

HOLT RESTRICTED CHALLENGE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **SCOPE**

These Rules will apply for the conduct and control of the Holt Restricted Challenge and related matters. In the event of any Zone rule conflicting with these rules, then these rules will take precedence.

2. **NAME**

The tournament will be known as the Holt Restricted Challenge ("*the Tournament*")

3. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of *the tournament* is to:

- a. Determine annually the best Zone representative team of bowlers in a handicap competition with averages not exceeding
 - i. 184 for male bowlers
 - ii. 174 for female bowlers
- b. Foster, develop, and advance a spirit of good sportsmanship and fellowship, and promote and maintain a good relationship amongst the representative teams

4. **ZONES TO BE REPRESENTED**

- a. Participation in *the tournament* will be limited to one team from each of the following areas of Australia, plus one additional invitational team:
 - i. North Queensland
 - ii. South Queensland
 - iii. New South Wales
 - iv. Victoria
 - v. Tasmania
 - vi. South Australia
 - vii. Western Australia
 - viii. The Australian Capital Territory
 - ix. The Northern Territory

5. **ELIGIBILITY of TEAM MEMBERS**

- a. Each person must:
 - i. Be a financial member of a Tenpin Bowling Australia Licensed Association or Registered Bowling Centre, in good standing
 - ii. Have attained the age of 18 years on, or prior to, the first day of *the tournament* in that year
 - iii. Be capable of conducting themselves in such a manner so as not to discredit either the zone they are representing, or the sport of tenpin bowling
- b. Each competitor must:
 - i. Have competed in a minimum of twenty-four (24) games of league competition in a registered centre within the Zone they wish to represent.
 1. Games completed as either a "prebowl" or "postbowl" will not be counted towards the minimum requirements
 2. Bowlers who are unable to bowl league but do participate in competitive events may apply to the Tournament Committee for exemption
 - ii. Not have any league average, including touring leagues, over a minimum of 24 games at the end of any league season in the preceding year exceeding the maximum averages listed under rule 3.a
 1. Averages received with an exemption under rule 5.b.i.2 must be considered
 - iii. Continue competition play in a league in a registered centre within the Zone they are representing. Bowlers attaining membership via the draft or an exemption under rule 5.b.i.2 are exempt from this clause, however must still continue competition play in their local area
 - iv. Unless granted exemption, be resident within the Zone for the period of time that enables them to participate in the respective selection trials or process, from the commencement of the selection process.

1. Exemption may be granted to players wishing to represent a Zone that is different to the Zone of their residence at the time of trials, upon application in writing to the Tournament Committee
2. Bowlers requesting an exemption must be able to demonstrate that they bowl all, or a major proportion, of their competitive bowling in the Zone they wish to represent
3. Once an exemption has been granted, the bowler must bowl for that Zone. Failure to represent that Zone will result in the bowlers withdrawal from *the tournament*
- v. Have completed an "All Events" entry in the current year's Holt Tenpin Bowling Carnival ("**the carnival**"), prior to the commencement of *the tournament*.

6. **TEAM OFFICIALS**

Each zone is limited to four (4) team officials, of any combination

- a. Team coaches are not required to be accredited under the national accreditation scheme
- b. All Team officials must be a financial member of Holt Challenge in the zone they reside in and be in good standing

