

THESE RULES WILL APPLY FOR THE CONDUCT AND CONTROL OF THE  
MICHAEL COOKE MEMORIAL SHIELD1. TOURNAMENT NAME

The Tournament will be known as the Michael Cooke Memorial Shield (formerly known as The Campbelltown Trophies State Team Challenge) renamed in honour of the late Mr Michael Cooke and will be a scratch event. The Michael Cooke Memorial Shield winners will be presented with a perpetual trophy sponsored by Mr Barry Davies.

2. PURPOSE

- The purpose of the Michael Cooke Memorial Shield is to determine annually the best State/Territory representative team of tenpin bowlers with the team consisting of a maximum of eight players.
- To foster, develop and advance a spirit of good sportsmanship, fellowship and a good relationship amongst the representative teams and to advance their mutual interest in relation to bowling generally.

3. STATES/TERRITORIES TO BE REPRESENTED

Participation in the Michael Cooke Memorial Shield will be limited to a maximum of ONE (1) Team from the following States and Territories:-

New South Wales  
Victoria  
Queensland  
South Australia  
Western Australia  
Tasmania  
Australian Capital Territory  
Northern Territory.

4. ELIGIBILITY – TEAM MEMBER**Each person must:**

- be a current financial member of Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA), in good standing;
- be capable of conducting themselves in such a manner so as not to reflect discredit on TBA, ADTI, the State/Territory they are representing or tenpin bowling;
- have qualified for Team Membership in accordance with the conditions set down by the State/Territory Committee in charge of selection; and
- meet the criteria of a Bowler with a Disability for the entries for the Championships except for Managers, Coaches and Support Personnel.

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**Each competitor must:**

- have bowled a minimum of 18 games in any structured competition (where an average is kept for future use) at the time of cut off of averages for the championships;
- meet the criteria of a Bowler with a Disability; and
- have completed an All Events entry in the Nationals of that year (ie bowl in singles, doubles and teams) prior to the commencement of the Shield.

**Coaches**

All applicants for the position of Coach of a State/Territory Team must hold at least a current Level 1 Accreditation under the TBA National Coaching Accreditation Scheme. If a State cannot supply a coach then the State/Territory/Zone can apply to another state for a suitable coach to be selected.

**Managers**

All applicants for the position of Manager of a State/Territory Team must hold a State Team Manager's Certificate.

5. SELECTION OF TEAMS

- Teams will be selected by the Disabilities Committee of the respective State/Territory Association.
- The manner of selection of the scratch teams will be on scratch results during the State or Territory Championships or Roll-off conducted for team selection.
- Individual bowler's record sheets (Standing Sheet) at cut off of averages must be provided to the Tournament Director.
- The roster of players for each team in the Michael Cooke Memorial Shield may not exceed eight (8) players. The actual playing strength/line-up for any match will be five (5) players drawn from the roster submitted.
- Reserves, each state/territory may nominate two (2) reserves in the case of injury/non-attendance along with the team of eight (8). State Managers must inform the Tournament Director preceding the start of play for reserves to be eligible.
- All players must participate in at least 1 round, except in cases of emergency.
- Each State/Territory Disability Committee must advise the Tournament Director by the third Friday in May, of the names and details of their Team Members. Failure to provide this information by the prescribed time may result in a forfeit by that State/Territory.

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6. BOWLING FEES

The Tournament Committee may pay for the bowling fees (cost of games) associated with the Michael Cooke Memorial Shield. In the event the Tournament Committee is unable to pay these fees, each State/Territory will be responsible for their own team. Each State/Territory will be notified in advance if this becomes necessary.

7. VENUE

The Michael Cooke Memorial Shield will be conducted in the host centre used for the conduct of the annual Australian Disability Championships, and will take place on the second Wednesday of the Championship.

8. CONTROL OF MATCHES

The Tournament Director will be responsible for all Tournament preparations, and conduct of the matches whilst in progress. The appointed Tournament Director may appoint/engage such assistance as deemed necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the Tournament.

9. ENTERING AVERAGES

The rules governing the entering average for a Team Member will be the same as stipulated by the Australian Disability Championship Rules and Regulations.

10. FORMAT FOR MATCHES

- Teams will be opposed against each other for one complete round of matches over such time as may be considered necessary, according to the number of participating teams.
- Each match will be one full team game, and in the event of two or more teams not being represented, the number of matches will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- In the event that an odd number of States/Territories are represented, the team scheduled to play the bye will bowl and must exceed their blind score (within 9 pins is a win, 10 under is a draw and 11 or more under is a loss). For the team points (within 49 pins is a win, 50 under is a draw and 51 or more under is a loss).
- In the event that one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl, due to an emergency occurrence prior to the commencement of, or during the actual Tournament, such that five (5) players are not available to play, the team will be filled by such eligible bowlers as are necessary, provided that their inclusion is approved by the Tournament Director or appointed delegate. The decision as to what constitutes an emergency will be determined by the Tournament Director or the appointed delegate.

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- The team scheduled to play on the left hand side lane of the pair, will be obliged to post their order of players first, thus enabling the team scheduled for the right hand side lane to match their players against the order posted by their opponents.

#### 11. POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Each team member will be matched against the opposing team member in the corresponding position in the line-up and the bowler achieving the highest total scratch pinfall for the game will win one (1) point for the Team. In the event of an equal game score, the point will be equally shared.
- The teams' total pinfall will be compared with the total pinfall of the opposing team and two (2) points will be awarded to the team with the highest total pinfall.
- At the conclusion of the rounds of matches, the team having the highest number of points will be declared the Michael Cooke Memorial Shield Champion Team for the year.
- In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points, the team with the highest pinfall will be declared the winner.

#### 12. PRIZE

The Michael Cooke Memorial Shield will be presented to the winning team at the conclusion of the event. Each team member will receive a gold medal, inscribed to commemorate the Team's achievement. Silver medals will be presented to the 2nd placed Team and Bronze medals to the 3rd placed Team.

The Michael Cooke Memorial Shield is a perpetual trophy and will remain in the custody of the Champion State/ Territory to be displayed in the various bowling centres and offices throughout the State/Territory until the commencement of the next Tournament.

#### 13. OTHER MATTERS

- Any other matter that may arise during the course of the Tournament that are not covered in the above mentioned Rules and Regulations will be resolved by the Tournament Committee and/or the Tournament Director as deemed appropriate.
- All members of the State Teams including Bowlers, Coaching Staff, Management and Support Staff are to refrain from the consuming of alcoholic beverages during the Tournament. Any person found under the influence of alcohol or consuming alcohol during the Tournament will be withdrawn from the competition immediately.