

Benefits of Being a ATBSOV Member

- Monthly tournaments at various bowling centres around Melbourne
- * \$20.00 discount on tournament entry fees.
- **\$50 membership draw for participating bowlers at each tournament.**
- **Opportunity to win -**
 - **Cash prizes for tournament results.**
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 - **Prizes at our Christmas Tournament (Winners drawn randomly from Membership).**
- Bowl in TBA accredited events where all bowlers have verified averages.
- Ability to enter a variety of tournament formats including scratch and graded events, individual and team events.
- Experience fair and competitive play with TBA rules.
- Opportunity to network with other bowlers across Victoria and interstate.
- Opportunity to represent Victoria in the Interstate Challenge.
- Receive notifications of tournaments.
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- * Eligible non-financial members may bowl in a tournament at the Tournament Director's discretion by paying \$110 per tournament.

Where Your Membership Fee Goes

- Annual Financial Report lodgement fee (Consumer Affairs)
- ATBSO National affiliation fees.
- Bank fees.
- Insurance.
- Postage and stationery
- TBA accreditation fees.
- Other costs – Trophies, Plaques and Awards.

For further information please contact any member of the ATBSOV Inc. Committee.

For tournament entries please contact the Tournament Director.
Visit us on the web: www.atbsov.com.au
or our Facebook page ATBSOV.

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Rules & Regulations

RULES & REGULATIONS OVERVIEW

1. Open to all bowlers 45 years or over before the tournament and must hold a TBA registered player card.
2. The membership fee is \$40.00 per year.
3. Dress code is as follows:

Ladies:

- Skirt, slacks, Dress shorts/3/4 pants (Navy or Black)
- Shirt (any of the following): ATBSOV member's shirt, official Seniors Tournament Winner shirt or Victorian Seniors Interstate Challenge Representative shirt.
- Member shirts are available at each tournament for purchase through the Committee.
- Bowlers are required to purchase a Seniors Member shirt before their third event.

Men:

- Slacks, dress shorts/3/4 pants (navy or black).
- Shirt (any of the following): ATBSOV member's shirt, official Seniors Tournament Winner shirt or Victorian Seniors Interstate Challenge Representative shirt.
- Member shirts are available at each tournament for purchase through the Committee.
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4. Tournament Information

The average used for all tournaments and state trials is the ATBSOV National Average.

Handicap System

Handicaps are based on 100% of 200 for most tournaments. For new members this is determined by a bowler's highest current league average established over 18 games (written confirmation by your League Secretary is required)> After bowlers have bowled in 2 Seniors events, their average will be re-calculated on those 2 events, and updated after each tournament.

Squad Allocation

Tournaments will usually be bowled in one or two squads depending on the number of entries. The Tournament Director is the only person to contact for entering or withdrawing from tournaments. Email repsan@bigpond.net.au or phone 0408 642 131. Confirmations for events are emailed out approximately one week before the tournament.

If you are unable to bowl please contact the Tournament Director prior to 8pm on the Friday immediately before the tournament, as lane draws are prepared in advance. Tournament entries after this time may not be accepted.

Hall of Fame Victoria

A person who has bowled in at least 7 Challenges and played at least 100 games.

The Committee reserves the right to elevate any person it sees fit to the Hall of Fame status if the circumstances arise.

Merit Award

This award was inaugurated in 2014 to acknowledge bowlers that have made a number of Challenge Teams, Coached or Managed together with volunteers that have contributed to the ATBSOV.

Life Membership

Is a person who has been a member of the ATBSOV for at least 10 years and that the person has in the opinion of the incumbent Committee, made a significant contribution to the Association over time.

Masters:

Masters representatives for **ATBSOV** at the nationals will be the top qualifier in each division of the Challenge team roll offs.

INTERSTATE CHALLENGE

The Interstate Challenge is an annual 3-day tournament with representative teams competing from all Australian States and Territories.

We submit 5 member teams representing the Male and Female Scratch Divisions and Male and Female Restricted Divisions, Classic (3 Men & 3 Ladies)

Each team plays each other State or Territory 3 times. Teams consist of 6 players, of which only 4 bowl at any one time. Each bowler bowls a minimum of 10 games over the tournament.

Medals are awarded in different divisions for winners.

Eligibility to Bowl in Trials:

Any bowler wishing to participate in the ATBSOV team trials must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a current financial member
2. Reside in the state of Victoria (including Albury)
3. Must have bowled in a minimum of 5 ATBSOV events prior to the trials (**Ranked events do not count**). These 5 events must have been bowled from the end of the previous year's roll off period to the current year's roll off date.
4. Bowlers seeking an exemption from any of the above criteria must do so in writing and lodged with the ATBSOV committee no later than 14 days prior to the team trials.

New members who join ATBSOV in January 2024 are required to bowl 3 the tournaments prior to the qualifying roll off, to be eligible for selection.

Once you have made our state team you must continue to bowl ATBSOV monthly tournaments.