



The Greater Sydney Tenpin Bowling Association Ltd

Trading as **TENPIN SYDNEY**

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## **THE INTER-DISTRICT TOURNAMENT 2012 RULES**

### **1. THE INTER-DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

1.1. *The Inter-District committee supervises the running of the Inter-District Tournament.*

1.2. *Its functions are too;*

1.2.1. *Call for team nominations to determine the line-up for all divisions*

1.2.2. *Prepare the centre schedule, lane draw and rules for each season, along with the preparation and presentation of a suitable statement.*

1.2.3. *Maintain the necessary records during the season and issue a detailed weekly standing sheet for each division, including a list of all bowlers' individual bowlers' averages and games bowled. This should include a list of roving reserves with each of their averages and games bowled, along with their contact details to allow them to be accessible to teams as reserves.*

1.2.4. *Prepare and present to each team a detailed prize list for each division.*

1.2.5. *Conduct fundraising activities as it sees fit.*

1.2.6. *Arrange and supervise the end of season presentation dinner.*

1.2.7. *Conduct committee meetings as or when required, to consider any matter which is placed before it.*

1.3. *The committee positions are;*

1.3.1. **THE CHAIRPERSON.** *Appointed at the AGM of Tenpin Sydney*

1.3.2. **The DIVISION SECRETARY.** *Appointed by the Chairperson.*

1.3.3. **The INTER-DISTRICT TREASURER.** *Appointed by the Chairperson.*

1.3.4. **ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH DIVISION.** *Appointed by the Division Secretary*

1.3.5. **PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE.** *Appointed by the bowlers in each division. Each committee member has one vote at committee meetings. Should a committee member not be available, a sub-committee from that member's division may attend and vote in their place, subject to the approval of the Chairperson.*

### **2. DIVISION SUB-COMMITTEE**

2.1. *Each division sub-committee is made up of, the two appointed committee members and any other members approved by the division secretary. The sub-committee will act as stewards to receive any individual enquiry to matters such as rules, or general procedures.*



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2.2. Bowlers, through their team captain, should first go to a member of the sub-committee to discuss their problem, the sub-committee member **must then inform the Division Secretary** who will in consultation with the other sub-committee members, take the required action to resolve the problem immediately

2.3. If the problem cannot be resolved at that time, and then it will be referred to the Inter-District Secretary for action and determination by the Inter-District Committee at its next meeting

2.4. Sub-committee members may be called upon to address the meeting to assist in determining the outcome of the matter.

2.5. At no time will sub-committee members have the right to vote at these meetings. (Except as shown in Rule 1 Section 1.3.5)

### **3. TEAM CAPTAIN DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES**

3.1. Ensure all team members hold current Tenpin Sydney membership, by the end of the first day bowling of Inter-district. Ensure that all bowlers hold a current Tenpin Sydney membership card prior to bowling on any given day. Team members are responsible for the payment of their membership on the first day's bowling of Inter-district.

3.2. Register all players with the division secretary, either as team bowlers, or team reserves prior to bowling.

3.3. Ensure all relevant fees are paid for each match.

3.4. Ensure that all team members (permanent or reserves) have signed the Code of Conduct by the completion of the day's bowling and that these are handed to the Divisional secretary.

3.5. Ensure that all team members are aware of all Inter-District rules.

3.6. In the event that a Team Captain or Team member fails to sign the score sheet the following will apply;

3.6.1. As soon as any Division Secretary realises that the sheet has not been signed, they are to immediately contact the Team Captain or if they are unavailable any Team member and advise them of the situation. The Team is to be given 12 hours to remedy this oversight, If is not possible for the Team to personally meet up with the Division Secretary, the sheet can be signed via a faxed copy of the score sheet or e-mail. If this is also not possible, they can authorise the Divisional Secretary to sign the score sheet on their behalf, after verifying that the scores are correct. This also applies to any bowler's game missing on the score sheet.

3.7. Maintain team and individual record sheets.

3.8. Ensure that each team member who bowls on the day wears their team's bowling shirt.

3.9. The team captain will ensure that all prize money won by their team, is divided correctly and in accordance with written or verbal agreements.

