

RULE 324 INJURY, DISABILITY OR EMERGENCY

When a player is unable to complete a game (including a pre bowl) because of disability, injury or emergency, the team of which he is a member will count his actual score for the frames bowled in the game total. One tenth of the Blind Score will be added for each remaining frame of the game. The frames bowled may not be used in calculating the bowler's average.

Any remaining games in the series can be bowled by another team member or a roving substitute, using the replacement bowler's handicap and will be counted towards the replacement bowler's average.

If there is not another team member or a roving substitute available, the bowler unable to continue would use their Blind Score for any remaining games in the series, providing the team still has a Legal Line-up.

When a player does not complete a game of their own volition (no injury, disability or emergency), then the team will forfeit that game and any remaining games.

Note: Rule No 301 to 324 CANNOT be ignored or altered by virtue of anything written into a league Rules.

RULE 325 PREMIERSHIP - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the completed schedule shall be the winner.

RULE 326 THE LEAGUE RULES

THE LEAGUE AT ITS FORMATION MEETING, SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY ALL OF THE VARIABLES AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ENSURE A SOUND BASIS FOR GOOD, WELL RUN AND ENJOYABLE COMPETITION.

UNLESS THE CENTRE CARRIES OUT ALL LEAGUE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS AND SUPPLIES THE LEAGUE RULES, THE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WRITING INTO THEIR LEAGUE RULES, ALL OF THOSE VARIABLES THAT WILL ENABLE EVERYBODY TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TBA RULES.

Refer to Chapter 9 (League Rules template) for suggestions and guidance on options.

WITHOUT BEING LIMITED, THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN THE LEAGUE RULES:-

Size of league - No. of teams - playing strength of each team - number of team members - replacements - substitutes - minimum line-up.

Length of season - No. of weeks/rounds - non-playing dates - starting date - Xmas/holiday break - finals.

Points system - game points - series points - league standings - equal points - ties.

Averages - entering averages – as per Rule 312.

Handicaps - scratch/base figure - percentages.

Style of play

Blind scores - select the value - average less 10, 20 or 30, variable or not.

Vacancy Score

Fees - game fees - prize fund - social fund - absentees - presentation function - secretary/score keeper's honorariums.

Time of play - Tardy players.

Pre Bowling – allowed or not allowed.

Withdrawals and replacements.

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY, EACH BOWLER SHOULD SATISFY THEMSELVES AS TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENT TO THE LEAGUE.

THEY HAVE THE RIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE NOT TO BOWL IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ESTABLISHED RULES.

REFER TO RULE 308 REGARDING CHANGES TO THE RULES ONCE PLAY HAS COMMENCED. A COPY OF THE LEAGUE RULES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY OR THE REGISTERED CENTRE.

IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC RULES SPELLED OUT IN THE LEAGUE'S OWN RULES, RULES 325 TO 336 WILL BE APPLIED, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR LEAGUE PLAY.

RULE 327 LEGAL LINE-UP - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

A legal line-up in league play is defined as the following number of players registered with the Secretary as members of that team or roving substitutes who are present and able to bowl at the start of any game in that scheduled session of games:

Five player teams	-	Three or more registered team members or roving substitutes
Four player teams	-	Two or more registered team members or roving substitutes
Three player teams	-	Two or more registered team members or roving substitutes
Doubles league	-	One or more registered team member or roving substitute
Singles league	-	One registered team member or roving substitute, subject to Rule 313.

(a) ELIGIBILITY – Any TBA member registered with the league as a team member or roving substitute whose score/s are to be used in deciding league matches will be deemed eligible to count towards a Legal Lineup.

(b) In a Singles league, the only scores that shall be counted will be either the registered team member's, a registered roving substitute's or one of those bowler's Pre Bowled score. If none of those scores exist, the team member's Blind Score must be used. No other substitutes will be permitted. Leagues are able to adopt specific rules for a roving substitute who is registered with the league that may define a limit in the average the roving substitute can have above the absent registered team member's average.

(c) Dated Pre Bowl scores of a registered team member or a registered roving substitute will count towards a legal line-up.

(d) INCOMPLETE but LEGAL LINE-UP – Any team refusing to bowl with less than a full line-up will forfeit those games.

(e) NO LEGAL LINE-UP – When a legal line-up is not present at the start of any game, a forfeit will be recorded for the game.

RULE 328 PRIZES - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

1) The prize list should be prepared as defined in Rule 303 (5).
2) To qualify for individual average, game or series prizes, a team member registered with the league must have bowled in at least 50 percent of the scheduled games in the current season. (Excluding Most Improved Average. (Refer Rule 408).
3) To qualify for any Team trophy, a member registered with the team must have bowled in at least 50 percent of Leagues scheduled games for that team since the team joined the League.
4) A team can qualify for only one special prize for series or game.
5) A team member registered with the league can qualify for one individual series and one individual game trophy.
6) Rules (4) and (5) do not include Premiership, Runner-up, Individual Team award, most improved average or high average trophies.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 328

Q: Two league members are in contention for the high average award, but one of them bowled half of the season as a roving substitute. Are they both eligible for prize consideration?

A: According to TBA Rule 313, scores bowled by a roving substitute are not eligible for prize consideration for any award based on average.

Q: Who determines the prize fund payout for the league?

A: In Chapter 9, there is provision for you (the league) to decide the % of scheduled games to be eligible for a prize, and in Rule 303 it is the President of the league who is responsible for arranging a prize list and distribution of such prize list within 5 weeks of commencement of the league schedule: e.g. meet with league, decide on how much in social fees is being paid each week, and which awards will be included at the end of the season prize payout.

Q: If a team member resigns or is replaced during the season, are they entitled to a share of the team's prize money?

A: It depends. If the league has approved the withdrawal and the bowler was not being replaced, it would be reasonable to refund some prize fund to the bowler. However, if the withdrawal was not approved, the bowler will forfeit all rights to any prize/social funds.

If the bowler is withdrawing with the approval of the league and is being replaced, then it would be fair to refund their portion of the prize fund paid and the replacement bowler subject to the leagues prize fund rules regarding trophy eligibility.

Rule 512 defines Withdrawing from a league without reasonable cause or excuse.

Suggested Penalty – Forfeiture of franchise/bond money, social fees and prize money and in addition, suspension from membership for not less than 3 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action.

RULE 329 HANDICAP - (LEAGUES CAN SELECT THE PERCENTAGE FIGURE THEY WILL USE)

The handicap allowance shall be 80, 90 100 or 110 (TBA recommend 100) percent and shall be figured on the difference between each individuals average and a base figure at least 10 pins higher than the highest average in the league so every bowler has a positive handicap.

Refer to Rule 122 Handicaps 2(b) for rules regarding the selection of the Base Figure.

(b) e.g. If that base figure happens to be 220

If the average calculated = 134

For handicap calculation: 220 – 134 =86

Handicap (using 100%) = 86

Decimal places are not used and therefore any are ignored.

RULE 330 TEAM ROSTERS - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary on the first day of the season. New players cannot be added to a team roster after the start of the last schedule, without the approval of the Management Committee.

RULE 331 MECHANICAL FAILURE - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

1) In the event that two opposing teams present and ready to bowl are not able to bowl because of machinery failure, the match should, if possible, be re-scheduled.
2) If re-scheduling of the match is not an option, then the teams will be awarded 50% of the match points each.
3) If applicable, any Prize or Social fund should still be paid by the team members.

RULE 332 POINTS SYSTEM - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

1) POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:
   a) Two points will be awarded to the winner of each Team game.
   b) Four points will be awarded to the winner of the Team series.
   c) One point will be awarded to each team in the case of a tied game.
   d) Two points will be awarded to each team in the case of a tied series.
2) Refer to rule 314 & 316 regarding individual points which cannot be changed by a league's own rules.

RULE 333 POSITION STANDINGS - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

Shall be determined on the basis of games won and lost. Where more than one team/individual has the same number of points, the team/individual with the highest gross pinfall for the season to date will take precedence.

Gross pinfall will include any handicaps, blind or vacancy scores used in determining points won or lost

RULE 334 DEFERRED/POSTPONED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

All league games will be bowled as per the pre-arranged schedule unless they are deferred/postponed or pre-bowled upon authorisation of the league's Management Committee. When Doubles or Teams are deferred/postponed or pre-bowled, they must compete as Doubles and Teams respectively. Pre Bowling applies to a series only, not individual games. Deferred/Postponed or Pre Bowled games cannot win any High Score awards. Deferred/postponed games refer to teams that cannot compete on the regular scheduled date and time. Their match can be conducted at another time when both teams can compete.

Refer to Rule 311 for further information.

RULE 335 PLAY – OFFS - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

Total pinfall plus handicap in one game shall determine the winners of any play-off for the 1st or 2nd place, on a pair of lanes to be selected by draw.

RULE 336 REPLACEMENT TEAMS - (UNLESS COVERED BY A LEAGUES OWN RULES)

A team that enters the competition after the season is in progress shall assume a position equal to the team on the bottom of the table.

CHAPTER 4

AWARDS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUE OF AWARDS

RULE 401 AWARD – THE PERFECT GAME

TBA will prepare and present a suitably embossed Plaque to any registered TBA bowler in good standing who has, in a single game in structured or accredited competition anywhere under the jurisdiction of TBA, attained the score of 300. This award is free of charge once in a lifetime. TBA awards are not available for any scores bowled in "phantom type" leagues, special competition defined in Rule 216 or pre bowled or deferred/postponed matches.

Should a bowler achieve these scores two or more times, they can purchase plaques from the TBA National Office.

RULE 402 AWARDS – SPECIAL – PLAQUES

TBA will prepare and make available suitably embossed Plaques for purchase by all registered TBA bowlers in recognition of the following special accomplishments in structured or accredited competition. TBA awards are not available for any scores bowled in "phantom type" leagues, special competition defined in Rule 216 or pre bowled or deferred/postponed matches.

300 Game (second and/or subsequent achievements)

299 Game

298 Game

1000 Series (for bowling 1000 or better in four consecutive games).

900 Series (for bowling 900 in three consecutive games).

800 Series (for bowling 800 or better in three consecutive games).

700 Series (for bowling 700 or better in three consecutive games).

600 Series (for bowling 600 in two consecutive games).

A bowler may request either a Ring or Watch for the following achievements. The award will be supplied at full cost to the bowler.

300 Game (Ring or Watch)

299 Game (Watch only)

298 Game (Watch only)

RULE 403 AWARDS

TBA will provide to registered bowlers in good standing digital recognition via TBA's official scoring partner.

RULE 404 AWARDS – LEAGUE CHAMPION CHEVRONS

TBA will provide to registered bowlers in good standing a League Champion chevron, available for the FIRST PLACED league champion team or individual provided all members of the league are TBA members in the current year.

RULE 405 AWARDS – SERIES

When three (3) or more games are bowled in a League or Tournament, high score awards apply to any three (3) consecutive games and when four (4) or more games are bowled in a League or Tournament, high score awards apply to any four (4) consecutive games.

RULE 406 SPECIAL CONTESTS CONDUCTED BY LEAGUES

When special contests limited to members of a League are held and such contests are conducted by the League under the rules governing League or accredited tournament bowling, high score recognition will be extended automatically under the same terms and conditions as outlined in this chapter.

RULE 407 AWARD – CONDITIONS GOVERNING A 300 GAME AWARD

The following are the requirements which must be met for eligibility for 300 game award. TBA Awards are not available for any scores bowled in pre bowled or postponed matches.

1. The high score must have been bowled in League or a Tournament Accredited by TBA.
2. The lanes upon which the score was bowled must have been currently certified by TBA.
3. A competent foul judge or an automatic foul detecting device approved by TBA must have been employed during the full time the score was being bowled.
4. Every provision of TBA Constitution, Rules and Regulations must have been in effect by those conducting the League or Tournament in which the high score was bowled.
5. Notification of the high score must be given to the Association Secretary within 24 hours after it has been bowled. The League or Tournament Director must give this notification.
6. No more than fourteen (14) days may elapse before the Local Association Secretary or President gives such notification in writing to TBA.
7. Inspection of Bowling Ball:
   (a) Any bowling balls used when the high score game was achieved will be certified for correct weight and balance by an authorised person, e.g. Tournament Director, Association Secretary or a duly authorised representative, or qualified bowling centre staff members.
   (b) The inspection and weighing by the Tournament Director, Secretary of the Association or a duly authorised representative must be done within 72 hours after the score has been rolled. If not weighed immediately, the ball must be held by the Tournament Director, Secretary of the Association or a duly authorised representative until the weighing is completed. The complete High Game Application together with the original score sheet must be forwarded to TBA before thirty days have elapsed.
8. When a claim for recognition of an individual high game of 300 is submitted, TBA may approve the issuance of the award immediately upon receipt of the High Game Application, or they may refer the claim to the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee for their consideration.
9. If a ball used in any high score achievement is removed from the possession of the Tournament Director, Secretary of the Association or a duly authorised representative before the ball is weighed, the high score award will not be recognised.

