

PLAYING RULES & PROCEDURES

EAST COAST CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

The rules and procedures listed herein have been established and developed since the initiation of the East Coast Challenge Cup competition in 1979. Changes have been made to existing rules over the years after consideration at the previous year's Annual General Meeting. Minor changes which do not affect the structure of the competition have been made by the Management Committee at the February/March meeting.

1. Each affiliated member association shall be entitled to enter a team to represent their association.
 2. Bowler devices such as retractable handle-grip bowling balls, ramp/frame unit, stick, pusher, cue, bowling booster attached to a wheelchair and/or other bowling attachments are excluded from use during cup competition.
 3. Each member association team shall consist of the following.
 - (a) Open Ladies 7 Female bowlers to bowl scratch
 - (b) Graded Ladies 7 Female bowlers to bowl handicap
 - (c) Open Men 7 Male bowlers to bowl scratch
 - (d) Graded Men 7 Male bowlers to bowl handicap
 - (e) U/21 Mixed Open 3 Female bowlers & 3 Male bowlers to bowl scratch
 - (f) U/21 Mixed Graded 3 Female bowlers & 3 Male bowlers to bowl handicap
 - (g) Senior Ladies (over 50's) 7 Female bowlers to bowl handicap
 - (h) Senior Men (over 50's) 7 Male bowlers to bowl handicap
 4. Every bowler trying out for ECCC must be a *regular playing member* of a league, and continue to bowl in a league until the end of September in the current year of the competition. If, or while the ECCC is accredited with TBA, bowlers must hold a current TBA registration card. Any person wishing to bowl for their State must reside in that State, and fulfil the requirements re eligibility and averages as per the state nomination forms.
 - (a) To be eligible to roll off for their state, every bowler trying out for their state must have an average established over a minimum of 18 games, as at the end of May in the current year. Further to that they should have accumulated a minimum of 30 games by the end of July in the current year. If a bowler is injured and cannot participate in all of the required events that make up a state roll off requirement, the full Tenpin Australia Inc. management committee shall decide if an exemption will be allowed.
 5. All ECCC team members must complete a Tenpin Australia Championships All Events entry by the end of play on Monday night. Failure to do so renders a bowler ineligible to bowl in the ECCC events. If unable to comply due to extenuating circumstances, a referral may be made to the Tenpin Australia Inc. management committee for consideration.
- AGE LIMITS**
6. The Under 21 divisions are for bowlers under 21 years of age as at the 1st January in the current year of competition.
 7. The Adult divisions will have no age limit
 8. The Senior divisions are for bowlers over 50 years of age as at the 1st January in the current year of competition.
 9. Handicaps: All graded divisions shall use a handicap system of 100% - 210 scratch. No maximum handicap shall apply.
 10. A "Code of Conduct" is to be signed by all people associated with the current years ECCC. This should be administered and controlled by each State and any breaches dealt with by the State from which the person(s) breaching the code come from, however the Management Committee of Tenpin Australia reserves the right to ask for clarification or over- rule any decision made by the States.
 11. One perpetual trophy cup (to be held for 1 year) shall be awarded to the winning association in each of the following divisions: As well, each of the team members plus managers shall receive a "Champion Association Medallion"
 - (a) **Ladies** - To determine the cup winners, points won by both the open and graded ladies teams shall be added together, with the highest points determining the winning association.
 - (b) **Men** - To determine the cup winners, points won by both the open and graded mens teams shall be added together, with the highest points determining the winning association.
 - (c) **U/21 Mixed** - To determine the cup winners, points won by both the open mixed and graded mixed teams shall be added together, with the highest points determining the winning association.
 - (d) **Seniors** - To determine the cup winners, points won by both the mens and ladies teams shall be added together, with the highest points determining the winning association.
 12. **The "CHAMPION ASSOCIATION"** is decided by adding all the points won by all teams in all divisions in the East Coast Challenge Cup tournament. The state with the highest aggregate is the Champion Association and receives and holds the Association Cup for one (1) year.

