



Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation Victoria (ATBSOV Inc.)

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RULES & REGULATIONS

General:

1. Australian Tenpin Bowling Seniors Organisation Victoria Inc. (ATBSOV) holds monthly tournaments as a pathway to State Team representation. All our events are TBA accredited and are governed by the Rules and Regulations of ATBSOV and TBA. Any rules or disputes which are not covered in either of these Rules and Regulations will be decided by the Tournament Director, whose decision will be final.
2. Our tournaments are open to all bowlers forty-five (45) years of age or older (before the date of the tournament being entered), who hold a current ATBSOV and TBA membership.
3. Annual ATBSOV membership is \$40.00.
4. Members are required to abide by the ATBSO Code of Conduct. Penalties will be imposed for any breach of the Code of Conduct.
5. All bowlers are required to abide by our dress code:
 - a. Black or navy: Slacks, dress shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ pants, skirts or skorts.
 - b. Shirt: ATBSOV member, senior tournament winner or senior state team representative.
 - c. Bowlers are required to purchase an ATBSOV members shirt before bowling their third event. (These are available at each tournament.)
6. Hall of Fame Victoria: Eligibility is open to a person who has bowled in at least seven (7) challenges and played at least one hundred (100) games. The Committee reserves the right to elevate any person it sees fit to a Hall of Fame status if the circumstances arise.
7. Life Member: Eligibility is open to a person who has been a member of ATBSOV for at least ten (10) years and has, in the opinion of the Committee, made a significant contribution to our association over time.
8. Merit Award: This award is to acknowledge bowlers and/or volunteers who have either made a number of challenge teams, or coached or managed and have contributed to our association.

Monthly Tournament Rules:

1. Monthly tournaments are held at various bowling centres around Melbourne.
2. Each tournament consists of 8 games at a cost of \$95.
3. Non-financial members may bowl in a tournament (at the discretion of the Tournament Director) for a cost of \$115.
4. Tournaments will be held in a variety of formats, including scratch, graded, singles, doubles and teams.
5. Classic and Graded divisions will be handicapped at 100% of 200.
6. Averages used for all monthly tournaments will be the ATBSO National Average. New members, who will not have a national average, will come in on their highest current league average established over a minimum of eighteen (18) games. Once three (3) ATBSOV tournaments have been bowled, the average will be recalculated and updated thereafter.
7. All entries, queries and withdrawals to be directed to the Tournament Director.
8. Confirmations for tournaments will be emailed out approximately one (1) week before the event. (If you are unable to bowl, please contact the Tournament Director before 8.00pm on the Friday immediately before the tournament, as lane draws are prepared in advance.)
9. A lucky membership draw will be conducted at each tournament. Winner must be present and will receive \$50 cash.
10. Prize money will be paid 1 in 4 for each division and via EFT.
11. If there are any ties for any position, the prize money will be divided equally.
12. Amounts paid out will vary as they will be dependent on entries and any sponsorship received for a tournament.

State Masters Representatives:

1. Our State Masters representatives at the ATBSO Nationals will be the top qualifier in our state team roll offs for each defined Masters division (Open Men, Open Women, Classic Men, Classic Women, Restricted Men and Restricted Women).
2. Each nominated representative will be supplied with a Masters shirt.
3. If any determined representative is unable or not travelling to the ATBSO Nationals or is a National defending Masters champion, the next placed bowler who is attending the Nationals will become the Victorian State Masters representative.

Interstate Challenge:

The Interstate Challenge is a state based representative team tournament with three (3) separate divisions being Open, Classic and Restricted, competing against other states and territories. All formats and rules for the interstate challenges are determined by the ATBSON.

Eligibility to Roll Off:

1. Must be a current ATBSOV financial member.
2. Must reside in the state of Victoria (including Albury).
3. Must have bowled a minimum of five (5) ATBSOV tournaments prior to the roll offs. These five (5) tournaments must have been bowled from the end of the previous years roll off to the current years roll off date. Ranked tournaments do not count.
4. New members who join in January are required to bowl three (3) ATBSOV tournaments prior to the roll off date.
5. Must comply with average requirements for the Restricted and Classic divisions.
6. Any bowler seeking exemption from the above criteria must do so in writing and must be received by the ATBSOV Committee no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the roll offs.

Roll Off Rules:

1. Roll offs will be held over two (2) days with eight (8) games being bowled on each day.
2. At the conclusion of the two (2) days (sixteen (16) games), the top six (6) bowlers in each division will represent Victoria at the current year's ATBSO National Championships and Challenges.
3. Should an exemption(s) for the roll offs be applied for and granted, at the conclusion of the two (2) days (sixteen (16) games), the top four (4) bowlers in that division will represent Victoria at the current year's ATBSO National Championships and Challenges. The state team selection panel will select the fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) members for that team.
4. Any bowler failing to complete any stage of the roll off will not be entitled to a refund for any monies paid.
5. Any tie for the last team position in any division will be resolved by a one (1) game play off. Should a tie still exist, a 9th & 10th frame will be played until the tie is broken.
6. Any bowler who is not successful in the roll off is eligible for the national draft.
7. Any bowler who is successful in the roll off but withdraws from the team for any reason, is not eligible for the national draft.
8. All applications for the national draft must be approved and signed by the Committee.

Conditions which apply to Challenge Team Members:

1. Must abide by all rules and any instructions given by the Board.
2. May be required to pay in the vicinity of \$150 and agree to do so by the advised due date.
3. Must attend all arranged functions, meetings and practice sessions.
4. Must accept all directions from the Team Manager.
5. Must report any major illness or injury.
6. Must organise your own travel and accommodation.
7. Any organised fundraising money will be divided equally among all team members who participate.
8. Team Captains will be selected by the Board.
9. Team Managers will be selected by the Board from nominations received.