RULE 408 MOST IMPROVED AVERAGE AWARD

Most Improved Average trophy shall be awarded to the bowler who has the most improved average, calculated as follows:

(a) A bowler's increase in average is determined by comparing their final average for the current competition and their final average of at least twenty-one (21) games for the preceding competition in the same League.

(b) For a bowler who entered the League with an average established in another league, compare their final average for the current competition with their highest average shown on the final standing sheet for his previous League/s.

(c) For a bowler with no average for the preceding competition, compare their final average for the current competition with the average they established in their first twenty-one (21) games during the current competition.

(d) Decimal places must be taken into account in the event that two or more bowlers have the same increase in average.

To be eligible for Most Improved Average, a bowler must have bowled in at least two thirds (2/3) of the leagues scheduled games in the current season.

CHAPTER 5

OFFENCES AND SUGGESTED PENALTIES

Any member of TBA who commits any of the following offences may be liable to suspension from membership of TBA for such period as the organisation instigating the action thinks fit. Any member suspended under any of the rules in this Chapter will:

(a) cease to be registered with TBA for the duration of the suspension unless an appeal is lodged and is successful.

(b) have the right of appeal to TBA.

If the suspension has resulted from a loss or misappropriation of funds, all State Associations will be advised of the suspension.

OFFENCE 501 ATTEMPTING TO GAIN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Gaining or attempting to gain an unfair advantage by any means whatsoever during League or Tournament play including (but without limiting the generality of this provision) the following:

(a) By tampering, directly or indirectly with lanes, bowling pins, bowling balls or other bowling equipment so that such lanes, pins, balls or other bowling equipment or any of them no longer meet with TBA requirements or specifications.

(b) By misrepresenting their average in order to gain a greater handicap, to qualify for a lower classification in a league or tournament or to gain any similar unfair advantage.

(c) By establishing an average below their ability prima facie proof whereof will arise where it appears that the bowler has repeatedly exceeded his or her League average in handicap or classified competition without re-submitting themselves for re-rating, re-handicapping or re-classification.

(d) By deliberately throwing his ball into the gutter.

(e) By deliberately committing a foul.

Suggested Penalty – For any of the above offences – loss of game or games in which the unfair advantage was gained or attempted including loss of prize money (if any) and suspension of membership for not less than 6 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action.

OFFENCE 502 DEROGATORY CONDUCT

(a) Contravening the Code of Ethics

(b) Placing the game of tenpins in jeopardy of unfair criticism by the use of dishonest or disreputable tactics in connection with the game.

Means of dealing with contravening this rule at an event are defined in the Code. Additional action can be instigated by the organisation who may apply additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the organisation.

OFFENCE 503 DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY

Failing to distribute team prize money in accordance with an oral or written agreement.

Suggested Penalty – Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action.

OFFENCE 504 PAYMENT OF FEES

Failing to pay fees due for participation in a league or accredited tournament to the proper authority as and when the same become due and payable.

Suggested Penalty – Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other moneys due by him to TBA and/or any association/Registered Bowling Centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made.

OFFENCE 505 FAILURE TO PAY MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS

Failing to pay any accounts owing to TBA or any Association or Organization accredited by TBA as and when the same become due and payable.

Suggested Penalty – Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other moneys due by him to TBA and/or any association/Registered Bowling Centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made.

OFFENCE 506 BOWLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME

Bowling under a name dishonestly assumed including (but without limiting the generality thereof) bowling under the name of an entrant scheduled to bowl in a league or an accredited tournament but unable to attend or who is under suspension.

Suggested Penalty – Not less than 3 months suspension of membership or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action

OFFENCE 507 FUND SHORTAGES

(a) Embezzling, stealing, absconding with or failing to account for any funds entrusted to him or her.

Suggested Penalty – Ineligibility for life to hold any office in any league or the Association and in addition suspension from membership for not less than 12 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors. Any person suspended will continue to be liable for any arrears of dues unpaid at the date of his suspension and for all other moneys due by him to TBA and/or any association/Registered Bowling Centre. The suspension will remain in force until full restitution has been made.

(b) Being the officer required to make periodical verification of the accounts and funds of any league or Association is guilty of malfeasance or nonfeasance of any such duty.

Suggested Penalty – Suspension of membership or other penalty as deemed appropriate by the Local Association Board of Directors.

(c) Being an officer of a league or Association which has suffered a loss of funds from any cause is guilty of deliberately making or filing a false statement in relation thereto with the proper authority in order to obtain a greater sum than that to which the said league is entitled under any insurance policy or for any other dishonest purpose of any nature whatsoever.

Suggested Penalty – Ineligible for life to hold any office in any league or Association and in addition suspension from membership for not less than 12 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action.

OFFENCE 508 DEFAULTING IN ATTENDANCE FOR LEAGUE PLAY

(a) Defaulting in attendance for league play without reasonable cause more than once in a season.

Suggested Penalty – Expulsion from the league concerned and in addition forfeiture of franchise/bond money, social fees and prize money and suspension from membership for not less than 3 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action.

(b) Withdrawing from a league without reasonable cause or excuse.

Suggested Penalty – Forfeiture of franchise/bond money, social fees and prize money and in addition, suspension from membership for not less than 3 months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action.

OFFENCE 509 DEFAULTING IN ATTENDANCE FOR LEAGUE PLAY, FAILURE TO PAY FEES – LEAGUE PROCEDURE

When a league member has been accused of failing to pay league fees and/or withdrawing without sufficient cause, the league will endeavour to resolve the matter before charges seeking disciplinary action may be filed with the Local Association under the TBA Outline of Suspension Procedure. The league will proceed as follows:

1. Schedule a meeting of the league's Management Committee and notify the principal by normal mail of his right to attend a fact finding hearing and offer a defence.
2. Prepare a roster listing those present and absent. A quorum of the Management Committee must be present at the meeting.
3. Maintain minutes of the meeting and all documents or material relating to the issue. Compile an accounting of any fund shortages including dates and amounts showing whether accused was present or absent when fund shortages occurred.
4. Determine by majority action of Committee members attending the meeting if the accused is guilty or not guilty.

If found not guilty, the charges are to be dismissed by the league's Management Committee.

If found guilty, and the league's Management Committee recommends that the bowler be suspended, the league will within 30 days of the league meeting, furnish the Local Association Secretary with a copy of the minutes together with all documents, material and the accounting developed at the league meeting together with the recommendation of the league's Management Committee.

On receipt of the foregoing, the Local Association will initiate suspension action in accordance with the Procedures for Suspension Action defined in this Chapter of the TBA Rule Book. One or more of the league officers who attended the league hearing must appear at the Local Association hearing.

OFFENCE 510 KNOWINGLY PERMIT AN OFFENCE TO BE COMMITTED

The members of any team who knowingly permit or suffer any member thereof to bowl under a name dishonestly assumed, or to bowl under the name of an entrant scheduled to bowl in a league or an accredited tournament but unable to attend, or who is under suspension or who plays any bowler under suspension or who, as a team, default in attendance for league play without reasonable cause more than once in a season or withdraw from a league without reasonable cause or excuse or assist or condone the breach of any of the Rules and Regulations of TBA, will be guilty of an offence and be liable to be dealt with in the same manner and to the same extent as if they and each of them were the individual member committing such offence.

Penalty – suspension of membership for not less than 3 calendar months or suspension of membership or other penalty for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the organisation instigating the action and in addition forfeiture of all games in which such suspended bowler participated.

OFFENCE 511 ALTERING THE SURFACE OF A BALL DURING PLAY

Rule 602 of Equipment Specifications prohibits the alteration of the ball surface during any series or session of consecutive games – except with a clean cloth or towel. Refer to Rule 128 for the definition of a session of games.

Penalty – Any balls so altered will immediately be removed from the lanes and use in the competition and a warning issued to the player. If it is shown that the player had prior knowledge that their actions would be in violation of this rule, the game in which the violation occurred is subject to forfeiture. In addition, the player is subject to removal from the event in progress.

OFFENCE 512 BOWLING WHILST UNDER SUSPENSION

Any bowler suspended for any offence defined in Chapter 5 who competes in any TBA league or accredited tournament whilst still under suspension will be further penalised as follows:

First infraction – a further two-year suspension will be applied, to be served in addition to the original suspension.

Second infraction – the person will be banned for life from competing in any TBA competition.

PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION ACTION

The procedure established is to ensure a fair hearing for any person whose right to membership in the organization is being challenged and also to ensure justice to all parties concerned. Any organization recognised by TBA may institute action for suspension. Unless a signed confession relating to the issue at hand is received, the organisation instigating the action or a Committee appointed by them will conduct hearings. Organisations need to be aware of any ramifications that may result from suspending a member.

TBA may require a written report of the hearing with any penalties imposed in the event of a suspended member lodging an appeal with TBA.

SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS

1. Suspension proceedings must be commenced after the Organisation has been supplied with a written statement of charges or by the direction of TBA.

2. In all cases involving a possible suspension of membership the organisation President will call a meeting of the organisation instigating the action or a Committee appointed by them, giving at least 14 clear days written notice which will specify the time, place and purpose of the meeting. He will further direct in writing the member or members charged and the complainant or complainants to appear at the said meeting and will also request the attendance of any other person or persons whose testimony may be of or appear to be relevant.

Each member charged will be sent a separate written notification of the meeting by normal mail to his or her last known or most usual place of address. Delivery of the notice is taken to be effected by properly addressing, pre paying and posting a letter containing the notice to an address recorded by the Association as that last supplied by the charged member. The notice will be taken to have been delivered on the day after its posting.

Personal service of the said notification on the member or members charged will also be good and sufficient compliance with this requirement upon proof hereof. In any event, the said notification will be served personally upon or posted as aforesaid to the member or members charged not less than 14 clear days prior to the date of the said meeting.

The member or members charged will in all cases be informed in the said notification of the specific charges against him, her or them and of the right to the member or members to be represented by an advocate and the right to produce witnesses to testify in his, her or their behalf at the meeting.

3. Procedures at the meeting

   (a) A quorum of the organisation instigating the action or a Committee appointed by them must be present at the meeting and a roster of those present and those absent will be recorded.

   (b) Both the member or members charged and the complainant or complainants will have the right to be represented by an advocate there at, but any such advocate will obey the directions of the chairman of the meeting as to the manner in which he may participate in the proceedings.

   (c) A true and accurate transcript of the proceedings and all evidence given will be taken in such a manner as the chairman of the meeting will direct provided that where any evidence is in writing, the member or members charged, the complainant or complainants and the organisation instigating the action/Committee will be entitled to have the author produced for cross-examination if this is reasonably practicable and provided further that all oral evidence given will be on oath or affirmation.

   (d) Both the member or members charged and the complainant or complainants will be entitled to see all documents submitted by way of evidence and to comment thereon and to submit documents by way of evidence on their own behalf.

   (e) The member or members charged (and if so represented) his, her or their advocate will be entitled to be present throughout the presentation of the evidence and to cross-examine the witnesses against him, her or them. He, she or they or the said advocate will in each case be entitled to call such witnesses whether as to matters of fact or good character as he, she or they or the said advocate may reasonably require, to give evidence on his, her or their behalf and to address the organisation instigating the action/Committee either personally or through the said advocate after the whole of the evidence has been presented.

   (f) The member or members charged will be entitled to be assisted by a legal practitioner during the said meeting and may consult such legal practitioner at any time on matters of law.

If the organisation instigating the action/Committee thinks fit, such legal practitioner may be appointed chairman ex officio of the meeting.

(g) No person other than the members of the Board of Directors/Committee and any legal practitioner assisting or appointed by the committee aforesaid will be present during the deliberation of the committee after the evidence has been completed.

(h) At the conclusion of the meeting, the following will forthwith be made known verbally and in writing to all parties.

(i) The recommendation of the Association unless this is withheld pending the production of additional evidence or for any other purpose authorised by these rules.

(ii) That the Association may be required to file a complete report with TBA.

(iii) That the member or members charged has or have a right of appeal from the decision of the Association exercisable by the filing of a brief containing his, her or their grounds of appeal with TBA and a copy thereof with the Association not later than 7 days after notification of the organisation's decision.

(iv) If an appeal is lodged with TBA, the guilty status of the member or members charged remains unchanged until TBA completes its investigation and hands down its findings.

For the purpose hereof notification of the above matters to the member or members charged will be effected in the same manner as in section 2 hereof, relating to notification to the member or members charged at the meeting.

(i) The chairman of the meeting will have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time for any purpose including (but without limiting the generality of this power) the purpose of production of additional evidence.

(j) The members of the organisation/Committee instigating the action will treat the evidence given, the deliberations of the committee and all matters relating thereto or contained therein as confidential until the conclusion of the 7-day appeal period. If an appeal is lodged within that period, the members of the organisation/committee instigating the action will treat the evidence given, the deliberations of the committee and all matters relating thereto or contained therein as confidential until TBA completes its investigation and hands down its findings.

