

Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited

2010 National Elite Ranking System Details

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NOTE: In the event of a conflict between the rules of any event and these Details, these details will apply.

1. **OBJECTIVE**

To create a fair National Rankings System involving Australia's major tournaments and elite players, Seniors, Adult and Youth, male and female, which is endorsed by the National Sporting Organisation – Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited.

The TBA Ranked Event Policy BP-05/001 must be read in conjunction with these details. In particular, promoters are advised that:

- 1.1 Expressions of Interest for next year must be received in the TBA Office by 30th June in the current year, unless late submission has been approved by the CEO.
- 1.2 An Accreditation Application, Draft Entry Form and Accreditation Fee must be received by TBA at least three calendar months before the event date. Failure to comply may result in the event being removed from the Rankings calendar.
- 1.3 Free or bonus pins must not be awarded to female bowlers simply because of gender.
- 1.4 A matchplay final must be made up of the top qualifiers. Female bowlers must not be elevated up a qualifying order to be included in a matchplay final.

2. **CURRENT CRITERIA USED IN SELECTING TOURNAMENTS**

- 2.1 Must be a TBA Accredited tournament.
- 2.2 TBA Lane Conditioning Policy must be implemented.
- 2.3 Substantial Prize Money – Open Tournaments must have a minimum of \$3,000 first prize with a bottom finalist. (i.e. 16th if the cut is 16) receiving a 6-4 ratio return on entry fee. (i.e. \$300 if entry fee is \$200). Adult Tournaments with a Men's and Ladies divisions must have a minimum combined total first prize fund of \$3,000. Senior's, Ladies and Youth events have no minimum prize fund requirements.
- 2.4 Tournament promoters must encourage and promote Interstate participation.
- 2.5 Every effort shall be made to encourage a mix of tournaments spread across the Nation so bowlers have at least one tournament to attend in their home State or Territory.

3. **HOW IT WILL WORK**

- 3.1 A simple system based on a fixed points table, covering only the listed major national events. The system will be annual, in that all points gained in a calendar year will be deleted on January 1st of the following year.

- 3.2 All participants in Ranked events will be allocated points according to the Points Table.
- 3.3 Bowlers must be current members of Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited. The Promoter must check membership prior to participation.
- 3.4 Rankings points will be recorded from the date a bowler registers for Rankings. That Registration is only required once.
- 3.5 Seniors must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition and Youth must be under 23 years of age on January 1st in the year of the competition.
- 3.6 The fixed points table awards more points for winning an event and much fewer points for finishing down in the field, mirroring the ranking system used in golf and tennis. Winners and high placed finishers are well rewarded, so a player finishing 20th place five times throughout the year receives equal points to the player who wins a major tournament once.
- 3.7 Winning major tournaments in this country is not so easy, so bowlers will get points that are commensurate with that achievement. Players are not rewarded with points for just “turning up”; they must also play well. This simple system is fairer and easier for bowlers to calculate.
- 3.8 Unless approved by the CEO, any event included in the Rankings calendar that is not conducted on the scheduled dates or is postponed to a later date will be allocated no Rankings points.
- 3.9 If an event has a handicap Division, Rankings points will only apply to that portion of the event where all bowlers are competing scratch.
- 3.10 All bowlers competing in an Open event will be allocated points in the Open Division, ie, a Senior or a Youth bowling in an Open event will have points added to the Open Division. Senior Male, Senior Female, Female, Youth Female and Youth Male will have their own separate ranking divisions for events restricted to that age group and gender, ie, a Youth female competing in an Open event will have points added in the Open Division. If that same bowler competes in an event in the Female Division, points will be added in the Female Division. Therefore it will be possible that youth and senior Female bowlers could be ranked in up to three Divisions and Female, Senior Male and Youth Male in up to two Divisions.
- 3.11 In all Divisions, a maximum of eight events will be Ranked.
- 3.12 Ranking point totals will be calculated on the following basis:
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| Senior Male: | Best 4 Seniors events, plus the TBA Seniors Cup |
| Senior Female: | Best 4 Seniors events, plus the TBA Seniors Cup |
| Open: | Best 4 Open events, plus the AMF Australian Masters |
| Female: | Best 4 Ladies events, plus the AMF Australian Masters |
| Youth Male: | Best 4 Youth events, plus the National Youth Cup |
| Youth Female: | Best 4 Youth events, plus the National Youth Cup |
- 3.13 Any promoter or organising committee of a Ranked event that permits a bowler without current TBA membership to participate in their event may result all Rankings points being removed from the event and the event being removed from future