7. **SELECTION OF TEAMS**

Teams will be selected by the respective Zone Association or Committee

- a. Determining additional eligibility criteria is the sole responsibility of the respective Zone Association.
 - i. Any appeals or complaints against non-selection or eligibility criteria set by a Zone Association must be lodged with that Zone Association for resolution
- b. Selection must be by way of roll-off, where the first seven (7) male bowlers and first seven (7) female bowlers will be declared the representative team ("*the team*") for that zone to compete in *the tournament*.
 - i. Positions for the roll-off will be determined by handicap pinfall, with the highest claiming the first position
 - ii. Each zone is to conduct the roll-off over a single weekend, bowling seven (7) games one the first day and a further seven (7) games on the second day
 - iii. The roll-off may be conducted in conjunction with the equivalent roll-off for the Holt Classic Challenge team, such that bowlers may nominate for, and have their scores used for, both teams if they are eligible.
 - iv. Zones are permitted to conduct simultaneous selection trials in 2 centres and proportionately allocate the team positions based on the numbers bowling in each centre.
 - v. If a bowler is unable to compete in their Zone roll-offs due to a severe medical condition (and provide a medical certificate acceptable to their Zone) and are otherwise eligible for inclusion they can:
 - a. be included in their Zone team if a there is a vacancy or
 - b. can apply for inclusion in the national draft.
- c. The roster of players for each team in *the tournament* will not exceed a combined total of seven (7) players. The actual playing strength for any match will be five (5) players.
- d. Each Zone Committee must advise the Tournament Committee no later than fourteen (14) days after the completion of that Zones' roll-offs, the names and details of their Team Members.
 - i. Team registration is to be accompanied by a deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500).
 - ii. This payment will be credited towards the final team registration invoice and will be used to purchase pre-event medallions, plaques and any other pre-event expenses.
- e. The highest placed male qualifier and the highest placed female qualifier in each Zone will earn the right to be the Restricted Masters representative at the current years' *carnival*, subject to those bowlers meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in that event.
 - i. Should a representative be ineligible, unable, or unwilling to represent their Zone at the Restricted Masters, the next highest placed bowler of the same gender shall be offered the right, until a bowler is confirmed for the position
 - ii. The fee for this entry will be included in the Zone's registration invoice

8. **VENUE**

The tournament will be conducted at a centre as nominated and selected at the previous year's organization committee's Annual General Meeting

9. **CONTROL OF MATCHES**

The Tournament Committee will appoint the principal Tournament Director who will be responsible for all Tournament preparations and conduct of the matches whilst in progress. The Tournament Committee may appoint or engage such assistance as deemed necessary to ensure the successful conduct of *the tournament*

10. **FORMAT FOR MATCHES**

- a. All play will be conducted on a handicap basis
 - i. Handicap will be calculated at 100% of the difference between a bowler's average and a threshold of 200.
 - ii. Individuals' entering averages will be calculated and advertised prior to the commencement of the tournament. The average calculation will be the average of;
 1. All Events average in the current *carnival*
 2. Entering average to the current *carnival*
 3. Average bowled during individual selection trials
 - iii. All players will be regraded at the end of each days play, by including their current *tournament* average
- b. Each player in each team must compete in a minimum of three (3) games each day, or four (4) games if the team has less than seven (7) players registered. Failure to observe this requirement will result in forfeiture of the team's points for that day.
 - i. Teams unable to fulfill this requirement for legitimate exceptional circumstances such as injury or illness may apply to the tournament committee immediately for exemption. The tournament committee will determine the legitimacy of the exceptional circumstances and may waive, or reduce, the penalty at its absolute discretion
- c. Teams will bowl two complete rounds of matches over the duration of *the tournament*
 - i. One complete round shall consist of a sufficient number of matches as to allow each team to play each other team once.
 - ii. In the event of an uneven number of teams competing
 1. The tournament committee shall determine the number of matches.
 2. The tournament committee may introduce a "bye" team
- d. In the event of a team enjoying a bye, the points shall be available as follows
 - i. Each bowler must exceed a score of 200 with handicap to win their point
 - ii. The team must score a minimum of 1000 with handicap to win their point
- e. Teams unable to field a legal line-up due to legitimate exceptional circumstances may apply to the tournament committee for permission to fill the team with eligible bowlers. The tournament committee will determine the legitimacy of the exceptional circumstances, and may or may not grant permission for replacement bowlers.
- f. The team scheduled to play on the left hand side lane of the pair used in a match will be obliged to post their order of players first, thus enabling the team scheduled for the right hand side lane to match-up their players against the line-up posted
- g. In the event that a player must withdraw during a game due to legitimate circumstances, another member of the team may replace that bowler in the line-up under the following;
 - i. The replacement player must be of the same gender as the original player
 - ii. The score bowled will be credited to the original player
 - iii. The tournament committee will determine the legitimacy of the circumstances, and may not permit the replacement at its absolute discretion

11. **POINTS SYSTEM**

Points in *the tournament* will be awarded as follows;