4. In Absentia Proceedings.

In the event that the written notification referred to in paragraph 2 hereof is returned unclaimed or in the event that the member or members charged or any of them cannot be located or fail to attend the said meeting, having duly received notification thereof as aforesaid, the meeting may nevertheless proceed in accordance with paragraph 3 hereof notwithstanding the absence of the member or members charged or any of them. For the purpose hereof, notification to the absent member or members charged of the matters mentioned in paragraph 3 (h) hereof will be effected as defined in section 2 hereof.

RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

1. In considering all appeals following suspension, the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will give such consideration as it deems necessary or desirable to the rules of evidence as the same are applicable in the courts of the State in which the suspension proceedings are held in so far as the same govern the admissibility or otherwise of all evidence given during the said proceedings but the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will not be bound thereby in such consideration.
2. The TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will have power to remit any suspension proceedings to any Association for re-hearing if it considers it necessary or desirable for this to be done and will also have power to require additional evidence to be taken in any case where this appears to the Rules and Ethics Committee necessary or desirable.
3. The TBA Rules and Ethics Committee will be bound to observe in any such consideration the principle that the onus of proof in each case will rest upon the complainant or complainants beyond reasonable doubt.
4. A member or members dissatisfied with any ruling by the TBA Rules and Ethics Committee may appeal the decision to an independent specialist body designated by TBA for the purpose.

REINSTATEMENT PROCEEDINGS

Reinstatement will automatically take place at the conclusion of a member's suspension, providing that full restitution has been made in the case of fund shortages.

SAMPLE LETTER OF NOTICE

TO APPEAR AT A HEARING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Date

Mr John Doe
Main Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

You are hereby summoned to appear before a Board of Directors meeting of this Association (or a Committee appointed by them) to answer charges

that.....

……

(list specific charges).

The meeting is to be held Friday evening, 18th December, at 7.30 pm at the Community Civic Club, corner Main and Broad Streets.

You may bring witnesses to testify on your behalf or introduce counsel to represent you.

Should you not avail yourself of your rights of defence, your case will be tried on the basis of testimony and information pertinent to the charges outlined herein, which is at the disposal of the Management Committee.

Yours faithfully

Name

Position

Bowling Association

SAMPLE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION
OF ASSOCIATION DECISION

Date

Mr John Doe
Main Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

At a meeting on 18th December the Board of Directors of the ..... Bowling Association or a Committee appointed by them

considered charges that ……

. .....(list specific charges).

The Board of Directors/Committee have agreed upon the following decision:

……

……

You have the right to appeal against this decision by submitting a brief, within seven days of this letter, to the office of TBA.

A copy of the appeal must be filed with this Association.

If an appeal is lodged with TBA, the status of your guilty finding remains unchanged until TBA completes its investigation and hands down its findings.

Yours faithfully

Name

Position

Bowling Association

CHAPTER 6

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

NOTE: All bowling balls used in any competition accredited with TBA must comply with the requirements of Chapter 6.

RULE 601 BOWLING BALL SPECIFICATIONS

Bowling balls used in any competition accredited by TBA must be listed on the current USBC Approved Ball list. All balls manufactured prior to January 1991 have been previously approved.

Material

1. The ball will be constructed without voids in its interior, and be of a non-metallic composition except for minute reflective metallic particles or flakes for decorative purposes, provided such particles or flakes are made a part of the ball at the time of manufacture and are evenly distributed in a uniform pattern under a transparent shell of at least ¼ inch in thickness. This material will be so distributed as not to have any effect on the balance of the ball and the total amount of such material will not exceed ½ ounce per ball.
2. The introduction of metal or any other substance that is not comparable to the original material used in manufacturing a bowling ball is prohibited. Likewise, altering a bowling ball in any way so as to increase its weight or cause it to be off balance outside the specifications is prohibited and the use of such a ball in TBA league or accredited tournament will incur penalties defined in Rule 127.

Surface

1. The surface of the ball will be free of all depressions or grooves of specific pattern, except for holes or indentations defined in Rule 603, identification lettering and numbers and incidental chipping or marking caused by wear.
2. No foreign material may be placed on the outer surface of the ball including but not limited to powder, marker or paint.
3. If a crack is located within the bowler's track area, it is not permitted for use. A crack is defined as a partial break or split, slight or narrow that appears on the surface of the ball.
4. If the surface friction of the ball is altered by sanding or polishing, the entire surface of the ball must be sanded or polished.

Weight and Size

1. The ball will not have a circumference of more than 27.002 inches or be less than 26.704 inches. The corresponding diameters are 8.595 inches (218.3mm) and 8.500 inches (215.9 mm) respectively.
2. The weight of the ball will not exceed 16 pounds. There is no minimum weight.

Devices

1. Movable devices are not permitted in a ball except that a device for changing the finger span or the size of finger and thumb holes may be inserted, providing the device is locked in position during delivery and cannot be removed from the ball without destroying the device. All such devices must first be submitted and approved by TBA before being used in competition.
2. Approved removable devices shall be permitted, provided
   a) Such devices are used for changing the span, pitch or size of the gripping holes
   b) Are constructed of a non – metallic material
   c) Are locked in position during delivery
   d) No device shall be employed for the purpose of adjusting the static balance of the ball
   e) No voids shall be permitted under the device
   f) Density not to exceed 1.5 grams per cubic centimeter
   g) Such devices do not contravene Rule 603

Mechanical Aids

A bowling ball must be delivered entirely by manual means and will not incorporate any device either in the ball or affixed to it which is either detached at time of delivery or is a moving part in the ball during delivery except that any person who has had his hand or major portion thereof amputated may use special equipment in grasping and delivering the ball providing the special equipment is in lieu of the amputee's hand (see TBA Rule 108 for further clarification).

Hardness

1. The surface hardness of bowling balls may not be less than 72 durometer D at room temperature (68-74°F).
2. The use of chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the hardness of the surface of the ball after it is manufactured is prohibited.

Cleaning

Approved cleaners may be used to clean the surface of the ball before or after a session of play, provided:

1. They do not affect the hardness of the ball.
2. They are totally removed from the surface of the ball before delivery of the ball.
3. They are not used during a series or session of continuous games. (Refer Rule 602.2)

   Any ball that does not conform to any of these provisions may not be used in TBA competition.
4. Approved Ball cleaners are listed on the following link. In Australian competition, products listed on the link as "Approved Anytime" are only approved before or after a session of play: http://usbcongress.http.internapcdn.net/usbcongress/bowl/equipandspecs/pdfs/Approved_cleaner_polish.pdf
5. Products shown on this link are totally prohibited at any time: http://usbcongress.http.internapcdn.net/usbcongress/bowl/equipandspecs/pdfs/Non_approved_cleaner_polish.pdf

RULE 602 BALL SURFACES ALTERATIONS

1. Unless rule 602(2) applies, altering the surface of a bowling ball by the application of any substance, liquid or abrasive, including Abralon or any other abrasive pads or the use of a recognised ball cleaning or polishing machine or ball spinner during a series or session of continuous games is prohibited. Refer to Rule 128 for the definition of a session of games. A ball may be wiped with a clean cloth or towel at any time. Penalties apply – Refer Offence No. 511.
2. In the event any foreign substance like grease, oil, rubber or similar from the machinery or equipment in the Centre is discovered on the surface of a ball in play it may be removed with an approved ball cleaner by the Tournament Director, League Management, Centre staff or a person or persons authorised by them.
3. Use of Abralon Pads

   The surfacing of bowling balls using abralon pads or any other product in the player's area at any time is prohibited. This rule is not limited to during competition. If a competition offers a ball surfacing table for this purpose it must be used.
4. All balls in a player's possession will be deemed to be used during a series or session of continuous games.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – RULE 602

Q: When may I alter the surface of my bowling ball?

A: You are permitted to sand, polish, or clean the surface of your bowling ball prior to the start of competition. However, once tournament or league play begins, altering the surface of a bowling ball is strictly prohibited. This includes balls in your possession that have not yet been introduced into play.

Q: A tournament consists of doubles and singles events. The singles event is bowled first immediately followed by the doubles. Can I "alter the surface of" my bowling ball between events?

A: Yes. TBA Rule 128 defines each event is a series or session of continuous games, so once each session is completed the ball can be surfaced.

Q: Can a bowler use an abrasive, cleaner or polish on just the track or only just a portion of the track of the ball?

A: No. TBA Rule 601, Surface, defines that if the surface friction of the ball is altered by sanding or polishing, the entire surface of the ball must be sanded or polished. The penalty for a violation of this rule can include disqualification, forfeiture, removal from the league, and/or suspension of TBA Registration.

RULE 603 BALL DRILLING SPECIFICATIONS

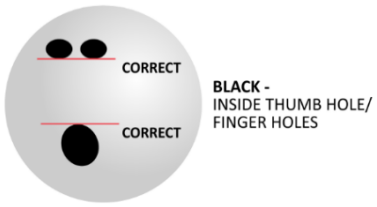
Holes

The following limitations will govern the drilling of holes in the ball:

1. Holes or indentations for gripping purposes shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for the thumb, all for the same hand, providing all gripping holes drilled are used to make every delivery with that ball.
2. No more than one (1) vent hole to each finger and/or thumb hole not to exceed ¼ inch in diameter.
3. One mill hole for inspection purposes not to exceed 5/8 inch in diameter and 1/8 inch in depth.

Determining the Centre of Grip

1. The centre of grip is to be determined by measuring from the front edge of each finger hole to the front edge of the thumb hole. If more than two fingers holes are used, the centre of grip will be determined by averaging the distance between each finger hole and the thumb hole. (See Figures 1, 2, 3, & 4.)
2. Balls without a thumb hole must have scribed or engraved cross-hair lines (+) near to the centre of the palm to indicate the grip orientation. (See Figure 5) The ball must be delivered in the marked orientation, with the palm covering the cross-hairs.



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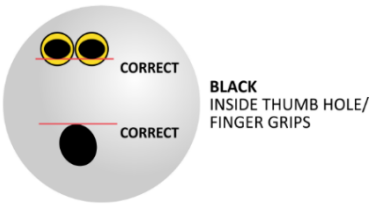

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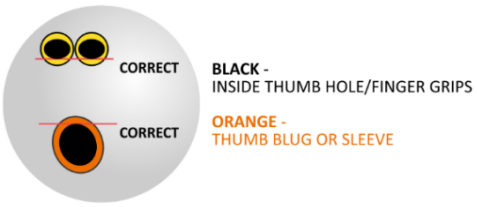

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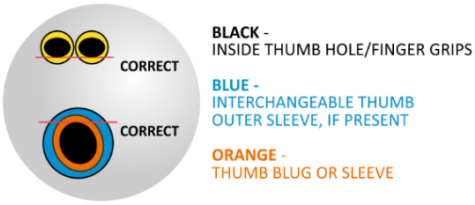

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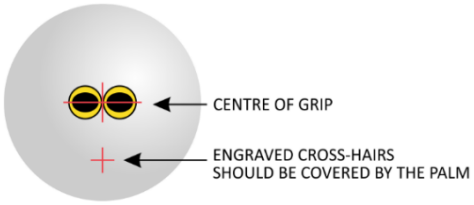

Figure 5

Figure 5 shows specifically how to determine grip centre as it relates to bowlers who do not use their thumb.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – RULE 603 - PART 1

Q: I am a no thumb bowler. Why do I have to have a crosshair (+) engraved into the ball where my palm goes?

A: So you cannot rotate the ball 180 degrees for a delivery. Any ball so delivered this way will be illegal.

Q. I use a ramp to deliver the ball, so do not use any gripping holes. Do they have to be plugged?

A. No. The bowler is not capable of putting their fingers in the holes for gripping a ball on a ramp. In this case the ramp is deemed to be an artificial support system, not a throwing method. A bowler using their own ball on a ramp is deemed to be similar to using a house ball which does not fall into the category of having "Balance Holes." At this point TBA will monitor the situation.

Balance

The following tolerances will be permissible in the balance of a bowling ball used in TBA competition: Refer to Rule 127 for the penalty for bowling with a ball that is found to be illegal. No balance holes are permitted.

1. For a ball weighing more than 10 pounds
    a) Not more than 3 ounces difference between the top half of the ball (gripping holes side) and the bottom half of the ball (side opposite the gripping holes).
    b) Not more than 3 ounces difference between the half of the ball to the left and the half of the ball to the right of the centre of grip (side weight).
    c) Not more than 3 ounces difference between the half of the ball toward the thumb hole side of the centre of grip and toward the finger holes side of the centre of grip (thumb/ finger weight).
    d) A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than 3 ounces of difference between any two halves of the ball.
2. For a ball weighing 8 pounds to 10 pounds
    a) Not more than 2 ounces difference between the top half of the ball (gripping holes side) and the bottom half of the ball (side opposite the gripping holes).
    b) Not more than ¾ ounce difference between the half of the ball to the left and the half of the ball to the right of the centre of grip (side weight)
    c) Not more than ¾ ounce difference between the half of the ball toward the thumb hole side of the centre of grip and toward the finger holes side of the centre of grip (thumb/finger weight).
    d) A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than ¾ ounce of difference between any two halves of the ball.
3) For a ball weighing less than 8 pounds.
    a) Not more than ¾ ounce difference between the top half of the ball (gripping holes side) and the bottom half of the ball (side opposite the gripping holes).
    b) Not more than ¾ ounce difference between the half of the ball to the left and the half of the ball to the right of the centre of grip (side weight)
    c) Not more than ¾ ounce difference between the half of the ball toward the thumb hole side of the centre of grip and toward the finger holes side of the centre of grip (thumb/finger weight).
    d) A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than ¾ ounce of difference between any two halves of the ball.

