



Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd

National Elite Rankings

System Detail

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National Elite Ranking System Details

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, Youth and Junior, male and female, which is endorsed by the National Sporting Organisation – Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited.

The TBA Ranked Event Policy 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 July 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. If an adult Open event has no separate female division, females participating shall be allocated 8 bonus pins per game in all sections of the event. Prize Fund Payouts and Rankings will be based on finishing positions inclusive of female bonus pins.
- 1.4. Every Youth and Junior event must have a male and female division.
- 1.5. A matchplay final must be made up of the top qualifiers based on pinfall (plus bonuses). 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. Rankings points specified in the Points Table will be allocated to all participants in a Ranked event.
- 3.3. Rankings points will only be recorded for bowlers competing in a Ranked event if they have registered for Rankings and were Silver members before bowling their first ball in that Ranked event. (Rankings registration is only required once in a lifetime - registration form available from the TBA website).
- 3.4. The Tournament Director/organiser must send squad lists to the TBA National Office at least 1 week prior to the event to ensure all participants are members of TBA.

- 3.5. All promoters or Tournament Directors conducting an event should contact the TBA Office during business hours at least one week prior to their event on 07 3262 4455 to organise the method of handling any membership payments made at the event.
- 3.6. Age regulation:
 - 3.6.1. A Junior is defined as a bowler who has not reached the age of 18 years on January 1st of the current year.
 - 3.6.2. A Youth is defined as a bowler who has not reached the age of 21 years on January 1st of the current year.
 - 3.6.3. A Senior is defined as a bowler who must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition.
 - 3.6.4. A Grand Senior is defined as a bowler who must attain the age of 60 years or above in the year of the competition.
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. Unless approved by TBA, athletes participating in any event included in the Rankings calendar that is not conducted on the scheduled dates or is postponed to a later date will not be eligible to receive Rankings points. The Event will not be considered for Ranking status in the following year.
- 3.9. If an event has a handicap Division excluding Open events with the 8 pins bonus for females, Rankings points will only apply to that portion of the event where all bowlers are competing scratch.
- 3.10. Following a Senior event, TBA will allocate Rankings points based on the below divisions:
 - 3.10.1. Final results for all Senior males
 - 3.10.2. Final results for all Grand Senior males
 - 3.10.3. Final results for all Senior females
 - 3.10.4. Final results for all Grand Senior females
- 3.11. Senior entry forms via all media (printed, TBA web site, Total Bowling and any other media) must request a bowler's DOB to ensure that the bowler is eligible to compete in the event and respective divisions.
- 3.12. A Senior bowling in a Senior event will be allocated Rankings points from 100 down and a Grand Senior competing in the same Senior Ranked event will also be allocated Rankings points from 100 down.

As an example, if a Seniors event was won by a Senior, Grand Seniors took 2nd to 6th position and the next Senior finished 7th, positions 2 to 6 will be removed from the Seniors result listing and added to the Grand Seniors listing and the Senior bowler who finished in 7th position will be moved up to 2nd position for the allocation of Seniors Ranking points.
- 3.13. Grand Seniors will no longer be listed in the Seniors Division.
- 3.14. Following a Youth event, TBA will allocate Rankings points based on the below divisions:
 - 3.14.1. Final results for Youth male division
 - 3.14.2. Final results for Youth female division
 - 3.14.3. Points allocated to male Juniors will be carried across into the Junior male division
 - 3.14.4. Points allocated to female Juniors will be carried across into the Junior female division.

- 3.15.** With the exception of clauses 3.10 and 3.14, all bowlers will receive points in the division that the event is ranked in, regardless of their age or gender.

For example: a youth bowler competes in an Open event will be allocated points and be listed in the Open Rankings Division. The same youth bowler competes in a youth event will be allocated points for and be listed in the Youth Rankings Division. Therefore, it will be possible for bowlers to receive points and be listed in more than one rankings division.