- a. Individual bowlers will be matched against the bowler in the same position of the opposing teams' line-up. The bowler with the higher handicap score shall be awarded one (1) point. In the event of a tie, the point will be equally shared
- b. Each team will be matched against the team on the opposing lane of the pair that the match is conducted on. The team with the higher handicap total shall be awarded two (2) points. In the event of a tie, the points will be equally shared

12. **DRESS RULES**

Dress rules will apply to *the tournament*

- a. All bowlers within a team must wear a collared shirt of the same design.
- b. All bowlers within a team must wear one of the following;
 - i. Dress slacks
 - ii. Dress shorts
 - iii. Skirts (Ladies only)

- c. Private sponsorship may be displayed on the sleeves of the shirt only, subject to the sponsorship being approved as per rule 13

13. **SPONSORSHIP**

All participating teams are required to submit to the tournament committee, any proposed team or individual sponsorship. This requirement is to determine that there will be no conflict with current or proposed sponsorship agreements with *the tournament*, such as with the venue or external sponsors

14. **AWARDING OF THE TROPHY**

- a. The Holt Restricted Challenge Trophy will be presented to the captain of the Champion Team immediately after *the tournament*
 - i. The Trophy is a perpetual trophy and will remain the property of the Holt Committee
 - ii. The Zone represented by the Champion Team will be permitted to hold the Trophy, for display throughout that Zone at the discretion of that Zone's Association
 - iii. The Zone acting as custodian to the Trophy will return it prior to the next scheduled commencement of *the tournament*
- b. Placings will be allocated to teams based on total points won, and the male and female allocated points added together to form the Zone allocated points.
 - i. Zones on equal allocated points will be ordered by individual points won
 - ii. In the event of a tie for first placing, a play-off will be bowled.
 - 1. When only two teams are involved in such play-off, the format will be as per the format for a single match.
 - 2. The lanes used for any play-off or tie-break match will be decided by the tournament committee
 - 3. The starting lanes for teams participating in any play-off or tie-break match will be determined by a "Toss of a Coin", with the team on higher handicap pinfall having "the Call"
 - 4. The team that accumulates the most points will be declared the Champion Team. If a tie still exists, the process shall be repeated as necessary

15. **MEDALLIONS**

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medallions will be presented to First, Second, and Third placed teams respectively. A maximum of eight (8) medallions will be distributed per team

16. **ADDITIONAL TROPHIES**

The following individual trophies will be awarded;

a. **SPORTSPERSON AWARD**

All team members will be invited to cast votes for the Male or Female Sportsperson of the year. The Sportsperson should be the Male and Female bowlers who, in the opinion of their peers, demonstrated best the values for which *the tournament* is run

- i. Voting slips will be distributed to each team, during the morning of day two and three.
- ii. Bowlers must not vote for a bowler on their own team. Such votes will be removed from the tally and not counted
- iii. The bowler receiving the most votes from the peers will be declared the winner of the award, one for each Male and Female
- iv. The tournament committee have the right of veto over the voting, however they may not arbitrarily appoint a victor

b. **CHAIRMAN'S and SECRETARY'S AWARDS**

These special awards will be presented to bowlers who have impressed the Chairman and the Secretary over the course of *the tournament*

- i. The Chairman's award will be awarded to a Male bowler
- ii. The Secretary's award will be awarded to a Female bowler
- iii. Criteria taken into consideration when selecting these awards will include, but not be limited to, points won, games played, event average, and pins over average

c. **TEAM OF THE YEAR**

At the conclusion of *the tournament*, a "Team of the Year" ("**the team**") will be announced. This team represents the best bowlers of the event, from across all teams involved in *the tournament*

- i. To be eligible for *the team*, bowlers must have completed a minimum of two thirds (2/3) of the games during *the tournament*

- ii. The best five (5) eligible Male bowlers based on handicap average will be the Male component of *the team*
- iii. The best five (5) eligible Female bowlers based on handicap average will be the Female component of *the team*
- iv. In the event of a tie for the last position in *the team*, the following criteria will determine the bowler who will occupy this position;
 - 1. The bowler with the higher exact handicap average to two (2) decimal places will take the position
 - 2. The bowler who played more games during *the tournament*
 - 3. The bowler who has accumulated the most points during *the tournament*