House Balls

1. As a courtesy to league and tournament participants, House Balls may be used even though they may not be specifically posted on the Approved Ball List.
2. House balls are exempt from the Balance rules. House balls are defined as:
    a. Being supplied by the centre in which the certified competition is being used.
    b. Having a polyester or basic urethane coverstock.
    c. Having a differential RG less than 0.025 inches.
    d. The ball is not drilled to fit the bowler specifically.

NOTE: A ball left in a bowling centre by a bowler to be used as a house ball is not considered a house ball.

Plugs and Designs

1. Plugs may be inserted for the purpose of redrilling the ball. When a slug is used, there must be a hole drilled completely through the slug leaving no void at the base.
2. Designs may be embedded in the ball for guides, observation or identification purposes, provided such designs are flush with the outer surface of the ball.
3. In all cases there will be no interior voids.
4. Plugs and designs must be made of material similar to, although not exactly the same as, the original material out of which the ball was made, and will otherwise comply with all other specifications for a bowling ball.
5. No foreign material may be placed on the outer surface of the ball.

Out of Specification

If a bowler is discovered making illegal deliveries with a ball, penalties defined in TBA Rule 127 will apply.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 603 - PART 2

Q: Is a bowling ball with a thumb hole delivered by a no-thumb or two-handed bowler legal?

A: No. A bowler who does not use the thumb during a delivery cannot have a thumb hole, as it is considered a balance hole. If the ball has a thumb hole, it is illegal and games are subject to forfeiture. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

Q: Is a bowler allowed to not use the thumb hole on a first delivery but uses the thumb on the second delivery with the same ball?

A: No. If a bowler uses a ball with a thumb hole that is not used when making a delivery, the ball is illegal and games are subject to forfeiture. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

Q: If the bowler covers the thumb hole with their palm, would that count as gripping?

A: No. The bowler is not gripping the ball if they are just covering the hole with their palm. If a bowler uses a ball with a thumb hole that is not used when making a delivery, the ball is illegal and games are subject to forfeiture. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

A bowler changing from "thumb in the ball" will not be allowed to use the same ball and go to "no thumb in the ball". They must change the ball to be able to change the delivery.

Q: I am a bowler with a disability and have various holes in my balls to assist me with my delivery. Are they still legal?

A: Yes. Any bowling balls used by a bowler that satisfies the definition of a bowler with a disability as defined in TBA Rule 214 that is unable, by virtue of their respective disability, to deliver a ball conventionally using either one or two hands will be deemed exempt from the revised rules regarding the number and purpose of holes permitted in their balls. TBA will monitor this exemption into the future.

RULE 604 BOWLING PINS – MARKINGS, LABELS AND COATINGS

Pins used in TBA competition shall only bear the name and trademark of the original manufacturer or distributor must not be modified in any way (except for string machine Centres) and be marked "USBC Approved". The pins in each set must be uniform in appearance including finish, labels and neck markings, reasonable wear excepted. The coating of single piece or laminated maple tenpins must be transparent (clear) or white pigmented with the exception of neck markings, identifying symbols or name. Standard all wood or plastic coated pins will not vary more than four ounces in each set.

Weight

	Not less than	**Not more than**
Standard wood pin	3lbs 6ozs	3lbs 10ozs
Plastic coated (wood core)	3lbs 6ozs	3lbs 10ozs

RULE 605 LANE DRESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TBA ACCREDITED EVENTS

International Standard (USBC)

Requires dressing to be applied to all points on the lane surface in the dressed portion of the lane with the minimum and maximum dressed distances, including the buffed portion, shall neither be less than 33 feet (10,058mm) nor more than 47 feet (14,326mm) For TBA requirements, refer to the TBA Lane Conditioning Policy. Copies are available from TBA.

TBA Lane Condition Recommendations for general competition.

The ratio between the amount of oil in the centre of the lane (18L – 18R) to the outer edges (3L – 7L, 3R – 7R) should be 8:1 or less.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 605

Q: Is there a lane conditioning policy that centres must abide by for league sessions or local events?

A: No. TBA has no jurisdiction over centres in regards to what house patterns they use for leagues or local events. The only oil patterns that TBA controls are the TBA National Ranked Tournaments.

CHAPTER 7

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - BASIC RULES

RULE 701 AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Committees shall be formed as defined in the TBA By-Laws for the purpose of organising and conducting the Annual Championships within their State. They will be the only tournaments in which the game of tenpins is played which may be officially recognised as State Championships.

State Committees will conduct an annual championship of the game of tenpins at a time decided by the Committee. Tournament champions will hold such title until the next tournament is held. Such champions and other prize winners will be certified to TBA at the conclusion of the tournament after such championships have been determined.

RULE 702 MUST OBSERVE ALL TBA RULES

All games in the State Championships will be played in strict compliance with the rules and regulations of TBA governing tournament play. The relevant Committees conducting the Championships will have the authority to rule on any and all disputes or protests that arise in connection with their Annual Championships.

RULE 703 EVENTS TO BE HELD

The tournament will consist of a team event (as at the discretion of the association), two-man and individual event. An All Events and/or special feature as authorised in Rule 814 may also be included. Each entrant in each event will bowl three consecutive games and total pins (with or without handicap) will decide the winner. The winners in each event will be declared the champion(s), will hold such title until the next tournament and will receive suitable medals or awards emblematic of the championships.

RULE 704 PRIZE FEE

Not more than $25.00 per person may be charged as a prize fund in each event, except All Events in which the maximum fee of $10.00 per person may be charged.

RULE 705 WHO MAY BOWL

State Committees will accept entries from any person registered with TBA, except that a State Committee may by rule, deny entry to non-residents who are eligible for competition in another State

RULE 706 AVERAGES – TOURNAMENT

When a bowler competes in multiple leagues or tournaments in more than one centre he must submit his highest average in any competition where an average is kept for future competition when entering the tournament unless the rules of the tournament he enters define otherwise.

RULE 707 FEES AND PRIZES

DESIGNATION OF FEES

a. The management of any accredited tournament must in all cases designate fees separately on the entry form and poster as follows:

Prize Fee

Bowling Fee

Tournament Expense Fee

Total, per man, per event

The "tournament expense fee" will be used to help defray the operating costs.

Additional collections such as those for All Events, special feature or membership dues will conform to Rules 708 and 709. Also other collections to qualify for participation in the tournament such as donations to charity, subscriptions or banquet fees may be authorised providing these fees are designated separately on the entry form and poster.

b. **NO FEES RETURNED**

After entries have been received, and the dates assigned by the Tournament Director are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to preparation of the schedule, no fees will be refunded.

c. **CONDITIONS CANNOT CHANGE**

The conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts. This includes entry fee charges and the rules governing the competition.

d. **FREE OR REDUCED ENTRIES**

The Tournament Management may not provide or arrange to provide any kind of a free or reduced entry that is not fully advertised in the tournament programme. When a free entry is made available, an amount equal to the prize fee must be placed in the tournament prize fund.

RULE 708 DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE FUNDS

Under application for and receipt of TBA accreditation the Tournament Management agrees that the fund derived from that part of the entry fee designated as "prize fee" will be held in trust in the name of the tournament. Such funds must be returned to the participants in accordance with the following conditions:

1. All prize money collected in an event will be returned to the participants in that event. Certificates, medallions or trophies required in addition to cash prizes for an event may be purchased out of that event's prize fund. If multiple entries are permitted, a bowler can be listed more than once in the prize list and receive the prize for any such position.
2. In Teams, Doubles and Singles events there will be at least one prize for each ten entries or major fraction thereof.
3. When there are 100 or more entries in an event or division of an event, first place will not exceed 40% of the total prize fund. Second place will be paid approximately one half of first place. The last place prize including those paid for each last place tie must be equal to at least the amount designated as the prize fee. Refer to chart at the end of this document. (following Suggested League Rules) Event rules can limit the number of prizes paid.

   TBA may at their discretion require a bond or in lieu thereof a satisfactory assurance that the prize fund obligation will be met.

RULE 709 FEES – ALL EVENTS AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Participants in tournaments may be charged an optional prize fee for an All Events contest when two or more events are conducted. In addition, tournament participants may be charged an optional prize fee for a special feature, such as high single game performance, under the following conditions:

1. The All Events prize fee will not exceed $10.00.
2. The prize fee for the special feature will not be greater than the principal prize fee and will not exceed $10.00.
3. There will be only one special feature in an event or a division of an event in the tournament. Distribution of prizes will comply with the formula prescribed for payment of regular position prizes and the ratio of return to entrants will be at least one to twenty or major fraction thereof.

RULE 710 ALL EVENTS

When a tournament includes two or more events or when two or more tournaments are conducted under the same management and within the jurisdiction of the same Association, scores may be combined in determining the All Events prize winners.

The All Events fee must be paid prior to the advertised closing date for entries or before the participant bowls any of the events, whichever comes sooner. The Tournament Management will be required to indicate the names of all such players who are eligible to qualify for all events prizes.

RULE 711 PRIZE PAYMENT AND REPORT

Within thirty days after the completion of the tournament, the following post tournament requirements must be met:

1. Distribute all prizes, except when TBA has authorised holding up payment pending settlement of any claim or protest that affects position standings.
2. File a copy of the prize list with TBA and the Association secretary showing the name of each prize winner, his score and prize issued to him.

RULE 712 WHERE HELD

Under normal conditions the State Tournament will not be held within the confines of the same City for more than three years in succession. When a State Committee finds it impractical to select a tournament site in a City other than where the previous three were held it may, upon application to and with the approval of TBA, conduct its tournament in the same city. Such application must be filed annually when the State Tournament is held in the same city more than three times in succession.

CHAPTER 8

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ACCREDITED TOURNAMENTS

RULE 801 DEFINITION

A bowling tournament is defined as a prearranged contest between teams, individuals or a combination of both in which eligible members of TBA can compete and conducted in one or more centre registered with TBA.

Any tournament consisting of four or more teams or singles tournaments consisting of four or more individual participants will be eligible to apply for accreditation with TBA.

RULE 802 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, - DISPUTES – PROTESTS – RULES

The Managing Committee or Board of Directors of the tournament must decide upon all disputes, complaints or protests relating to any claim, controversy or violation in the tournament involving any TBA or tournament rule. It will have the authority to hear and the power to decide, proper appeals from the decision of the Tournament Director or any tournament employee. The Committee or Board has the authority to adopt, enforce or revoke any of its own tournament rules as may be found necessary to the successful conduct of such tournament when not inconsistent with the rules of TBA, provided such rules are submitted to and approved by TBA prior to their publication on the tournament entry form or publicity material. The decision of the Committee or Board will be final except where an appeal is made to TBA for its further consideration.

RULE 803 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director will be the authorised representative of the Board of Directors or Managing Committee when either is not in session. He will have supreme power as to the players who are to bowl in the tournament whether originally entered or those who bowl as authorised replacements. If accepted, each player must bowl each event under his own full name, and then only at the time and date designated by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will also have the power to decide upon any other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament when not inconsistent with its own tournament rules or any provision of the TBA Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

RULE 804 TOURNAMENT ACCREDITATION

TBA accredited tournaments ensure uniformity in the basic tournament rules, plus entitle members to awards and give them an avenue to settle disputes. The following are benefits and TBA services available to bowlers when participating in a TBA accredited event:

- Standardised rules
- Guidance on rules for your particular tournament
- Expert assistance in resolving misunderstandings and problems if they arise
- Systematic average adjustment procedures
- Special recognition for high scores
- Assurance of equitable distribution of prize funds
- Ensures that the lanes you are bowling on have current certification
- All TBA membership benefits apply.

When an organisation or Promoter conducts a tournament that is able to be accredited, a TBA Tournament Accreditation Application must be completed prior to the Tournament and forwarded to TBA, together with the relevant Accreditation Fee.

When tournaments are conducted without TBA accreditation, the participants will not be eligible for TBA membership benefits including high score recognition.