**Disputes over such allocation should be immediately directed to a member of the Inter-District committee who will advise the Inter-District secretary for assistance in a resolution.**



#### **4. PLAYING RULES**

4.1. *TBA LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT and GENERAL PLAYING RULES apply to any playing situations not adequately covered by these rules.*

4.2. *No bowler can be registered in more than one division, as a team member at the same time.*

4.3. *Roving reserves will be permitted, however they must be registered prior to bowling on any given day.*

4.4. *Should a player wish to transfer from one team to another or to the roving reserve list, they must apply to the division secretary with seven (7) days notice in writing, together with the approval of the Inter-District committee. This rule extends to bowlers who resign from one team and who wish to join another team. Once a bowler leaves a team for any reason, they cannot bowl for that team again for the remainder of the season.*

4.5. *Should a bowler wish to change divisions, they must apply to the Inter-District committee within fourteen (14) days notice in writing. Should this be approved, the committee will notify the bowler in writing, stating the date the player is eligible to commence bowling in the new division.*

4.6. *Each match will consist of three (3) games scratch. Each team will field five (5) bowlers, who will compete for one (1) point on a head to head basis for each of the three (3) games. One (1) point will be jointly contested for the overall team game for each of the three (3) games and one (1) point for overall team series. A total of nineteen (19) points are available for each match.*

4.7. *Where a team cannot field a full line-up, that team may arrange for a roving reserve or, failing that, may ask, the division secretary to call for roving reserves and/or players from the concourse. A roving reserve can only be used if their entering average does not raise the teams entering average above the division cut-off.*

4.8. *The team using roving reserves must have a legal line-up of three (3) registered team bowlers, otherwise they will forfeit.*

4.9. *It is the responsibility of a team using a bowler for the first time, either as a team player or roving reserve, to ensure that a registration form is completed and lodged with the division secretary with proof of their average prior to that day's play. Also that the "Code of Conduct" is signed or the scores of the new bowler may not be counted. The Division Secretary has 14 days after the day's bowling to verify their averages.*

4.10. *Players and or teams may not bowl on their scheduled lanes from two (2) hours prior to the start of scheduled practice. For the purpose of this rule, scheduled practice is five (5) minutes prior to start of scheduled play (2:00 pm).*

4.11. *A maximum of eight (8) players may participate in the pre-match practice session.*

4.12. *Prior to bowling, the team on the even numbered lane will post their line-up first by 2:00 pm. The line-up must remain unchanged throughout the three (3) game series, except that a player may be replaced by the team captain, after informing the opposing team captain of his/her intention of doing so, this must take place before the start of the next game. Players, once replaced, cannot return to play again during that match.*



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- 4.13. *Players proper names must be entered into the computer scoring system, Commonly used short forms of given names are acceptable, e.g. "Bob" for "Robert" or "Betty" for "Elizabeth". **Players full and correct names must be used on the official score sheet.***
- 4.14. *Players and scorers will be the only persons allowed in the playing area. **Children must remain outside the players area at all times.** Any object which may be considered a nuisance to players, including the use of mobile phones, must be removed from the player's area.*
- 4.15. *Players must not hold up the progress of play by being absent from the playing area, when it is their turn to bowl, with the exception of the committee or sub-committee carrying out their duties.*
- 4.16. ***There will be no smoking during the game. Smoking will be permitted at the completion of each game only. Smokers must be back in the playing area for their next turn, otherwise they will forfeit that frame. Players must not hold up any game while waiting for a smoker to return. This rule will be strictly enforced.***
- 4.17. ***All team players and roving reserves must signed and returned back to their divisional secretary their copy of the Inter-District Code of Conduct by the end of play of their first day bowling.***
- 4.18. *The method by which the champion team in each division will be determined, in the event of a tie on points between two (2) or more teams, at the conclusion of the Inter-District schedule, will be by means of a normal match schedule. Should this result in any of those teams still being in a tie situation, it will be decided by a one (1) game play off in the normal manner until the tie is broken. Should a tie occur for any other position, the prize money for the tied position will be added together and divided equally between those teams.*
- 4.19. *Matches will be played on Saturdays at 2:00 pm.*
- 4.20. ***Injured players may be replaced at any time, the replacement player must commence scoring from the frame current and the injured player's score must be deleted.***
- 4.21. *All bowlers will comply with playing rule 217 of the TBA LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT and GENERAL PLAYING RULES V8.5 which states:*

