



# Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd

## Ranked Event Policy

Version 2.2

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## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To set down guidelines that will apply to the selection, acceptance and accreditation of Ranked events.

## 2.0 Centre Requirement

- 2.1 The Centre must have a current Lane Accreditation Certificate.
- 2.2 The TBA Lane Conditioning Policy must be conformed too.
- 2.3 The Bowling Centre must be registered with Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd.
- 2.4 The Centre must have USBC sanctioned & approved Bowling Pins.
- 2.5 The Centre must have fully operational foul lights.

## 3.0 Ranked Event Selection

- 3.1 No events will be confirmed or added to the calendar prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June, after which all applications will be assessed and the calendar for the following year created. The ranking of an event in previous years does not guarantee ranked event status in following years. The selection and/or allocation of ranking points to an event are at the sole discretion of Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd (TBA).

## 4.0 Nation so bowlers have at least one tournament to attend in their home State or Territory. To be Ranked

- 4.1 Expressions of interest in conducting a Ranked event for the following year must be received in the TBA Office by 30<sup>th</sup> June in the current year, unless late submission has been approved by TBA.
- 4.2 Entries in a Seniors event must be open ONLY to Senior bowlers.
- 4.3 An Accreditation Application, Draft Entry Form, Accreditation and tournament pattern fee must be received by TBA at least three (3) calendar months before the event date. Failure to comply may result in the event being removed from the Rankings calendar.
- 4.4 A bonus of 8 pins per game will be awarded to all female participants in nominated Open Ranked Events where there is no separate women's division. A match play final must be made up of the top qualifiers based on pinfall (plus bonuses/handicap). Female bowlers must not be elevated up a qualifying order to be included in a match play final. However any bonus pins female bowlers are entitled to in the events mentioned in clause 4.4 shall be included to determine the overall placing for match play.

## 5.0 General

- 5.1 Without the prior approval from TBA, no accreditation numbers will be issued until after the closing date for submissions. Tournament accreditation will be issued after that date subject to draft rules being received and checked for TBA Rule compliance. The issuing of accreditation after the cut-off date does not in any way guarantee the event will be added to the Rankings calendar. Refer to Clause 3.1
- 5.2 Under no circumstances will more than one event in the same Division be ranked in the same State/Territory on the same dates.
- 5.3 Should an Accreditation Application for an event in one Division be received from more than one promoter for the same dates in any State/Territory, preference will be given as follows:
  - 5.3.1 If one of the events has been conducted successfully in previous years, then the Application for that event will be processed if all requirements have been complied with.
  - 5.3.2 If none of the events have been conducted before, then:
    - 5.3.2.1 Preference will be given to the event whose details are complete.
    - 5.3.2.2 If both event details are complete, the Centre that has a current Lane Certification Certificate will be given preference.
    - 5.3.2.3 If both Centres have a current Lane Certification Certificate, then all applications will be reviewed by the High Performance Committee. All decisions are at the sole discretion of TBA.
- 5.4 Should an Accreditation Application for a new event be received proposing the same Dates that have been used for an event conducted successfully in that Division in that State/Territory the previous year and no Accreditation Application has been received for that event, TBA will contact the previous promoters and establish if a valid reason applies for non-submission of an Application, subject to Clause 5.5.
- 5.5 The acceptance or rejection of a late Application will be at the sole discretion of TBA.
- 5.6 The promoter of any Accreditation Application that is unsuccessful under Clauses 5.3 and 5.4 will be advised as soon as possible after the closing date for Applications and have fees paid returned as soon as practicable.
- 5.7 TBA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by a promoter proposing a Ranked event.
- 5.8 Tournament organisers agree to use the Simpler Tenpin Software suite as the primary means for posting tournament results to the TBA website. Qualifying scores must be updated through the software and posted within an hour of completion of each squad. Scores on the final day must be updated and posted ideally after every game but at a minimum after each 2 games.

- 5.9 Any submission for an event to be added to the TBA Rankings Calendar must, once approved and accepted by TBA and listed on the Calendar for the current year, be conducted as defined in the submission. Failure to do so will result in TBA withdrawing the accreditation and removing the event from the current Rankings calendar. The only exceptions allowable are Centre closures, acts of god or other highly exceptional circumstances that must be approved by TBA. In the event of a scheduled Centre listed in the calendar closing, the promoter must advise TBA of the new venue. Dates must not be changed without prior approval of TBA.
- 5.10 Should an event submitted have more than one Division and both Divisions or events have been included on the Calendar, all such Divisions must be conducted.
- 5.11 Should a promoter or Tournament Organiser fail to conduct any part of an event defined in their submission for that Tournament, then TBA may not Rank that event. No part of the listed event/s will be added to the TBA Tournament Calendar the following year.
- 5.12 The centre agrees to trial a range of oiling patterns prior to the event. A list of approved patterns will be supplied to each centre. Each pattern is assessed based on the centres; lane surface condition, topography, oiling machine and the type of oil being used. The centre must advise TBA of their lane pattern preference by 31st December of the preceding year. Once approved by the TBA Technical Committee, the pattern will be published on the TBA website. Lane Condition Policy applies to all Ranked Events in all divisions.
- 5.13 To ensure that approved patterns are used for ranked events, the following process will be followed by event tournament directors commencing in 2019:
- TBA will nominate an independent person to inspect oiling pattern/s set in the machine by taking a photo of the machines display panel which shows the structure of the oiling pattern being used. This will be conducted during qualifying Squads.
  - TBA to advise each tournament director, the name of the approved TBA independent person as well as the day and time this person will complete the inspections.
  - A ranked event oiling pattern verification sheet will be completed by this person and sent to TBA along with the display panel photos
  - Verification of patterns will be completed by the TBA Technical Committee. Any centre found not laying approved patterns during a ranked event may be issued a fine of up to \$500 which is to be paid within 30 days of notification.

## 6.0 Liability and Responsibility

- 6.1 Neither TBA nor its directors, affiliates, agents, employees, or its representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury, or damage or otherwise in connection with any accommodation and transportation, or for any trip cancellations, delays, changes in itinerary or schedule whether or not resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrence beyond their control, including without limitation, acts of God, breakdown of the Bowling Centre, hostilities, blockades, labour conflicts, war, fire, collision, arrest, order or restraint by governmental authorities or others, acts of terrorism, civil commotions, weather conditions and considerations of safety of the Ranked Event, or other circumstances.

- 6.2 All travel arrangements made for air transportation, ground transportation, hotels, restaurants and other similar activities or services are made solely at the bowler’s convenience and at the bowler’s risk. Neither TBA nor its directors, affiliates, agents, employees, or its representatives shall be liable or responsible for any costs incurred including but not limited to, travel costs, accommodation costs and other costs incurred in preparation for any Ranked Event, or for any other consequential damages arising.
- 6.3 In no event shall TBA be liable for any accident, injury or harm that occurs outside of the Ranked Event as a result of any acts, omissions or negligence of any third parties or independent contractors.

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Modification and Revision Record**

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V2.0		Added – Junior Rankings to the policy	June 2016
V2.1	5.12 5.13	New Rule added – Lane conditioning policy applies to all divisions	Dec 2017
V2.2	5.12 5.13 a, b, c & d	Rule has been updated New Rule added – Verification of oiling patterns used for all ranked events	Nov 2018