RULE 805 ACCREDITATION APPLICATION – REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be complied with for tournament accreditation:

1. The competition must be held in a current TBA registered bowling Centre which has a current Lane Accreditation Certificate.
2. All applications must be submitted on a current TBA Tournament Accreditation Application form. The TBA logo and Accreditation Number should be displayed on all tournament entry forms. The Logo can be downloaded from www.tenpin.org.au from the Tournament Accreditation page.
3. Your event should not be held on the dates selected by TBA for State/Territory Roll Offs and Championship events. No accreditations will be issued for those dates unless application is made to TBA for exemption.
4. The minimum period for submitting a Tournament Accreditation application is (1) month prior to the tournament commencement date. Applications submitted after the tournament has commenced may not be processed. Tournament accreditations will not be issued if payment has not been received. Application for Ranked events must be submitted by the date specified in the Ranked Events Policy with entry forms and rules submitted either with the Application or at a later date (i.e. 3 months prior to Ranked event)
5. All applications must include draft entry forms, poster and/or tournament rules submitted with the accreditation application to enable TBA to counsel in event of possible rule violations and/or discrepancies prior to the printing of final documents. Entry Forms that are printed prior to the lodgement of a Tournament Accreditation Application may not comply with the Tournament Accreditation requirements and in such a case, accreditation may not be issued and fees may be forfeited.
6. Provide a full and complete list of prizes to be paid.
7. Tournament Directors may be asked to provide evidence regarding tournament lane conditions.
8. TBA offers five (5) levels of Tournament Accreditation. These are:
   (a) Local Tournament, ATBSO, Centre Championships and Travelling Tournament not covered under a Centre in House accreditation Cost $40.
   (b) State Team Roll-Offs and multi centre or closed competition e.g. ID, Intercentre, Challenges etc Cost $75.
   (c) State Championships, multi centre open competition e.g.: Sports Series and single centre competition that is open to all TBA members and not ranked. Cost $130.
   (d) TBA Nationally Ranked Tournaments Cost $290.
   (e) World and FIQ Accreditation Cost $400+Event Fee AUD
9. CONDITIONS CANNOT CHANGE

   The conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts without the approval of TBA. This includes entry fee charges and the rules governing the competition. Entry forms should specify any conditions that may change, e.g.: prize funds based on a number of entries and format changes as a result of low entry numbers, but TBA approval is still required before any conditions can change. Prize funds based on entry numbers that are printed on an entry form must be revised proportionally based on actual entries, subject to approval from TBA.

RULE 806 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

TBA may refuse the accreditation of any tournament which does not comply with TBA rules or which in their opinion misrepresents in its advertising or otherwise the value of the prizes which are offered or guaranteed or the volume of prize payments offered to the participants. TBA event accreditation will be withdrawn, if event organisers are proven to have allowed participation in the event by non-members or unregistered Centre's.

RULE 807 ELIGIBILITY

To participate in a tournament granted accreditation by TBA, an entrant will qualify under that tournament's rules. The tournament rules will require all entrants to be registered with TBA and may require an entrant to be a member of a Local Association or registered bowling centre.

Tournament officials may define in the rules of a tournament that only Junior members or only Adult members are eligible to participate.

RULE 808 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Accreditation may be issued to tournaments staged for the purpose of providing international competition where bowlers from other nations not served by TBA and bowlers registered with TBA are competing. In such cases, bowlers registered with TBA participating in the tournament will qualify for high score recognition providing the equipment used conforms to TBA specifications.

RULE 809 LANES MUST BE CERTIFIED

All accredited tournaments must be so organised and their activities conducted in such a manner that they comply strictly with all TBA laws, rules and regulations. The lanes upon which all such games are bowled must have been certified for the current bowling season.

RULE 810 BOWLING BALLS MUST BE APPROVED

Only bowling balls that are included on the USBC Approved Bowling Ball list may be used in competition. A full list of approved bowling balls is available from www.bowl.com.

RULE 811 PINS MUST BE APPROVED

This rule does not apply to pins used in string machines. The bowling pins used for TBA accredited tournament competition must at all times bear only the name and trademark of the original manufacturer or distributor thereof, must not be modified in any way and be marked "USBC Approved".

When in use for TBA accredited tournament competition, all pins in each set will be uniform in appearance, including finish, labels and neck markings, reasonable wear excepted.

TOURNAMENT OPERATION

RULE 812 ENTRIES CLOSE IN ADVANCE OF TOURNAMENT

When the date for closing of entries is in advance of the opening date of the tournament, it must be sufficiently in advance of the opening date to notify individual entrants and/or team captains of their scheduled time and date. All entries postmarked the first post office business day following the entry closing date will be accepted. The Tournament Director must prepare a schedule or post a complete list of entrants at the tournament site.

RULE 813 ENTRIES - CLOSING DATE

No Tournament Director will accept any additional entries for any event after the closing date of entries for the tournament unless the rules of the Tournament allow for late entries to be accepted.

RULE 814 AVERAGES

Tournament organisers must ensure that the base figure used to calculate averages for any competition where the result is based on pinfall plus handicap is at least 10 pins higher than the highest average permitted under the rules of the event, such that every bowler has a positive handicap. Failure to do that will allow any bowler whose entering average is higher than the base figure to have an unfair advantage (refer TBA Rule 122)

The following conditions will apply to individual averages in accredited tournaments unless otherwise specified in the tournament rules:

a. Individual averages that are used to determine the handicaps or classification of a bowler must be based on the bowler's highest average over at least 18 games in any competition where an average is kept for future competition.

b. It will be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average in TBA handicap or accredited tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the time of bowling will disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than actual average.

c. When tournament prize winners are determined by using a handicap system, the handicap must be based on a known average or estimated ability of a bowler prior to the start of the competition.

   Participants who do not have an acceptable TBA league average in accordance with the rules of the tournament will be required to bowl scratch unless tournament rules provide that:

   (i) A bowler with prior league or tournament experience but who does not have an acceptable average under the tournament rules will be accepted at his most recent TBA league average or 170 whichever is the higher.

   (ii) A bowler with no previous league or tournament experience will be assigned an average of not less than 170. In addition, the Tournament Director, prior to the entrant's bowling, may assign a higher average than the foregoing when information indicates the individual may be a better bowler.

   (iii) The Tournament Director has the ability to assign an average to a bowler using other means, e.g.: previous bowling experience.

   (iv) The Tournament Director reserves the right to review the average and regrade any bowler prior to, or after the commencement of play. The use of an incorrect average may result in disqualification.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - RULE 814

Q: In an accredited tournament where there is a prize fund for men and a prize fund for women (both equal prize fund) do you work the handicapping on the highest entering average plus at least 10 pins for the men and then calculate the highest entering average plus at least 10 pins for the women? For the tournament we are running the highest men's average is 217 yet the highest women's is only 192.

A: Best and easiest to use the same Base Figure for both male and female divisions. The top level of the Base Figure applies equally to all.

RULE 815 MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION

It will be optional whether the entrants in an accredited tournament may participate more than once in an event provided it is duly publicised in advance. The number of times participation will be permitted must be indicated.

RULE 816 SCORERS

After the official scorer, team captain or individual contestant has passed a score, it cannot be changed except where there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. However, the Managing Committee of a tournament may, by rule, set a time limit for appealing any scoring errors. (See Rule 124)

No scorer will be interested, directly or indirectly, in any bet or wager on any game or series. If at any time the scorer is be found to be so interested, is incompetent or interferes with tournament contestants, the Tournament Director may remove any such scorer.

RULE 817 NOTIFICATION OF SCHEDULE

Notification will be given to the person filing the entry in writing or by printed schedule as to the time and date scheduled.

RULE 818 CHANGES IN LINE-UPS OR PAIRINGS

If the entrants in the teams and two-man events appear when scheduled, they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry form. A change in the line-up or pairings of two-man teams, as reported on the official entry form, may be permitted if the request is filed with the Secretary of the tournament or designated official at least 30 minutes prior to the time the players involved in the change are scheduled to bowl in the event, or a shorter period if defined in the event rules.

RULE 819 ENTRY IN BOTH SINGLES AND DOUBLES

If an association elects to conduct both a two-man and individual event, it may by rule make entry in both of these events a requirement to qualify for participation in either, providing the rule is printed on the entry form.

RULE 820 TARDY PLAYERS

Bowling will begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late will begin play with the score count beginning with the frame then being bowled.

If a team refuses to start because a full line-up is not present they will forfeit all games that they decline to bowl at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

No blind or vacancy scores will be permitted and a bowler must bowl with, on the same lanes, and at the same time his team bowls.

A bowler who misses one frame or more by not being present and ready to bowl when it is his turn, will not be credited with any pins for any frames missed.

RULE 821 BOWLING ALONE

When players entered in the team or two-man event of a tournament are scheduled alone on a pair of lanes they must nevertheless bowl any and all games to be bowled as though they were actually contested. In matches other than singles matches, the anchor player must have bowled the first ball of the frame on one lane before the player bowling as lead-off will commence his next frame on the adjoining lane.

In singles tournaments a minimum of two entries will constitute a squad and these entries must bowl on the same pair of lanes. If a bowler competes alone as a squad, his score will be disqualified.

RULE 822 PACERS

A tournament may, by rule, permit pacers to equalise the number of players bowling on a pair of lanes thereby maintaining competitive conditions. Scores bowled by a pacer will not count in determining position standings. No person who has paced will be permitted subsequently to enter or compete in the tournament unless the tournament rules permit multiple participation.

RULE 823 SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GAME OR SERIES

After a game has started, no changes will be made in the order of the players during such game.

In singles competitions that finish with a match play final, the next available bowler will replace a bowler who withdraws prior to the match play commencing. If the match play has commenced and a bowler withdraws, a bye will be declared for all matches that were to be bowled by the bowler who has withdrawn. All opposition competing against the bye must bowl, but will receive an automatic win. Any bowlers beaten in match play by the bowler who has withdrawn will have their results changed and be given an automatic win for that match. A player who has withdrawn may not return for the balance of the competition.

In a team competition, if a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or emergency, the team of which he is a member will count his actual score for the frames bowled in the game total. Incomplete games should not be included in any average calculations. Any remaining games in the series can be bowled by another team member or other eligible bowler and will be counted towards the replacement bowler's average. If there is not another team member or eligible bowler available for any remaining games in the series, no further scores will be recorded for the vacant position.

RULE 824 TWO LANES REQUIRED

Two lanes immediately adjoining each other will be used in each game of tournament play. The bowling of ten (10) complete frames on the pair of lanes on which the game was started will constitute an official game.

RULE 825 INTERRUPTED GAME OR SERIES

The tournament officials may authorise the completion of a game and series on another pair of certified lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and series which cannot be completed on the same date must be resumed from the point of interruption.

RULE 826 TOURNAMENT SERIES

In tournament play, the first game of a series will be started on the lane on which the team or individual is scheduled. Succeeding games will be started on the lane on which the team or individual has finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

RULE 827 ORDER OF BOWLING

The members of the contesting teams, two-man and individual entrants will successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane, so alternating each frame until five frames are bowled on each lane to complete the game. Each player will bowl two balls in every frame, except where he will make a strike, or player strikes or spares in the tenth frame. No pins may be conceded and only those actually knocked down may be counted. Every frame must be completed at the time the player is bowling in his regular order. When a player makes a strike in the tenth frame, he will then be permitted to bowl two more balls on the same lane on which he bowled the strike. When a player makes a spare in the tenth frame, he will be permitted to bowl one ball on the same lane on which the spare was made. In matches other than singles matches, the anchor player must have bowled the first ball of the frame before the lead-off player commences the next frame, unless tournament rules say otherwise.

When any question arises as to which bowler should bowl first or when two bowlers are in corresponding positions, it will be incumbent upon the bowler on the right to so bowl.

RULE 828 SCHEDULING OF DOUBLES

Normally, only one doubles team is scheduled on each lane and both members of the team start on the same lane. This order of bowling may be changed, however, when a tournament schedules three doubles teams on a pair of lanes as a part of its normal scheduling pattern.

In that case, the lead-off man of each team will start on one lane and the anchor man on the alternate lane. Players will alternate lanes after each frame. Succeeding games will be started on the lane on which a player finished the preceding game unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

RULE 829 TIE SCORES

In case of a tie for the team, two-man, individual or all events championship in a tournament, it will be optional with the Managing Committee or Board of Directors to have a play-off or declare co-champions except as otherwise provided in Rule 830.

In the event co-champions are declared the cash prizes for the positions affected are to be equally divided and the tournament organisers required to supply such additional medals or other awards it makes to champions, which are emblematic of co-championships, from the prize fund.

The event rules must define how ties ae to be resolved.

RULE 830 TIES – DUPLICATION OF TEAM PERSONNEL

When multiple participation is permitted in a tournament and one or more bowlers are members of the team tied for the championship, the following procedure will apply in conducting the play-offs for the championship:

1. If two teams are tied, and the same person or persons are duplicated on both teams, co-champions may be declared. Otherwise, those members not duplicated on the team only, will bowl any playoff to break the tie, unless the event rules define how ties are to be resolved.
2. If more than two teams are tied for the championship and there is a duplication of personnel on any of the teams involved, there will be no play-off and co-champions will be declared.

RULE 831 BOWLER'S EQUIPMENT

Each five-man team must have at least three bowling balls to use in bowling scheduled games, each two-man team must have at least two bowling balls to use in bowling scheduled games, and each individual must have a bowling ball available for his exclusive use to bowl his scheduled individual event games. Should this be overlooked and proper number of balls are not provided, the contestants will lose their place on the schedule and will be scheduled at the discretion of the Secretary of the tournament and at such time as not to interfere with the regular schedule of the tournament. Any shared balls must conform to the rules in Chapter 6 for all users.