**"RULE 217 ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

*Effective January 1st, 2012, apart from medical aids, no electronic earpieces, headphones or any other electronic device can be worn or used by bowlers whilst they are competing."*

## **5. GENERAL CONDUCT**

- 5.1. *Players are expected to conduct themselves in a sporting, professional and competitive manner and must refrain from creating any undue noise or disturbance, which may in any way distract other players while bowling is in progress, other than to support their own team by cheering and clapping.*
- 5.2. *There is to be no alcohol or drugs consumed while bowling is in progress. Any member, who is, in the opinion of the division secretary, visibly under the influence of alcohol or drugs, will not be allowed to bowl on that day. A*



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report will be forwarded to the Inter-District committee for any further action and further to the board of Tenpin Sydney for mention and consideration at its next meeting.

5.3. Foul language on the lanes, or in the playing area, at an audible level, will not be tolerated. Excessive audible foul or offensive language in or around the playing area during any match, will not be tolerated. A warning will be given at the time of the offensive, through the team captain; a suspension may follow for any further offence.

5.4. Any player found guilty of abuse of machinery or equipment in any bowling centre during a match, may be disqualified immediately.

5.5. Any player found guilty of excessive verbal abuse towards centre staff, may be disqualified immediately and will be cited to appear before the Inter-District committee for any additional action that is determined necessary.

5.6. Physical abuse or harassment of any kind, will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by immediate disqualification and cited to appear before the Inter-District committee for any further action deemed necessary.

Any legal action in respect to physical abuse is outside the jurisdiction of this committee.

**Where a player is disqualified, the player team will not be permitted to replace the disqualified player in their line-up.**

## **6. LEGAL LINE-UP**

6.1. Roving reserves are to be considered part of a team's line-up, provided that at least three (3) registered team bowlers are present and bowling on the day.

## **7. FORFEITS and BYES**

7.1. Any team not having a full line-up at the start of play must post their line-up first, regardless of which lane they are scheduled to bowl on. Where an individual bowls against a bye or forfeit, he/she must bowl his/her current average less nineteen (19) pins to win the point at stake, except on the first day of competition when a bowlers entering average must be used.

## **8. BLIND SCORES**

8.1. There will be no blind scores as all Inter-District matches are scratch.

## **9. TARDY PLAYERS**

9.1. Tardy players may bowl from the first frame in game one, with their score to count, providing they are in the player's area ready to bowl, before the game has progressed beyond the third (3) frame or ten minutes from the time the first ball of the match is bowled, whichever comes first.

9.2. Players arriving after the above guidelines may bowl the remainder of the game with the scores to count, from the frame currently in progress at the time they are in the player's area ready to bowl.

## **10. PRE-BOWLED and DEFERRED MATCHES**

10.1. Pre-bowled and deferred matches are allowed in circumstances which are acceptable to the Inter-District committee and must be requested in writing, at least four (4) weeks prior to the original date of the match where possible, and must be agreed to by the opposing team captain.



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10.2. In an emergency situation, a deferred match may be granted by the Inter-District committee outside these guidelines, however, the opposing team captain must agree to the deferred match.

10.3. Pre-bowled and deferred matches must be bowled in the originally scheduled centre.

**Note:** Where the season includes positional rounds, pre-bowled and deferred matches must be bowled before the next positional round, (except for the last round), this is so the standings are up to date before the positional round is to be bowled. **There will be no deferred matches allowed during the last six (6) weeks of I.D.**

10.4. Matches scheduled during the last six (6) weeks may be pre-bowled before the final six (6) weeks.

## **11. SPLIT ROUNDS**

11.1. From time to time, nominations will be received from centres that have fewer lanes than can accommodate any one entire division. Unless special arrangements can be made, this would result in a split round for the scheduled dates at those centres.