- 3.16.** TBA will rank a **maximum** number of events in each division:

<i>Senior (including Grand Seniors) Male:</i>	8 Seniors events, including the TBA Seniors Cup
<i>Senior (including Grand Seniors) Female:</i>	8 Seniors events, including the TBA Seniors Cup
<i>Open:</i>	8 Open events, including the TBA Australian Masters
<i>Female:</i>	8 Female events, including the TBA Australian Masters
<i>Youth Male:</i>	8 Youth events, including the National Youth Cup
<i>Youth Female:</i>	8 Youth events, including the National Youth Cup
<i>Junior Male:</i>	5 Junior events, including the TBA Junior Masters
<i>Junior Female:</i>	5 Junior events, including the TBA Junior Masters

- 3.17.** Ranking point totals will be calculated on the following basis:

<i>Senior Male:</i>	Best 4 Seniors events, and the TBA Seniors Cup
<i>Senior Female:</i>	Best 4 Seniors events, and the TBA Seniors Cup
<i>Grand Senior Male:</i>	Best 4 Seniors events, and the TBA Seniors Cup
<i>Grand Senior Female:</i>	Best 4 Seniors events, and the TBA Seniors Cup
<i>Open:</i>	Best 4 Open events, and the TBA Australian Masters
<i>Female:</i>	Best 4 Female events, and the TBA Australian Masters
<i>Youth Male:</i>	Best 3 Youth events, best Open Ranked event and the National Youth Cup
<i>Youth Female:</i>	Best 3 Youth events, best Open or Female Ranked event and the National Youth Cup
<i>Junior Male:</i>	Best 2 Junior events, best Youth Ranked event and the TBA Junior Masters
<i>Junior Female:</i>	Best 2 Junior events, best Youth Ranked event and the TBA Junior Masters

- 3.18.** Any promoter or organising committee of a Ranked event that permits a bowler without current TBA membership to participate in their event will result in the following:
- 3.18.1.** The offending bowler will forfeit any entitlement to any of the prize fund;
 - 3.18.2.** The offending bowler will forfeit any entitlement to ranking points; and
 - 3.18.3.** The event will be removed from future Ranked event calendars
- 3.19.** Non-Australian visiting bowlers are required to produce a letter from their national federation/governing body to the Tournament Director no later than 1 week prior to the event confirming that they are a current and financial member for that year. This letter should be forwarded to TBA 5 days prior to the event. If a non-Australian visiting bowler fails to provide proof of membership they must become a TBA member, otherwise they will be unable to compete.
- 3.20.** 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 with the exception of Juniors (refer 3.14.3, 3.14.4 and 3.14.5) and Seniors (refer 3.10 & 3.12). TBA will not be responsible for any loss or perceived loss of points by any bowler who fails to gain entry because squads are full.
- 3.21.** TBA will only Rank Senior events if the entry form defines that all participants must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition.
- 3.22.** 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 is eliminated.
- 3.23.** 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.
- For example, 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.
- 3.24.** If multiple entries are allowed, only a bowler's highest position will attract points.
- For example, 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.
- 3.25.** If a bowler who qualifies for the next stage of an event withdraws for any reason before that stage commences, the next available bowler based on the previous stages final positions will take the bowlers place. The withdrawing bowler will automatically move to the 1st position outside of the cut and be awarded ranking points for that position.
- 3.26.** Refer to TBA Rule 823 if a bowler withdraws during a Match play final.
- 3.27.** A tie for first place at the completion of any year will be decided by the bowler with the highest average in the points allocated. For example, all points allocated to the tied bowlers will be added and the total then divided by the number of events allocated points. The bowler with the highest score will be declared the winner. In the event the tie still exists, both bowlers will receive \$1,000.

4. WHAT'S ON OFFER

- 4.1. The Grand Seniors Male and Female, Seniors Male and Female, Adult Male and Female and the Youth Male and Female winners will each receive \$1000 and a winner's Plaque.
- 4.2. The Junior Male and Female winners will each receive a \$500 voucher to be used for any TBA Ranked Events or TBA National Team payments within the following 12 months and a winner's plaque.

5. AS ALWAYS, CONDITIONS APPLY

- 5.1. Ranking points will not be allocated if the Centre where the Tournament is being held is not a current TBA Registered Centre.
- 5.2. Ranking points will not be allocated if the Centre where the Tournament is being held does not comply with the Tenpin Bowling Australia Lane Conditioning Policy. TBA representatives may carry out spot checks.
- 5.3. No Ranking points will be awarded if the Tournament has not been accredited with Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd.
- 5.4. Tournament Directors are required to send through a final version of the Sprint backup to the TBA office no later than COB the following business day.
- 5.5. If clause 5.4 is not adhered, 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

The National Elite Ranking System provides a simple gauge for bowlers, administrators, sponsors and the media to assess how bowlers are performing on the NSO endorsed national tournament circuit.