RULE 832 APPEAL OR PROTEST

An appeal or protest regarding the decision of the foul judge, scorer or tournament official may be made to and decided by TBA. Should any one or more TBA Directors be present, they may act for the Board of Directors and render a decision. Such appeal or protest will in all cases be made in writing, and be signed by the party making the appeal or making the protest, and the grounds of appeal or protest will be briefly stated. The decision of TBA will be final and binding upon all entrants and officials of such tournament.

RULE 833 CHANGE OF POSITION

No entrant will change his position in any team line-up after he has been checked into the lanes to bowl. If a change in the line-up is desired it must be made at the office of the Tournament Director at least thirty minutes prior to the time said entrant is scheduled to bowl, or lesser time if determined in the rules.

RULE 834 PRIZES INCLUDING FREE ENTRY INTO SAME EVENT NEXT YEAR

If an event prize fund includes free entry into that event the following year and it transpires that the promotor or organiser does not conduct that event the next year, that part of the prize fund will lapse. In the event that a new or different promoter runs that same event the following year, they will have no requirement to allow any free entries offered in the previous events prize fund.

CHAPTER 9

LEAGUE RULES TEMPLATE

RULE 901 LEAGUE RULES TEMPLATE

The following pages contain guidance and options which may be adopted by the League as part of the League's Rules – which will then be read as part of TBA Rule 326.

Many of the following are suggested, "tailor made" rules which can be adopted by scratch or handicap leagues. Others can be modified to include any optional points that may be listed in Chapter three of the TBA Rule Book.

GENERAL

(a) The ..... Bowling League at..... Centre shall consist of up to ..... teams with a playing strength of ..... players. The number of team members allowed in a team is ..... The League will bowl on ..... for .....weeks, commencing on ..... (One complete schedule is completed when each team has competed against each other team once. Leagues will decide on the number of schedules to be bowled in a season. Bowling will commence no later than..... am/pm for the selected schedule.

(b) Lanes shall be turned on no later than..... Each player may have only one practice ball on each of the Teams scheduled lanes, unless Management allows a specific warm up time.

1. MANAGEMENT

The Management of the League shall be vested in the Management Committee, which shall consist of the Officers and the Team Captains. The entire League membership shall elect Officers and adopt League rules. A majority of Teams shall constitute a quorum.

2. FEES

The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be bowling fees for ..... games plus $..... to the Prize fund and $..... to the Social fund. Each team shall pay the total of $. ..... made up of $..... Prize and $. ..... Social, each time it is scheduled to bowl, regardless of the number of members present. There shall be no arrearages. The Team Captain is to pay all team bowling fees to the Treasurer before the commencement of play.

3. FUNDS

Unless done by the Centre, a cheque or savings account shall be opened in the name of the league in a Recognised Banking Institution, in which funds will be deposited weekly. The President, Secretary and the Treasurer shall be signatories, with any two to sign cheques. The President shall verify the balance each week. Two members of an immediate family (legitimate or de facto) cannot be co-signatories for withdrawals from a league account.

4. PRIZES

(a) The prize list will be as defined in Rule 21.

(b) To qualify for individual average, game or series prizes, a bowler must have bowled in at least ..... percent of the scheduled games in the current season. (Excluding Most Improved Average).

(c) To qualify for any Team trophy, a bowler in the team must have bowled in at least ..... percent of Leagues scheduled games for that team since the team joined the League.

(d) Each team shall have the opportunity to purchase a trophy for any bowler in the team ineligible under the rules to receive a trophy, providing that the League must purchase a minimum of..... trophies for any team award.

(e) A team can qualify for only.....special prize for series or game.

(f) A bowler can qualify for ..... individual series and.....individual game trophy.

(g) A bowler can ……or cannot ……qualify for high game and high series prizes in the same series.

(h) Pre Bowled and Postponed games can…. or cannot..... qualify for high game or series prizes.

(i) Rules (e) and (f) do not include Premiership, Runner-up, Individual Team award, most improved average or high average trophies.

5. ENTERING AVERAGES

(a) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games in this League:

The previous seasons finishing average in this League.

(b) Previously Bowled 21 or More Games but not in this League:

Highest current average in any League in which 21 or more games have been played.

(c) Previously Bowled, but not 21 Games in one League:

Current average in the League in which the most games have been.

(d) The above averages shall be used for the first nine (9) games of the new season. After nine games have been bowled, the total current seasons pinfall will be divided by nine (9) to determine the new average.

(e) No Previous Experience:

A Bowler shall bowl three (3) games and have the total pins divided by three (3) to determine the average to be used.

(f) Premiership points will be allocated to teams from the beginning of the season using the above averages.

6. HANDICAP

The handicap allowance shall be 80, 90 100 or 110% (TBA recommend 100%) and shall be figured on the difference between each individuals average and a base figure at least 10 pins higher than the highest average in the league, so every bowler has a positive handicap.

e.g. If that base figure happens to be 220

If the average calculated = 134

For handicap calculation: 220 – 134 = 86

Handicap (using 100%) = 86

Decimal places are not used and therefore any are ignored.

If an increase happens during a season, then the base figure will be increased at that time, so that every bowler has a positive handicap, including the high average bowler.

The league will always increase at time of average increase and once this has been applied, there is no need to decrease the base figure. The Base Figure chosen may be revised during the season as dictated by bowlers' averages.

7. TEAM ROSTERS

Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary on the first night of the season. New players cannot be added to a team roster after the start of the last schedule, without the approval of the Management Committee.

8. LEGAL LINE – UP

..... player/s from a team's current roster must be present at the start of any game or the game will be forfeited. Roving Substitutes and Pre Bowled scores will count towards a legal line-up.

9. ROVING SUBSTITUTE

(a) Must be registered with the League as a roving substitute.

(b) Any Captain, knowing he will not have a full line-up for any match, may ask a roving substitute to report for that match. Providing all teams have a legal line-up, the roving substitute shall be permitted to bowl in that team for that match.

(c) The score of a roving substitute shall be used to calculate the results of a match.

(d) League entering average rules shall apply.

(e) Shall carry his own average in the League.

(f) A Roving Substitute, once approved to replace a bowler in a scheduled match, is permitted to pre bowl should they then become unavailable for that approved match.

(g) The Sub shall pay nothing and have no claim on any trophies or prizes. The person or team requesting the Roving Substitute must pay all relevant costs, such as Linage, Prize Fund, Social Fees, etc.

(h) If a roving substitute is approved for a team that has a legal line-up without that roving substitute and another team needs a bowler for a legal line-up, that latter team should get first use of the roving substitute.

(i) A Roving Substitute will have no voting rights at any meeting of the league

10. BLIND SCORES

A blind score shall be allowed when a team has a legal but less than full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be 10, 20 or 30 pins or a combination of those of any absent bowler on the team roster. The absent bowlers handicap must be added to the Blind Score. There shall be no limits on the number of times a Blind Score can be used. A Blind Score cannot win any points.

11. VACANCY SCORES

When a team is incomplete at the beginning of the schedule and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of 120 shall be used if there is no bowler in the vacant position. A handicap shall be allotted to suit the vacancy score. If possible on the scoring system, the score used for the match result is taken as the Blind score set in the league rules of the Vacancy allowance plus handicap. That is so a vacancy pays the same 10 pin penalty as an actual absent bowler. A Vacancy Score cannot win any points.

12. TARDY (LATE) PLAYERS

(a) A tardy player shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first frame with the score to count, provided the game has not progressed beyond the third frame.

(b) Should a bowler have to take emergency leave, one tenth of the bowlers blind score shall be used for each frame not completed in that game and the bowlers blind score for each game after.

(c) Games using any part of a blind score shall not be credited to the player's average.

(d) A bowler who has to leave early, may, with the permission of both Captains, complete the game bowling frames on alternate lanes with one of the opposing players, providing the match has progressed up to the 5th frame of the third game.

13. POINT SYSTEM

The league may decide on any Point System that it feels will suit it.

The most commonly used Points System is the simplest method of allocating a Point (or number of Points) to the winner of each game in the series, plus an additional Point (or Points) for the series total of the Match. A vast array of alternatives are available, but care should be taken when deciding upon systems which include "over average" and "bonus points" which may be difficult to audit at some later time.

a. POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR: (Select required options)

i. ..... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of each Team game.

ii. ..... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of the Team series.

iii. ..... Points will be shared in the case of a tied game or series.

iv. ..... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of each Individual game.

v. ..... Point/s will be awarded to the winner of each Individual series.

b. In "handicap leagues" results of all matches will include Handicap's unless otherwise specified.

c. Blind Scores and Vacancy Scores will be included in all Team totals. (refer to TBA rules 314 & 316 regarding individual points which cannot be changed by a league's own rules)

d. Where 'Individual' Points are offered, any Blind and/or Vacancy Scores will be matched against the lowest average bowlers unless otherwise specified. No Blind Scores and/or Vacancy Scores can win any points and any bowler playing against one of those must bowl their average less ten pins to win the points. Refer to TBA Rule 317.

14. POSITION STANDINGS

Shall be determined on the basis of points won.

15. REPLACEMENT TEAMS

A team which enters the competition after the season is in progress shall assume a position equal to the team it replaces or the team on the bottom of the table.

16. BYES / FORFEITS

(a) When a bye or a forfeit occurs, due to any reason whatsoever, the team present and not at fault must bowl all games as though they were actually contested.

(b) Every member bowling on such team must have completed his frame on one lane before the team shall commence its frame on the adjoining lanes.

(c) When a team forfeits a series, the members of the team are still responsible for all fees except actual bowling fees.

17. PRE-BOWLING

All "Pre-Bowled" League games will be bowled in accordance with TBA Rules 311 and 334. TBA High Score Awards are not available for any scores bowled in pre bowled or deferred/postponed matches.

Handicaps/Averages existing at the date of play are to be used.

18. PLAY – OFFS

Total pinfall plus handicap in one game shall determine the winners of any play-off for the 1st or 2nd place, on a pair of lanes to be selected by draw. Any ties in Minor placings will be decided by high overall team pinfall plus handicap.

19. PREMIERSHIP

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the completed schedule shall be the winner.

20. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These rules have been adopted by a majority vote of the League members prior to the start of the schedule. After the start of competitive play, the rules may be amended as defined in TBA Rule 308.

21. TROPHIES (Cash, Prizes, etc)

The President shall arrange for a prize list, together with conditions and eligibility requirements, to be presented to the league's Management Committee for approval, within five (5) weeks of the start of the league schedule.

Most Improved Average trophy shall be awarded to the bowler who has the most improved average, calculated as follows:

(a) A bowler's increase in average is determined by comparing their final average for the current competition and their final average of at least twenty-one (21) games for the preceding competition in the same League.

(b) For a bowler who entered the League with an average established in another league, compare their final average for the current competition with their highest average shown on the final standing sheet for his previous League/s.

(c) For a bowler with no average for the preceding competition, compare their final average for the current competition with the average they established in their first twenty-one (21) games during the current competition.

(d) Decimal places must be taken into account in the event that two or more bowlers have the same increase in average.

To be eligible for Most Improved Average, a bowler must have bowled in at least two thirds (2/3) of the leagues scheduled games in the current season.

PRIZE FUND PAYOUT – EXAMPLE OF HOW TO READ THE CHART SHOWN ON NEXT PAGE

- If the entry form states that the prize fund will be returned 100% on the basis of one prize for every ten entries, then the payout is calculated as follows:

  If there are 1 to 10 entries, there will only be one prize. The winner receives 100% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

  If there are 11 to 20 entries, there will be two winners. First place receives 65% and second place receives 35% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

  If there are 21 to 30 entries, there will be three winners. First place receives 60%, second place receives 27% and third place receives 13% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

  The chart shows percentages for events that will pay up to twenty places.

- If the entry form states that the prize fund will be returned 100% on the basis of one prize for every five entries, then the payout is calculated as follows:

  If there are 1 to 5 entries, there will only be one prize. The winner receives 100% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

  If there are 6 to 10 entries, there will be two winners. First place receives 65% and second place receives 35% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

  If there are 11 to 15 entries, there will be three winners. First place receives 60%, second place receives 27% and third place receives 13% of the money in that divisions prize fund.

  The chart shows percentages for events that will pay up to twenty places.

- The basis for the prize fund payout per number of entries must be stated on the entry form. As long as a tournament has a payout for one prize for any particular number of entries, the chart should still be used.