## **12. FEES**

12.1. Fees for 2012 will be \$35.00 per week per bowler. \$175.00 per team weekly.

12.2. Team captains are to ensure that prize fund, secretary's and social fees, for each team of five (5) bowlers, is paid on each day of bowling, whether or not the team fields a full line-up.

12.3. Teams not fulfilling their financial obligations are liable to full suspension from the Inter-District and subtraction of their winnings to recoup the amount's outstanding.

12.4. Any team which owes fees will be ineligible to bowl in the following weeks until all fees owing are paid in full and will forfeit all points for any matches not bowled. When a team is deemed ineligible to bowl a match under this rule, the bowling team will bowl against a forfeit.

## **13. PRIZE FUND and PAYOUT**

13.1. The relevant prize fund structure for each division for 2012 will be detailed on a separate schedule.

13.2. Any team which withdraws from Inter-District once the season has started, is responsible for all prize fund, secretary's and social fees that remain unpaid and/or in arrears from the time they withdraw, until the completion of the Inter-District season. Should a replacement team be found, the said withdrawing team would be responsible for those fees which remain outstanding, until the new team commences bowling.

## **14. DRESS RULES**

14.1. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE NEAT AND PRESENTABLY DRESSED AT ALL TIMES. Happy pants, track pants, and shorts, bike pants, skin tight shorts or trousers, cargo pants or shorts, stubbies, hats, caps or football gear, ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

14.2. **Men: Collared team bowling shirt, with trousers or presentable dress jeans or shorts, ¾ shorts and socks.**

14.3. **Women: Collared team bowling shirt, with skirt, or presentable dress jeans and shorts, slacks, dress ¾ shorts and socks or stockings.**



**Note: Length of skirt must be no more than two (2) inches above the knee.**

**14.4. DRESS IS SUBJECT TO INTER-DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

14.5. Team bowling shirts must have a collar and must be the same basic style and colour.

14.6. For the first four (4) bowling weeks of the season of Inter-District., all players have an exemption from the requirement to wear a team bowling shirt, but must wear a suitable shirt with a collar. After this time has elapsed, players not wearing the required team bowling shirt must seek permission in writing from the Inter-District committee, to bowl on any given day. If permission in writing is granted, the said bowler must wear a suitable bowling shirt with a collar.

14.7. Roving reserves, or bowlers from the concourse, must wear a bowling shirt with a collar **and must seek approval of dress from the division secretary, prior to bowling.**

14.8. Any player found to be in violation of these rules, will be issued with a warning through their team captain, or in the case of roving reserves, the captain of the team they are bowling for. If the violation is repeated a second or subsequent time, the player will not be allowed to bowl, unless the matter is rectified immediately. Any games bowled by such a player without the dress violation being rectified, will not count.

## **15. TEAM ROSTERS**

15.1. Team rosters will be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eight (8) players.

15.2. **Note:** In special circumstances e.g., where a team has lost a player and is in the process of finding a replacement player, the committee may allow a team's roster to temporarily fall below the minimum number of bowlers.

15.3. It is the team's captain responsibility to notify the division secretary, **in writing**, of any bowler leaving the team.

15.4. New bowlers may not enter Inter-District during the last six (6) weeks of bowling for any reason, without the permission of the Inter-District committee and then only in exceptional circumstances.

15.5. Team members and roving reserves must have bowled at least six (6) games, before the final six (6) weeks, to bowl during the final six (6) weeks of Inter-District.

## **16. ROVING RESERVES**

16.1. Teams using a roving reserve must ensure that the team's average on the day does not exceed the division cut-off for the five (5) players bowling.

16.2. **Registered roving reserves may bowl in any division of Inter-District subject to the above conditions.**

16.3. Bowlers listed on the roving reserve list, should be available to bowl for all teams registered in Inter-District subject to the above conditions.



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16.4. Where, in the opinion of the Inter-District committee, a roving reserve is not making themselves reasonably available for all teams in compliance with this rule, that person will be ineligible to bowl in any capacity in any division of Inter-District for the remainder of the current year.