Ranked event calendars. (Excluding non Australian visiting bowlers).

- 3.14 All bowlers who are shown on the results list (to a maximum of 99th) for all Ranked events will be allocated Ranking points from 100 down as per the points table.
- 3.15 TBA will only Rank Seniors events if entry forms define that all participants must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition.
- 3.16 Ranking points for an event in any division will only be awarded if the event was open to all participants in that division.
- 3.17 If a tournament has an elimination final, where groups of bowlers will be eliminated at the same time, Ranking points will be allocated based on the current average in that tournament of the bowlers in the group that are eliminated.
- 3.18 If two players have equal score in a tournament, both will be awarded the points for that place and no points will be awarded for the next place score, eg if two bowlers tie for 9th place, both get 9th place points and no 10th place points will be awarded. The next highest will be given 11th place points.
- 3.19 If multiple entries are allowed, only a bowler's highest position will attract points. If a bowler finishes 20th and 25th, 20th position points will be awarded. The bowler who finished 26th will be awarded the 25th position points and all bowlers down the list will move up one place.
- 3.20 If a bowler who qualifies for a Matchplay final withdraws for any reason before Matchplay commences, the next available bowler who missed the cut will take the bowlers place. For example, if a bowler made the cut to go into a head to head Matchplay final with 16 finalists then withdraws, all bowlers below the bowler's place will be moved up and the final position taken by the bowler who finished in 17th position. The withdrawing bowler takes 17th position for Ranking points. If the next available bowler was in 20th place after qualifying, then the bowler who has withdrawn from the cut will be moved to 17th and the bowlers who finished in 17th, 18th and 19th position will be moved to 18th, 19th and 20th positions for Ranking points. Refer to TBA Rule 828 if a bowler withdraws during a Matchplay final.
- 3.21 Some event rules may define that, for example, a 16 bowler matchplay final must contain at least one International/female bowler, resulting in a qualifying bowler being displaced. If, after qualifying is complete, the final 16 contains the required bowlers so that no bowlers are displaced, then Rankings points will be applied at the completion of the event. On the other hand, if a bowler in the final 16 after qualifying has been displaced so that a non qualifier can move into the matchplay final, then Rankings points will be applied to the event after qualifying.

4. WHAT'S ON OFFER

- 4.1 The Seniors Male and Female, Adult Male and Female and the Youth Male and Female winners will each receive \$1000.00 and a winner's Plaque.
- 4.2 Additional prizes are still being negotiated by TBA and are subject to gaining sponsorship.

5. AS ALWAYS, CONDITIONS APPLY

- 5.1 Ranking points will not be allocated if the Centre where the Tournament is held does not comply with the Tenpin Bowling Australia Lane Conditioning Policy. TBA representatives may carry out spot checks.
- 5.2 No Ranking points will be awarded if the Tournament has not been accredited with Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd.
- 5.3 If complete event results are not forwarded to TBA within seven days of the conclusion of the event, no Ranking points will be allocated and the event will be removed from the Rankings program the following year, unless the CEO has approved the delay in scores being submitted.

6. SUMMARY

- 6.1 The National Elite Ranking System will give a simple gauge to bowlers, administrators, sponsors and the media just how certain bowlers are doing on the national major tournament scene

NOTE:

The Points Table used to allocate points is available on the TBA Web Site in the Rankings area.