CHART SHOWING THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF PRIZE MONEY TO BE PAID ACCORDING TO ENTRIES RECEIVED

Refer to the example shown on the previous page

NUMBER OF ENTRIES	THE BASIS FOR THE PRIZE FUND PAYOUT PER NUMBER OF ENTRIES MUST BE STATED ON THE ENTRY FORM

No OF PRIZES TO BE PAID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PLACING	PERCENTAGE OF PRIZE FUND																			
1st	100	65	60	52	50	45	40	40	40	38	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	30	28	27
2nd		35	27	26	23	21	20	20	20	19	18	17	17	16	15	15	15	14	14	13
3rd			13	12	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6
4th				10	9	9	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5
5th					8	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6th						7	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
7th							6	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
8th								4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
9th									4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
10th										4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
11th											3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
12th												3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
13th													3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
14th														2	2	2	2	2	2	3
15th															2	2	2	2	2	2
16th																2	2	2	2	2
17th																	2	2	2	2
18th																		2	2	2
19th																			2	2

LEAGUE SCHEDULE – 6 TEAM

INSERT LANE NUMBERS

DATE	Team Code Numbers		
1	1-2	3-4	5-6
2	5-4	1-6	2-3
3	3-1	2-5	6-4
4	2-6	4-1	3-5
5	1-5	6-3	4-2
6	3-2	4-5	1-6
7	5-6	1-2	3-4
8	1-4	5-3	6-2
9	6-3	2-4	5-1
10	2-5	3-1	4-6
11	4-3	6-5	2-1
12	6-1	3-2	4-5
13	5-2	4-6	1-3
14	1-4	5-3	6-2
15	3-6	2-4	5-1
16	5-4	6-1	2-3
17	2-1	4-3	6-5
18	3-5	2-6	4-1
19	4-2	1-5	3-6
20	1-3	6-4	5-2
21	5-6	1-2	3-4
22	2-3	5-4	1-6
23	6-4	3-1	2-5
24	3-5	2-6	4-1
25	4-2	1-5	6-3
26	1-6	3-2	4-5
27	3-4	5-6	1-2
28	6-2	1-4	5-3
29	5-1	6-3	2-4
30	4-6	2-5	3-1
31	1-2	3-4	5-6
32	5-4	1-6	2-3
33	3-1	2-5	6-4
34	2-6	4-1	3-5
35	1-5	6-3	4-2

Schedules are available up to 28 Teams. Enquire with TBA for a schedule not shown here.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE – 8 TEAM

DATE	INSERT LANE NUMBERS			
	Team Code Numbers			
1	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8
2	6-8	5-7	2-4	1-3
3	5-4	1-8	7-3	2-6
4	3-6	7-2	1-5	8-4
5	7-1	4-6	3-8	5-2
6	2-3	8-5	4-1	6-7
7	4-7	6-1	8-2	3-5
8	5-6	7-8	3-4	1-2
9	2-4	1-3	5-7	6-8
10	7-3	2-6	1-8	5-4
11	1-5	8-4	7-2	3-6
12	3-8	5-2	4-6	7-1
13	4-1	6-7	8-5	2-3
14	8-2	3-5	6-1	4-7
15	4-3	2-1	8-7	6-5
16	7-5	8-6	3-1	4-2
17	8-1	4-5	6-2	3-7
18	2-7	6-3	4-8	5-1
19	6-4	1-7	2-5	8-3
20	5-8	3-2	7-6	1-4
21	1-6	7-4	5-3	2-8
22	8-7	6-5	2-1	4-3
23	3-1	4-2	8-6	7-5
24	6-2	3-7	4-5	8-1
25	4-8	5-1	6-3	2-7
26	2-5	8-3	1-7	6-4
27	7-6	1-4	3-2	5-8
28	5-3	2-8	7-4	1-6
29	2-1	4-3	6-5	8-7
30	8-6	7-5	4-2	3-1
31	4-5	8-1	3-7	6-2
32	6-3	2-7	5-1	4-8
33	1-7	6-4	8-3	2-5
34	3-2	5-8	1-4	7-6
35	7-4	1-6	2-8	5-3

Schedules are available up to 30 Teams. Enquire with TBA for a schedule not shown here.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE – 10 TEAM

INSERT LANE NUMBERS

DATE			Team Code Numbers		
1	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
2	7-3	1-6	2-9	5-10	8-4
3	4-5	9-8	10-1	3-2	6-7
4	9-1	5-3	4-7	8-6	10-2
5	10-7	6-2	8-3	4-1	5-9
6	5-8	4-10	7-2	6-9	1-3
7	6-4	7-9	1-5	10-3	2-8
8	3-9	8-1	6-10	2-4	7-5
9	8-10	2-5	9-4	1-7	3-6
10	4-3	10-9	2-1	6-5	8-7
11	6-1	4-8	3-7	9-2	10-5
12	8-9	7-6	5-4	1-10	2-3
13	3-5	2-10	1-9	7-4	6-8
14	2-6	9-5	7-10	3-8	1-4
15	10-4	3-1	8-5	2-7	9-6
16	9-7	8-2	4-6	5-1	3-10
17	1-8	5-7	9-3	10-6	4-2
18	5-2	6-3	10-8	4-9	7-1
19	9-10	7-8	3-4	1-2	5-6
20	8-4	5-10	1-6	7-3	2-9
21	6-7	3-2	9-8	4-5	10-1
22	10-2	8-6	5-3	9-1	4-7
23	5-9	4-1	6-2	10-7	8-3
24	1-3	6-9	4-10	5-8	7-2
25	2-8	10-3	7-9	6-4	1-5
26	7-5	2-4	8-1	3-9	6-10
27	3-6	1-7	2-5	8-10	9-4
28	8-7	6-5	10-9	4-3	2-1
29	10-5	9-2	4-8	6-1	3-7
30	2-3	1-10	7-6	8-9	5-4
31	6-8	7-4	2-10	3-5	1-9
32	1-4	3-8	9-5	2-6	7-10
33	9-6	2-7	3-1	10-4	8-5
34	3-10	5-1	8-2	9-7	4-6
35	4-2	10-6	5-7	1-8	9-3
36	7-1	4-9	6-3	5-2	10-8

Schedules are available up to 30 Teams. Enquire with TBA for a schedule not shown here.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE – 12 TEAM

INSERT LANE NUMBERS

DATE						
			Team Code Numbers			

1	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12
2	4-5	6-2	12-3	9-11	1-7	10-8
3	9-3	1-10	11-4	5-12	8-2	6-7
4	7-12	5-8	9-2	10-4	11-6	1-3
5	11-8	9-7	1-5	6-3	10-12	2-4
6	10-6	11-1	3-8	12-2	7-4	9-5
7	5-7	4-12	2-10	1-9	6-8	3-11
8	12-9	10-5	7-11	4-6	2-3	8-1
9	6-1	2-11	8-12	3-5	4-9	7-10
10	3-10	8-9	4-1	2-7	5-11	12-6
11	8-4	7-3	6-9	11-10	12-1	5-2
12	6-5	2-1	12-11	4-3	8-7	10-9
13	3-12	5-4	8-10	2-6	11-9	7-1
14	4-11	3-9	7-6	10-1	12-5	2-8
15	2-9	12-7	3-1	8-5	4-10	6-11
16	5-1	8-11	4-2	7-9	3-6	12-10
17	8-3	6-10	5-9	1-11	2-12	4-7
18	10-2	7-5	11-3	12-4	9-1	8-6
19	11-7	9-12	1-8	5-10	6-4	3-2
20	12-8	1-6	10-7	11-2	5-3	9-4
21	1-4	10-3	6-12	9-8	7-2	11-5
22	9-6	4-8	2-5	3-7	10-11	1-12
23	11-12	5-6	9-10	1-2	3-4	7-8
24	10-8	12-3	1-7	4-5	6-2	9-11
25	6-7	11-4	8-2	9-3	1-10	5-12
26	1-3	9-2	11-6	7-12	5-8	10-4
27	2-4	1-5	10-12	11-8	9-7	6-3
28	9-5	3-8	7-4	10-6	11-1	12-2
29	3-11	2-10	6-8	5-7	4-12	1-9
30	8-1	7-11	2-3	12-9	10-5	4-6
31	7-10	8-12	4-9	6-1	2-11	3-5
32	12-6	4-1	5-11	3-10	8-9	2-7
33	5-2	6-9	12-1	8-4	7-3	11-10

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Ver	Rule	Change	Date
2.0		Totally Revised	1-1-01
2.1		Minor Changes	22-1-01
2.2		Issued	31-1-01
2.3	208 505	Reference to Registered Centre added. Reference to Rules and Ethics Committee removed. Notes page added at end of document.	14-3-01
2.4	110 (f) 205 208 313 805 (3) 805 (4)	"Bumper" spelling corrected Junior Definition Added "League" added "Registered Bowling Centre" added "Registered Bowling Centre" added "Registered Bowling Centre" added	5-4-01
2.5	602	Sentence re Ball Cleaning machines removed in accordance with WTBA change.	26-9-01
3.0	205	Example Added	16-11-01
3.1	601 603	Rule reference number changed. First Paragraph added – explanation of gripping holes.	10-1-02
3.2	403 812 (1)	Addition re no awards if bowling alone Multiple listing in prize funds	27-5-02
3.3	210 211	Code of Conduct Rules added Slow Bowling Rule added	29-5-02
3.4	109 113 121 205 301 302 320 702 801 812	Rules revised in various degrees. Typing errors corrected. Clarifications added. Schedules added for 6,8,10 and 12 teams.	12-8-02
3.5	805	Point 4 Revised – Time frame for submission of accreditation documentation added.	22-8-02
4.1	Index 109 210 513	Table of Contents Added Point 7 Added New Infractions Added Code of Ethics Added	2-9-02
4.2		Table of Contents Removed, Index Added	2-10-02
4.3	127	Rule Revised Minor Revision to page reference at top of Prize Payout Chart	29-11-02
4.4	109 329 405 601 603	Clause 7 Revised Revised to Define Doubles and Teams Requirements Most Improved Average Criteria Added Diameter Added to Ball Specifications Revised to be In Line with WTBA Rules Chapter 9, Rule 21 Sanctioned changed to Accredited	27-8-03
4.5	337 810	Last sentence added. New Rule to comply with WTBA	24-9-03
4.6	211 810	Part d added Web Reference added	5-11-03
5.0		New Version issued with approved modifications as per 4.5 and 4.6	21-11-03

5.1	313 504 505 507(a) 514 805	First sentence added, as per 805. Penalty revised Penalty revised Penalty revised New rule added. Point 1 revised.	2-2-04
5.2	203 207 514 805.4 809	Revised) Revised) Suspension Procedures, Section 3, part j) Not Issued Revised) Revised)	6-2-04
5.3	212	Rule Added (Not Issued)	27-4-04
5.4	 208	Issued with 5.2 and 5.3 rules adopted Revised	10-5-04
5.5	206 207 313 805.1	Unregistered centre non-recognition added. TBA added to clause Centre must be recognised and in good standing with TBA added Centre must be recognised and in good standing with TBA added	21-5-04
5.6	122 213	Reference to 213 added New Rule defining deliveries	25-5-04
5.7	113 203 208 209 405 828	Ruling added to cover singles match play. Wording added from Rule 208 Last sentence moved to Rule 203 Registered Bowling Centre wording added. Revised – 1st and last Paragraph Rule revised in relation to replacements in Singles match play	22-6-04
5.8		12 Team Schedule week 27 typo corrected	3-1-05
5.9	101 c 3 Chapt 5 214	"TBA Rules and Ethics Committee" replaced with "TBA" As Above Suspension Proceedings revised. New Rule to stop smoking in accredited competition. TBA Address changed	13-1-05
6.0	215	New Rule added – Clause removed from TBA By-Laws and added to Rule Book	11-3-05
6.1	213 216	Wording Revised New Rule added defining a Bowler with a Disability	18-5-05
6.2	Chapt 3	Chapter 3 totally revised and rules re-numbered. Rule 321 (previously 330) revised to prevent a bowler competing in two Leagues simultaneously. The note "Unless covered by a Leagues own rules" removed from some rules.	26-7-05
6.3	205 216 602	Youth and Senior definition added, rule generally revised. Words "Mental Health Sports" removed. Prohibited use of ball cleaning and polishing machines added.	1-3-06
6.4	216	Definition of a Bowler with a Disability revised	12-4-06
6.5	205	Seniors Definition changed – effective 1/1/07	16-8-06
6.6	208	Date reference removed. Paragraph referring to un registered Centre removed	12-9-06
6.7	804 and 805	Revised to make the accreditation of Tournaments simpler and remove the perception Tournaments could be accredited "In House"	17-12-06
6.8	309 (5) Chapt 9	Clause regarding retaining records added. TBA Rule numbers changed to suit current TBA Rules	17-1-07
6.9	601	Devices wording revised to conform with WTBA rules.	10-3-07
7.0	Chapt. 1 General	The whole Chapter has been revised and renumbered to bring it into line with WTBA Rules. An Index has been added to the rear of the document. Some Headings revised for Index	15-8-07