16.5. Roving reserves are to be governed by the Inter-District Tournament Rules.

## **17. VIOLATIONS**

17.1. Any games bowled in violation of these rules, unless otherwise stated, may lose any or all points gained by the offending player (whether team member or roving reserve) or team in any game in which the player has bowled.

17.2. The Inter-District committee may additionally suspend the player from bowling in Inter-District for a period of up to six (6) weeks.

17.3. Any player receiving a warning, suspension or loss of points in relation to these rules, will receive confirmation in writing along with the team captain, within seven (7) days. A copy will also be kept by the committee for future reference.

## **18. APPEALS and PROTESTS**

18.1. An appeal must be confirmed in writing, addressed to and received by the Inter-District committee within seventy two (72) hours of the games being bowled (for a protest) or the decision being made (in the case of an appeal).

## **19. TEAM NOMINATIONS**

19.1. The closing date for nominations for the 2012 season of Inter-District will be Saturday – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2011.

19.2. Late entries will be accepted where there is a bye situation, or to compliment the division concerned and will be evaluated by the Inter-District committee.

19.3. Nomination forms will be available from each division secretary, the G.S.T.B.A web site, <http://www.tenpinsydney.com.au/>, or the Inter-District. Chairman on 02 47 356 114 at least four (4) weeks prior to the closing date stated above.

## **20. ENTERING AVERAGES**

20.1. If a bowler has played a minimum of twenty one (21) games in Inter-District or any other travelling league or tournament during the 2011 season, then that average will be used to qualify them for the 2012 season.

20.2. If a bowler did not play the minimum of twenty one (21) games in Inter-District during the 2011 season, then their highest current league or tournament average, regardless of affiliation, over a minimum of thirty six (36) games must be used as their entering average, including any league or tournament that has been completed over the preceding three (3) months.

20.3. If a bowler did not play the minimum of twenty one (21) games in Inter-District during the 2011 season and does not have a current league or tournament average over thirty six (36) games as provided for in this rule, a



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written submission must be made to the Inter-District committee, for a determination of that person entering average for the 2012 season.

20.4. **Bowlers, who have no league or tournament average during the last three (3) years or more, must apply to the Inter-District committee in writing for an entering average.** If the Inter-District committee is unable for any reasons, to establish in its opinion a fair and reasonable entering average for that person, they will not be permitted to register for Inter-District for the 2012 season.

20.5. Team entering averages will be determined by adding the average of the top five (5) bowlers listed on the 2012 nomination form.

20.6. **Maximum team average cut-offs for the 2012 Season: Division 1 will be 1020 . Division 2 - 920. Division 3 - 860. Division 4 - 800 Scratch (This will be a Handicap Division.**

20.7. Entries will be sorted by the entering average from the nomination form into the various divisions.

20.8. Each division is expected to contain ten (10) teams, from highest to lowest entering average. This may vary slightly to compliment each division, at the discretion of the Inter-District committee.

20.9. Once the division cut-off has been established, at no time can the maximum, team averages go above the division cut-off.

20.10. Cut-off date for averages for the 2012 season will be 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

20.11. Team Nomination forms must have a minimum of five (5) bowlers listed to be accepted for nomination.

## **21. SPORTSPERSON of the YEAR**

21.1. Each week, every team member bowling, has the right to vote for any player in the opposing team, who bowls during the match and whom they consider is the most sporting of that team on the day.

21.2. Players cannot vote for members of their own team.

21.3. The player receiving the most votes in each division during the year, will be declared Sportsperson of the Year.

## **22. HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME and SERIES**

22.1. For a player to be eligible for either of these awards, they must have bowled at least 50% of the scheduled games for the season and must be a registered team member, at the time the said award was achieved. A roving reserve is not eligible to receive these awards.



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*PLEASE READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY.*

*ACCEPTANCE OF ALL RULES CONTAINED HERE-IN, IS INDICATED BY THE  
LODGEMENT OF THE SIGNED NOMINATION FORM AND THE SIGNING OF  
THE INTER-DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT BY EACH INDIVIDUAL PLAYER  
BOWLING IN THE INTER-DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.*