- 13 **BOWLER REPLACEMENT**
 In the event that a bowler is injured during competition and cannot continue to bowl, a replacement bowler (i.e. a team member sitting out on the day) shall be permitted to bowl in the place of the injured bowler from the commencement of the next game. If the injured bowler is unable to continue during an incomplete game, then a blind score shall be calculated by deducting 10 pins from the injured bowlers entering average. One tenth of this blind score shall be allowed for each remaining frame of the incomplete game. If there isn't a replacement bowler available, as above, only a blind score can be used in lieu of the injured bowlers score.
- The same rule shall apply to bowlers who are entered into an East Coast Challenge Cup event and carry an injury into that event, and are unable to continue due to that injury. However, should this bowler be deemed fit enough to bowl in an East Coast Challenge Cup event on a subsequent day in the same year of competition and is unable to continue on the subsequent day due to the recurrence of that same injury, no replacement is permitted and only a blind score can be used in lieu of the injured bowlers score.
- 14 **VACANCY SCORE for Under 21's Triples**
 In the event a team has only 5 representative bowlers in either of the Under 21 divisions, a vacancy score may be used for the triples team fielding 2 players. Each of the Under 21 Divisions will carry their own vacancy score based on the averages of the bowlers in each of the 2 divisions; i.e. Graded and Open – the averages from all of the bowlers from the 3 states, in each division will be added together and divided by the number of bowlers, giving the average to be used as a vacancy score in each division. The vacancy score can only be used in the Triples event and the team will field 2 doubles combinations.
- 15 *Tournament Directors can give a warning to a player or team for time delaying. There should be no delay in play once a bowlers name has appeared on the score screen. Managers are requested to advise team bowlers of same.*
- 16 No bowler or team should leave their allocated lane until all competitors have finished bowling the game then in progress.
- 17 Each team member and/or manager is responsible for **entering their scores correctly on the score sheet** at the completion of each game. **Failure to do so may result in the loss of points for that game.**
 Each division must hand their score sheets to their Manager. The Manager with the main scorer from their state will check all scores and handicaps then hand to the Tournament Director.
- 18 Any disputes must be lodged (in writing) with the tournament directors, no later than 1 hour after the division in which the bowler/bowlers involved in the dispute have completed bowling.
- 19 The team line-up of players must be in the hands of the host state tournament director by 10am on each day of competition.
- 20 Each of the 3 state tournament directors will be provided with a lane draw for each of the 4 days play of the East Coast Challenge Cup, prior to the first day of play.
- 21 Only team members currently bowling are permitted in the players area. Team Managers and non-playing members of the team are allowed in the area immediately behind lanes during ECCC play.
- (a) Official team scorers / runners (must be wearing the scorers vests as supplied by T.A.I.) will be permitted in the area immediately behind the players area, if room permits, and it has been designated for them by the management committee.
- (b) Official state coaches must be at least a bronze level, wear the full state uniform, and a TAI vest, and his/her name be advised to the tournament directors before start of first days play.
 Official state team coaches will be allowed in the area immediately behind the lanes only (not in the players area).
 Coaching between the first and second ball is not permitted.
Personal coaches are not allowed in the players area or the area immediately behind lanes during ECCC play.
- 22 **ALL EVENTS** The individual bowler with the highest total pinfall over 16 games (from singles, doubles, triples, teams) in each division shall be awarded the "all events medallion"
- 23 **MOST VALUED PLAYER** (under 21 – seniors and adult)
 The individual bowler from each of the 3 divisions, with the most points won during the 4 days of East Coast Challenge Cup competition, shall be declared the most valued players of the tournament. Each shall receive a shield which may be held by them for 1 year.
- 24 **ALL STAR TEAMS** (Adult – Senior – Under 21- Male and Female Divisions to be selected)
 The top 6 adult division bowlers, the top 3 Senior division bowlers and the top 2 male & 2 female Under 21 division bowlers with the highest scratch averages bowled over a minimum of 14 games during the ECCC tournament will make up the All Star teams. (The number of bowlers may be reduced if a division doesn't have a full complement of bowlers)

- 25 **DON KELLY MEMORIAL ECCC TROPHY.**
Criteria is most pins over entering average for a minimum of 12 games of ECCC and is for Under 21 division bowlers only.
- 26 **BRIAN SARA AWARD**
Criteria is most pins over entering average for a minimum of 12 games of ECCC and is for the Adult and Senior division bowlers.
- 27 **PLAYER DRAFT**
- * A state unable to field a full team in any ECCC division will be permitted to draught players from other states under the specified conditions as listed:
 - * Drafted players must have tried out for their own state unsuccessfully.
 - * Drafted players must abide by the rules of the state they are drafted to.
 - * The state drafting players must afford the drafted bowlers the same benefits as provided to their own state bowlers e.g. team shirts, accommodation, travel subsidies etc.
 - * The contact details for bowlers who have indicated they are prepared to be a part of the draft, will be forwarded to the other two states, and it is the responsibility of the state wanting to draft these bowlers to liaise directly with the bowlers.
 - * Drafted players will not be exempt from bowling in any of the 4 Cup events available as per the ECCC playing rules.
 - * A maximum of 3 interstate bowlers may be drafted per team
 - * Teams for drafting would be required to have only a minimum 3 state bowlers (adult / senior divisions) and 2 state bowlers (Under 21 divisions) to be able to draft 3 bowlers from interstate.
- 28 **AVERAGES:**
- There will be 3 points of reference for calculating bowlers East Coast Challenge Cup averages; May - Roll offs and end of July. A bowlers highest average will be taken over a minimum of 18 games at the end of May in any league participated in, in the current year, including that as a substitute bowler. A bowlers roll off average and May average will be combined and the higher of the combined average and the bowlers July average will be used for the East Coast Challenge Cup competition.
 - If any players ECCC average is amended by the Tournament Directors, it shall be used as an entering average into the Championships & Masters events. ECCC bowlers who have already bowled should be adjusted retrospectively.
- 29 **The scoring format for Adult and Senior divisions in the competition shall be :-**

DAY 1 SINGLES

A singles format of 4 games shall be bowled by all 7 bowlers in their respective divisions at allocated times. After each game, the lowest game score in each division, from each association, shall be eliminated before the distribution of points.

