



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Tournament is sanctioned by the I.T.B.A. and the general playing and tournament rules will apply and is also sanctioned by the W.T.B.A. and E.T.B.F. and also governed by their tournament rules.
2. All bowlers must be members of a National Bowling Association and must show their current membership card when registering at the tournament. Bowlers failing to present a current national association card will incur an affiliation fee of €10 to the Irish Tenpin Bowling Association. The event is open to male/female bowlers.
3. A provisional ball shall be rolled in the case of a dispute which cannot be settled on the spot.
4. The Tournament Managers will be Ms Lorraine Mayland and Mr Peter Furlong, Tournament Director will be Mr Sean Kennedy whose decision on all matters will be final.
5. The Tournament Director shall allow no unreasonable delay in the progress of any game. Should a bowler refuse to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by the Tournament Director, such game shall be declared forfeited.
6. Any individual whose conduct is considered to be derogatory to the best interest of the sport on or off the lanes, during the entire period of the tournament, may be disqualified from the tournament and will be reported to their respective national associations.
7. To comply with FIQ/IOC anti-doping rules, competitors will not be allowed consume alcohol during the competition. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. Mobile phones must be switched off during play.
8. During play, only competitors of the squad in play and tournament officials will be permitted in the bowling area. All squads will be mixed (male/female).
9. Bowlers must sign the official score sheet on completion of each game. Unsigned score sheets will not be accepted and the games will not be added to their total scores. Score sheets to be returned after each block.
10. All bowling balls must conform to I.T.B.A. specifications for weight, balance and hardness. It is prohibited to use chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the hardness of the ball's surface after play has commenced. Random bowling ball checks may be carried out during the championships.
11. **PROTESTS** – All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament manager within thirty minutes of the game in which the infraction occurred.
12. **ILLEGAL PINFALL** – Pins knocked down by anything other than a legally delivered ball, or the resulting pin action, must in all cases be respotted as such pinfall is not legal
13. **REGISTRATION** – Will commence 30 minutes prior to all scheduled bowling times, and will finish 5 minutes (sharp) before bowling. All competitors must register during these times. Any bowler who does not arrive at the correct time will be replaced by the next reserve.
14. **High Game Prize** - Not included in final stages from last 16
15. If any bowler is unable to bowl after qualification, due to non-show or injury, then the next bowler/bowlers from qualification will take their place/places.