

## INCLUSION TIPS: FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

As a parent or carer of a person with a disability you are able to support the continued development of an inclusive bowling culture. A lot of work is being done to ensure that opportunities exist for people with a disability to participate in all aspects, at all levels of the sport. Whether your child is bowling for fun or for health, to be part of a community or to make friends, tenpin bowling provides opportunities for all to participate.

### What you can do:

- Allow your child to be a bowler, encouraging them to make the most of the opportunities available in the bowling centre
- Be open minded and cooperate with coaches, staff and administrators to determine way to include your child
- Understand that your bowling centre may not be aware of the specific needs of your child, so provide relevant information and support the centres efforts to be inclusive
- Encourage your child to let someone know if they have been treated unfairly and talk to your child about the issue
- Contact the Tenpin Bowling Australia Inclusion Officer or State Representative to discuss any concerns you have

### What you should do:

- Talk with representatives from your bowling centre to discuss specific needs or questions you may have
- Talk with relatives or friends or contact your state association about what centre might be most suitable
- Become a member of TBA to ensure the best possible experience from the sport
- Read the Tenpin Bowling Australia Member Protection Policy (MPP)
- Follow the steps outlined in the Member Protection Policy (MPP) if you feel you, or your child or someone else has been discriminated against.

### REMEMBER

Your bowler needs the chance to succeed, fail and overcome challenges, learn sportsmanship and perseverance and grow positive relationships within centre. From this bowlers gain confidence, self esteem and independence because they succeed through their own abilities.

Support your bowler and your centre to help develop an inclusive culture.

