

TENPIN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

RULES AND BY-LAWS

NOTE: THESE BY-LAWS ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF TENPIN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED.

1. NAME The name of this organisation shall be “Tenpin Australia Incorporated”.

2. INTERPRETATION

- (a) (i) In the by-laws masculine includes feminine.
- (ii) “In writing” or “written” means and includes printing or means of reproducing words in visible form.
- (iii) Words signifying singular include the plural and words attributing plural include the singular where the context permits.
- (b) “Bowling” – means the participant sport known as tenpin bowling, and “bowler” shall have corresponding meaning.
- (c) “Association” – in relation to bowling shall mean any organisation promoting, fostering and conducting bowling within a given area whether State area, City, Town or District,, and affiliated with or recognized by Tenpin Australia Inc.

3. OBJECTS: See Constitution page 1, rule 3.

4. MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) Any association that is interested in tenpin bowling may make application for affiliation with Tenpin Australia Inc. All such applications shall contain a copy of the association’s constitution and if acceptable to Tenpin Australia Inc., the application may be approved.
- (b) The annual membership fee payable by any affiliated association shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) All annual fees and subscriptions must be paid (in the hands of the Treasurer) as per account forwarded to each association. Failure to pay dues will render the affiliated association un-financial, and result in loss of all rights except those of appeal.
- (d) Any association that shall resign or be in arrears of fees payable shall be required to reapply to the Management Committee for affiliation and approval.
- (e) Upon any association ceasing to be a member of Tenpin Australia Inc. for any reason whatsoever, such associations shall not be entitled to the return of any subscriptions, fees or portion thereof paid to Tenpin Australia Inc.
- (f) The affiliated associations shall include Tenpin Queensland Inc., United Tenpin Bowling Association Inc., Greater Sydney Tenpin Bowling Association Inc. T/A Tenpin Sydney.
- (g) The following associations, Tenpin Queensland Inc., United Tenpin Bowling Association Inc., Greater Sydney Tenpin Bowling Association Ltd T/A Tenpin Sydney are entitled to provide teams to compete in the competition called East Coast Challenge Cup. Should this event have a name change the above named associations will still be able to compete in that competition whatever it is called.

5. BY-LAWS

- (a) The by-laws of Tenpin Australia will be administered by the Management Committee of Tenpin Australia Inc.
- (b) The Annual General meeting may make by-laws necessary for the proper administration of Tenpin Australia Inc. Any by-laws so made shall not be repealed, added to or amended unless or until:

5. By-laws (cont.)

- (i) Notice of intention to propose such repeal, addition or amendment is first given in writing by an affiliated association to the Secretary of Tenpin Australia Inc. prior to 31st July.
- (ii) Such proposal shall be approved by a majority of members present at such meeting and voting thereon.
- (c) Tenpin Australia Inc. shall conduct annual Championships for adult and junior members of affiliated associations.
- (d) The adult and junior championships shall be held simultaneously.
- (e) The venue for the annual championships shall be determined one year in advance at the Annual general Meeting.
- (f) A tournament sub-committee shall be appointed by the Committee to conduct Tenpin Australia Inc. tournaments.
- (g) Tenpin Australia Inc. will promote and assist in staging an annual event for adult, seniors and junior members of affiliated associations to be known as the "East Coast Challenge Cup".
- (h) The Challenge Cup will be conducted during the Annual championships.

6. COMMITTEES

- (a) The business and affairs of the association shall be under the control of the management Committee elected at the Annual general Meeting. The Management Committee shall not take any action contrary to the decisions made at Annual General Meetings.
- (b) The "Disputes Committee" shall consist of the 3 state Tournament Directors and shall be chaired by the President of Tenpin Australia (non-voting)
- (c) All notices of committee meetings shall be in writing and posted to members of the committee at least 14 days prior to the date of such meeting.
- (d) The "accidental omission" to give any member or the non-receipt of any notice required by the Constitution shall not invalidate or affect any proceedings at such meetings.

7. FINANCE

- (i) Eligible rebates for expenses incurred by an individual or an association shall be refunded on presentation of receipt verifying the expense. Rebates not claimed within 6 months of the expenditure, will be forfeited.
- (ii) The books and accounts of the association shall be audited annually by auditors appointed at the Annual general Meeting.
- (iii) Unless otherwise determined, the members of the Management Committee shall be deemed to be the trustees of the association to hold any property, real or personal, belonging to the association.
- (iv) The property, assets and income of the association, wherever derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, by way of profit to members of the association. Provided that nothing herein contained, shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the association, or any member, in return for services actually rendered, nor prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from any member of the association.
- (v) Should the association cease to function, for any reason whatsoever, any member or person holding any association money or property shall forthwith pay the same to the association management Committee.

8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life member and Hall of fame criteria

Awards are for service to Tenpin Australia Inc.

Life member - Must have been involved for a minimum of 15 years made up of at least 10 years as a Management Committee member or Tournament Director. The remaining years can be served as a bowler or team manager. (serving as a committee member for 10 years and as a bowler or manager for 5 of the same years does not qualify)

Hall of Fame - Must have been involved for a period of 20 years as a team bowler, team manager, tournament director or management committee member, in any combination of positions and time frames. (serving as a committee member for 10 years and as a bowler for the same 10 years does not qualify)

Written nominations, with details of the nominees' service, are to be sent to the Secretary by the 30th June. The Secretary will then forward the nominations via email or post to the President of each affiliated association, the 3 Tenpin Australia Inc. tournament directors and the other 3 members of the executive committee. These people will notify the secretary of their approval or disapproval of the nomination. A majority vote rules.

It is expected that nominations would be kept in house so that there is the element of surprise for successful nominees when the announcements are made.