Singles Points for all divisions shall be allocated as follows:-

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	25	7 th	13	13 th	7
2 nd	21	8 th	12	14 th	6
3 rd	18	9 th	11	15 th	5
4 th	17	10 th	10	16 th	4
5 th	15	11 th	9	17 th	3
6 th	14	12 th	8	18 th	2

Total points for each division = 200

The bowlers with the highest 4 game pinfall from each of the 6 divisions, shall receive a “singles medallion”

DAY 2 DOUBLES

A doubles format of 4 games shall be bowled by 6 bowlers from each competing association forming 3 doubles combinations in their respective divisions at allocated times.

Doubles Points for all divisions shall be allocated after each game as follows:-

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	46	4 th	25	7 th	13
2 nd	35	5 th	21	8 th	9
3 rd	29	6 th	17	9 th	5

Total points for each division = 200

The 2 bowlers in the doubles combination with the highest 4 game pinfall from each of the 6 divisions, shall receive a “doubles medallion”

DAY 3 TRIPLES

A triples format of 4 games shall be bowled by 6 bowlers from each competing association forming 2 triples combinations in their respective divisions at allocated times.

Triples Points for all divisions shall be allocated after each game as follows:-

Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	50	4 th	30
2 nd	40	5 th	25
3 rd	34	6 th	21

Total points for each division = 200

The 3 bowlers in the triples combination with the highest 4 game pinfall from each of the 6 divisions, shall receive a “triples medallion”

DAY 4 TEAMS

A team format of 4 games shall be bowled by 5 bowlers from each competing association forming 1 team per division per association. Bowlers 6 and 7 are considered as part of the team and may be used as replacement bowlers at the end of any complete game. The team playing order may be changed prior to any game. Other team managers should be notified of any changes before the commencement of the next game.

Teams Points for all divisions shall be allocated after each game as follows:-

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	90	2 nd	64	3 rd	46

Total points for each division = 200

Each of the 7 bowlers from the association whose team combination bowls the highest 4 game pinfall in each of the 6 divisions, shall receive a “team medallion”

The scoring format for the Under 21 divisions in the competition shall be:

DAY 1 SINGLES

A singles format of 4 games shall be bowled by all 6 bowlers in their respective divisions at allocated times.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	25	7 th	13	13 th	7
2 nd	21	8 th	12	14 th	6
3 rd	18	9 th	11	15 th	5
4 th	17	10 th	10	16 th	4
5 th	15	11 th	9	17 th	3
6 th	14	12 th	8	18 th	2

Total points for each division = 200

The bowlers with the highest 4 game pinfall from each of the 2 divisions, shall receive a “singles medallion”

DAY 2 DOUBLES

A doubles format of 4 games shall be bowled by 6 bowlers from each competing association forming 3 doubles (1 boy / 1 girl) combinations in their respective divisions at allocated times. If a state only fields a team of 5 bowlers in any U/21 division they will field 2 doubles combinations in that division

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	46	4 th	25	7 th	13
2 nd	35	5 th	21	8 th	9
3 rd	29	6 th	17	9 th	5

Doubles Points for all divisions shall be allocated after each game as per table:- Total points for each division = 200
The 2 bowlers in the doubles combination with the highest 4 game pinfall from each of the 2 divisions, shall receive a “doubles medallion”

DAY 3 TRIPLES

A triples format of 4 games shall be bowled by 6 bowlers from each competing association forming 2 triples (must be mixed, boy/girl) combinations in their respective divisions at allocated times. If a state only fields a team of 5 bowlers in any U/21 division, a vacancy score will be used in one combination.

Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	50	4 th	30
2 nd	40	5 th	25
3 rd	34	6 th	21

Triples Points for all divisions shall be allocated after each game as per table:- Total points for each division = 200
The 3 bowlers in the triples combination with the highest 4 game pinfall from each of the 2 divisions, shall receive a “triples medallion”

DAY 4 TEAMS

A team format of 4 games shall be bowled by 5 bowlers from each competing association forming 1 team (must be mixed, boy/girl) per division per association. Bowler 6 is considered a part of the team and may be used as a replacement bowler at the end of any complete game. The team playing order may be changed prior to any game. Other team managers should be notified of any changes before the commencement of the next game.

Position	Points
1 st	90
2 nd	64
3 rd	46

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