7.1	127 128 214 511 602 General	Illegal Ball rules revised Session of games definition added to suit WTBA No Smoking rule revised Reference to Rule 128 added Reference to Rule 128 added Revision record moved to rear of document	28-11-07
7.2	315 319 Ch 9/11	Note added regarding 3 game league Moved to new rule 340 – Options may be set by a League. Rule 319 left blank Score of 120 added in line with Rule 317	23-8-08
7.3	 313 401 403 404 405 812 816 Chapt 9/21	Front page revised – new address added Issuing accreditation removed from Associations and Registered Centres Rules 401 to 405 revised to change Chevrons to Certificates, although Chevrons are still available from National Awards Note added regarding Rule inclusions Reporting requirements revised Chevron changed to Certificates Chevron changed to Certificates	10-12-08
7.4		Phone and fax numbers changed	30-12-08
7.5	329	Rule revised to allow a League to decide how their Premiership will be decided.	13-2-09
7.6	108.4 126 127 209 210 308 313 338 401, 402 403, 405 408, 409 409 Cl 7 409 Cl 9 504, 506, 507, 510 514 601 819 Chapter 9 General (21)	Reference to accredited league removed Reference to accredited league removed Reference added to equipment in that Centre Accredited league changed to structured league Guidelines revised Reference to accredited league removed League Accreditation revised Pre Bowling rules revise to apply to a Series only Accredited league removed Accredited league removed Accredited league removed Revised re ball checking requirements for a 300 game. New Clause added regarding balls used in 300 games. Accredited league removed Accredited league removed Accredited league removed WEIGHT & SIZE – the word “new” removed. Accredited league removed Accredited league removed Accredited league removed	27-12-09
7.7	205 301 305 338	Grand Senior definition added Clause referring to TBA membership revised Clarification of Rules 305 to 312 added Recognition clause added	1-2-10
7.8	122 331 338	Clause added regarding two handed vs conventional deliveries Clauses (a) to (d) added Procedure for pre bowling revised	20-7-10
7.9	Front Page 211 338	Logo replaced Slow Bowling rules revised to bring them in line with WTBA rules Request Notice moved into league option area.	28-12-10 10-1-11 28-12-10
8.0	338 Chapter 4 Totally Revised Chapt 9 (17) All Rules	Reference to opposition removed Generally revised with the introduction of the Awards Program being run by UTBA. Reference to opposition removed The word “affiliated” changed to “registered”	7-3-11
8.1	Page 2 122	Email and web addresses added Previous reference to two handed deliveries deleted	6-4-11

	401 402 403 404	"Phantom" type leagues added to restrictions for pre and post bowling for awards not available. Pre and Post bowling restrictions removed from rules 403 and 404.	
8.2	217	New rule added regarding electronic devices (effective from 1/1/2012)	5-7-11
8.3	205	Advice of Youth age change to U/21 on January 1st 2012 added.	8-9-11
8.4	338 401 402 407 Sugg Rule 17	Some incorrect references to "post bowling" revised to postponed. Post bowling not permitted note added to 338.	4-10-11
8.5	125	Rule revised to align with WTBA rules.	8-10-11
8.6	110.1(d) 113	Dead ball rule revised in line with change to Rule 113 Bowling on Wrong Lane rules simplified in line with WTBA rules	23-1-12
8.7	319	Rule added to cover failure to bowl due to mechanical failures	20-3-12
8.8	604 605 338	Pin standards revised to be "USBC Approved" Lane Dressing requirements revised Rule totally revised to clarify Postponed Bowling	24-7-12
8.9	205 317 319 335 Chapt 9, Pt 10	Youth Membership revised to under 21 as advised on 8/9/11 Vacancy Score wording revised Number revised to Rule 335 Blind Score rules changed to Rule 319 and wording revised Blind score options revised	30-11-12
9.0	217	Revised to permit exemptions	18-1-13
9.1	216	Definition of a Bowler with a Disability revised	24-1-13
9.2	216	Definition of a Bowler with a Disability further revised	25-1-13
9.3	212	Coaching in competition rules revised and title changed	8-4-13
9.4	402 403 404 603 811	Pendant added Award program revised League Champion Chevron added Holes wording revised to remove ambiguity regarding thumb holes – in line with USBC rules. Pin markings revised to suit Equipment specs	20-8-13
9.5	317 331	Vacancy scores cannot be counted in a Legal Line-up Pre Bowled scores shall count as players present in a Legal Line-up	11-9-13
9.6	338	HIGH SCORE RECOGNITION/AWARDS wording changed to TBA SPECIAL SCORE RECOGNITION/AWARDS and definition revised	5-12-13
9.7	513 514 515	TBA Member Protection Policy reference inserted Re numbered – was 513 Re numbered – Was 514	13-12-13
9.8	214	Smoking rule revised to include synthetic and e-cigarettes	22-1-14
9.9	214	Smoking rule further revised for clarification	25-2-14
10.1	217	Revised to allow use after a session of games has concluded	19-3-14
10.2	513	MPP reference revised and clarified	2-4-14
10.3	320(3)	Clause revised for Contract or Rebate type leagues	15-7-14
10.4	212 I i	Coaching level revised from L2 to Silver	16-2-15
10.5	316 (6) 333	Clause added to Roving Substitute regarding pre bowling Revised to define requirements for base figures used for handicapping	30-3-15
10.6	115 601	Foul Definition – changed "any part of the lane" to "any part of a lane" Surface rules revised to include surface changes	9-6-15

	603.1	Ball Drilling specifications revised to suit WTBA Statutes	
10.7	317	Vacancy rule revised for clarity	4-8-15
10.8	319 Chapter 9	Blind Score rules revised to allow leagues to impose larger penalties Clauses 10 and 11 revised	15-9-15
10.9	601 333	Note added regarding Bowling balls being listed on the USBC Approved Ball List Revised to define the selection of the base figure number	16-3-16
10.10	317 331 338 Chapter 9 805	Vacancy Score revised – cannot win individual points Revised to define parts not changeable Revised to define a bowler who has done a Pre Bowl cannot bowl that session Generally revise to suit other rule changes Accreditation Requirements revised to reflect Accreditation form	12-4-16
11.0	128 601 602 603 810	League play added Revised in regard to cleaning, foreign material and cracks Revised in regard to cleaning Ball Drilling Specifications revised and clarified to suit USBC rules USBC reference added	24-9-16
11.1	114 208 317 601 602 603	Comments added regarding sharing balls being legal. Revised – Unregistered added Clause revised regarding using Blind score of Vacancy score All Ball Drilling and Ball Cleaning Specifications further revised All Ball Drilling and Ball Cleaning Specifications further revised All Ball Drilling and Ball Cleaning Specifications further revised	15-12-16
11.2	 302 303 304 328 702 707 709 210 332 to 340 512 513 514 812-816 110 1(g) 206 207 208 210 211 - 218 211 216 217 218 219 220 302 304 305 306 308 324 326 334	The following rules have been deleted: League - Travelling League - Singles League - Mixed Substitution During a Game or Series Annual Tournament More Than One Tournament Abandon City Tournament The following rules have been moved, revised and re numbered Code of Conduct – General, now rule 220 Were renumbered 328 to 336 Drugs in Sport Policy modified and moved to become new 218 Member Protection Policy modified and moved to become 219 Code of Conduct modified and moved to become 220 Moved to become 707-711 The following re numbered rules have been revised: Bumper events revised TBA Sports Registration revised Licences revised Member Recognition revised Code of Conduct revised and moved to 220 All re numbered Revised to define a coach Revised – hearing aids added Revised – illumination added Previously 512 Previously 513 Previously 514 Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised	28-3-17
11.2	401	Revised	28-3-17

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11.3	316 805.9 601 Cleaning	Revised regarding individual points New clause added Clauses 4 & 5 added to define Approved Ball Cleaning products.	1-8-17
11.4	221 311 313.6 326 329 334 814 Chapt 9, Pt 11	New rule, was previously Rule 311, revised and re-numbered New rule to define dated pre bowling and deferred/postponed games Revised Reference to reserve removed Average base figure wording revised Revised Average base figure wording revised Wording corrected	21-9-17
11.5	118 122 203 205 220 & 502 221 302 313 315 322 324 326 327 Chapt 5 603 Holes, (1) 603 Bal. Holes b 805.8 (a) 805.9	Foul Detection revised Reference to rule 213 changed to 212 Policy name revised Year reference removed Conduct replaced by Ethics Power Failure actions revised Junior included Clause 7 added regarding Roving Substitutes Clauses 2, 3 & 4 moved to 322 & 324 Paragraph regarding a bowler leaving early added Revised to define a withdrawing bowler Opening paragraph revised to include Centre Management Revised to change singles and doubles R & E Committee clause 1 revised Thumb use clarified – must be fully inserted Can have tape, slug or insert Travelling Tournament added Type fixed	

11.5 Cont	814 823 Chapt 9 Contents	Clause (a) revised Substitution during a game rules revised Clauses 3, 4(d), 6, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 revised Contents and Index pages updated	4-4-18
11.6	109.1.(b) 301 (d) 310 313 (1) 313 (2) 313 (6) 313 (7) 327 328 (2) 328 (3) 328 (5) 332 (3) Chapter 6 Chapter 9 (13c)	Rebounding ball rules revised Generally revised Generally revised Generally revised Generally revised Generally revised Previous clause deleted, new clause added Rule totally revised Generally revised Generally revised Generally revised Generally revised Note added regarding USBC Changes Generally revised	14-5-18
11.7	108.5 (e) 109.1 (e) 110.1 (g) 111.2 Chapter 6 Note 604 811	New clause added for string machines Revised for string machines Revised for string machines Revised for string machines Ball modification changes revised Second line revised for string machines Line one revised for string machines	28/8/18
11.8	122 128 301(c) 301(d) 311 now a) & b) 313 (8) 312 (2) & (3) 326 334 403 Chapter 5 512.3(h) Sample Letter Chapter 6 603 805.8 Chapter 9 Chapter 9.4(g) Chapter 9.9(i)	Revised to clarify – session added. Revised to define end of match. Clause revised Clause revised Rule 311 has been broken into two and both revised to separate pre bowling New clause added Revised Number of team members and pre bowling revisions added Revised Revised Opening paragraph revised Wording revised, Wording revised Heading paragraph revised Extensively revised with ball balance and balance hole requirements Costs revised General (a) revised New clause added New clause added	10/12/18
11.9	122 302 403 805.9	Clause added prohibiting average limits in handicap leagues Wording revised New clause added Clause added regarding prize fund changes	8/3/19
12.1	202 205 206 a 207 208 209 a,b,c 807 122 129 318 329 603 In Summary	)))) All Licenced Association references revised))) Handicap and Average rules revised New rule added Text moved to Rule 129 and revised. Handicap and Average rules revised Revised	30/5/19

12.2	318 122.2 b 328.2 403 408 Chapt 9.21	New rule added "Positive average" changed to "positive handicap" Reference to rule 408 added Revised to suit the actual awards issued New Rule 408 added to advise of Most Improved Average conditions Clause revised to suit 408	18/7/19
12.3	122.4 129	Revised Clause 1 deleted and other clauses moved up.	7/8/19
12.4	122 a & b 130 313.6 322 329 334 804 820 823 827 834 Chapt 9 (6)	Base figure wording revised New rule added regarding ramp usage Wording revised allow a league to prohibit a roving spare from pre bowling Wording revised regarding rotation Base figure wording revised Revised Details added regarding accreditation Vacancy score added Revised Wording revised regarding rotation New rule added regarding free entry in an event Base figure wording revised	1/1/20
12.5	Total Book	Totally revised, including Q&A added, Ball Balance updated, Rules generally revised and some renumbered.	1/8/20
12.6	601 603	Note added under heading Determining the Centre of Grip, Figure 5 and clause 2 revised. The 603 Q&A have been revised with an additional question regarding ramp bowlers Plugs and Designs Q&A section wording revised	6/8/20
12.7	Contents Table 127 204 Chapt 5 603	Items added and revised Clarified an illegal ball in respect to holes and any other requirements of Chapter 6. Junior membership category revised Procedures for Suspension wording revised Plugs and Designs Q&A section: clauses added regarding a bowler with a disability.	3/10/20
12.8	121 122, Handicaps 127 130 209 e) iii) Rule 305 (4) 311A 321 324 326 601 Surface 2. 603 Balance 603 Q&A,Part 2 Chapt 9	Q&A section added Limits on handicap and ave league only, mid season Base figure increase info moved Generally formatted Bowler or carer if necessary added Block of games revised. Revised to allow a league to withhold the standing sheet First Q&A answer revised to include pre bowls Revised to include illegal lane movements Revised to include pre bowls Entering Average revised Balance hole words deleted 1st sentence revised First 2 Q&A's revised. Rule 6 revised to include mid season Base figure increases.	17/2/21
12.9	Page 2 Rule 215 Rule 214	Update PO Box for Tenpin Bowling Australia Update PO Box for Tenpin Bowling Australia Update classifications and wording	16/7/24
13.0	Rule 401 Rule 402	Correctly identify Rule 216 within Rule 401 Correctly identify Rule 216 within Rule 402	23/7/24
13.1	Rule 204	Revised Membership Classifications	05/03/25
13.2	Rule 201 Rule 203 Rule 204 Rule 403	Revised wording Membership (registration) year Revised TBA Registration requirements and fee categories Revised Membership Classifications to align with HPS, ranked events and IBF classifications Award program revised to suit the awards available	27/10/26 27/10/26 27/10/26 27/10/26