The Points Table used to allocate points is shown on the next page.

**Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RANKING
POINTS TABLE**

PLACE	SINGLE POINTS	PLACE	SINGLE POINTS	PLACE	SINGLE POINTS	PLACE	SINGLE POINTS	PLACE	SINGLE POINTS
1st	100	21st	19	41st	9	61st	5	81st	2
2nd	80	22nd	18	42nd	9	62nd	5	82nd	2
3rd	65	23rd	17	43rd	9	63rd	5	83rd	2
4th	55	24th	16	44th	9	64th	5	84th	2
5th	50	25th	15	45th	8	65th	5	85th	2
6th	46	26th	14	46th	8	66th	4	86th	2
7th	43	27th	14	47th	8	67th	4	87th	2
8th	40	28th	13	48th	8	68th	4	88th	2
9th	38	29th	13	49th	8	69th	4	89th	2
10th	36	30th	12	50th	7	70th	4	90th	1
11th	34	31st	12	51st	7	71st	4	91st	1
12th	32	32nd	12	52nd	7	72nd	4	92nd	1
13th	30	33rd	11	53rd	7	73rd	3	93rd	1
14th	28	34th	11	54th	7	74th	3	94th	1
15th	26	35th	11	55th	6	75th	3	95th	1
16th	24	36th	11	56th	6	76th	3	96th	1
17th	23	37th	10	57th	6	77th	3	97th	1
18th	22	38th	10	58th	6	78th	3	98th	1
19th	21	39th	10	59th	6	79th	3	99th	1
20th	20	40th	10	60th	5	80th	3	100th	0

Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd – NATIONAL ELITE RANKING SYSTEM DETAILS MODIFICATION and REVISION RECORD

Version	Rule	Change	Date
1.0		<p>Totally Revised for 2016</p> <p>1.1 – change date from 30 June to 30 July</p> <p>3.3 – removed specific information about where on the website the Rankings Application form is located</p> <p>3.4 – changed from ‘tournament director/organiser must check all participants are members of TBA’ to ‘tournament director/organiser must send squad lists to the TBA National Office at least 1 week prior to the event to ensure all participants are members of TBA’</p> <p>3.6 – included age definitions of all regulated divisions</p> <p>3.7 – removed second paragraph ‘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.’</p> <p>Removal of previous 3.8 – ‘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’</p> <p>3.9 – addition of ‘excluding Open events with the 8 pins bonus for females’</p> <p>3.10 – updated wording</p> <p>3.14 – addition of rankings points allocation for youth events</p> <p>3.15 – reworded</p> <p>3.16 – updated number of maximum events ranked per division</p> <p>3.17 – updated AMF Australian Masters to TBA Australian Masters</p> <p>3.17 – included Junior rankings details</p> <p>3.19 – addition of non-Australian bowlers requiring a letter from their NSO confirming current membership</p> <p>3.22 – reworded</p> <p>Removal of 3.24 - Rankings points for an event in any division will be awarded to all bowlers who participate. TBA will not be responsible for any loss or perceived loss of points by any bowler who fails to gain entry because squads are full.</p> <p>3.26 – reworded</p>	24/11/15

Version	Rule	Change	Date
1.0 cont.		<p>Removal of previous 3.29 – ‘Some event rules may define that, for example, a 16 bowler match play 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 match play final, then Rankings points will be applied to the event after qualifying.’</p> <p>4.2 – addition of junior rankings winner prize</p> <p>5.1 – addition of TBA registered centre requirement</p> <p>5.4 – addition of required for tournament director to send through final Sprint version by COB next business day</p> <p>5.5 – updated to reflect addition of 5.4 and penalties</p> <p>6 – reworded</p>	24/11/15
1.1	3.17 3.26	<p>Updated to include the following to both Youth Boys and & Girls Best 3 Youth events, best Open Ranked event and the National Youth Cup</p> <p>Updated TBA rule number to 823</p>	5/09/2017
1.2	3.17	Female Youth points revised to include Female or Open division	5/01/2018