



Tenpin Bowling Australia Ltd
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2026 ALICE SPRINGS MASTERS GAMES
10th – 17th October 2026
RULES AND REGULATIONS
TENPIN BOWLING

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The Dust Bowl 29 Gap Road Alice Springs

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FULL COMPUTER SCORING

16 Synthetic lanes with Brunswick A2 Pinspotters

Airconditioned and ample spectator area and facilities

Fully stocked pro-shop, restaurant, snack bar and licensed bar

COMPETITION DATES:

The Games will be held from Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th October 2026 inclusive. *The Dust Bowl will open at 11am daily for the duration of the Games. Competitors may compete at anytime between 11am and 6pm (After these times entries are permitted depending on lane availability and a reservation is required).*

Entries for All Events will cease at 6:00PM Tuesday 13th October 2026.

SPORTS NOMINATION FEE OF \$90 PER PLAYER COVERS THE ENTRANT FOR THE FIRST ENTRY IN SINGLES, DOUBLES AND TRIOS, PLUS ALL EVENTS FEE.

ALICE SPRINGS MASTERS TEAM CHALLENGE - 7PM FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Teams of 4 bowlers per team (Men - Women or Mixed Teams welcome).

TEAMS COMBINED AVERAGE SHALL NOT EXCEED 650.

ENTRY FEE \$30 PER BOWLER - \$120 PER TEAM OF FOUR.

ALL PRIZE MONIES WILL BE PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

1ST - 50%

2ND - 30%

3RD - 20%

THIS EVENT IS A FUN TYPE TOURNAMENT HELD AS A GET TO KNOW YOU AFFAIR WITH NIBBLES BEING PROVIDED.

RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Eligibility - The Alice Springs Masters Games is open to all bowlers who have attained the age of 30 years as at 31st December 2026 and are in possession of a 2026 Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited Registration Card (Memberships can be purchased in Alice Springs if required - all international affiliates will be accepted) - proof of age to be available upon request during the Games.
2. All Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited Tournament Rules and Regulations shall apply with the Events Director's decision being final.
3. Closing date for Entries – 9TH October 2026.
4. Entering Averages and cut-off Dates - Entrants shall use highest League Average established over 18 games in a TBA League or Accredited Tournament of weekly play during the period up to 31st August 2026.
(Proof of average from League Secretary or Centre Management required).

PERSONS WITHOUT AN ESTABLISHED AVERAGE SHOULD APPLY TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS FOR AN AVERAGE TO BE SET –
IF NO APPLICATION IS MADE
THEN THE ENTERING AVERAGE SHALL BE SET AT 181 FOR MEN AND 171 FOR WOMEN.

5. All Events will be graded as below:

GRADES

SINGLES	MEN	WOMEN
OPEN	181+	171+
CLASSIC	171-180	161-170
A	155-170	145-160
B	140-154	130-144
C	UP TO 139	UP TO 129
DOUBLES		
OPEN	362+	342+
CLASSIC	342-361	322-341
A	310-341	290-321
B	280-309	260-289
C	UP TO 279	UP TO 259
TRIOS		
OPEN	543+	513+
CLASSIC	513-542	483-512
A	465-512	435-482
B	420-464	390-434
C	UP TO 419	UP TO 389
MIXED DOUBLES		
OPEN	352+	
CLASSIC	332-351	
A	300-331	
B	270-299	
C	UP TO 269	

Bowlers may bowl a maximum of 4 times in own grade plus 4 times in a higher grade, however, partners must be changed for each doubles and mixed doubles and one person must be changed in each trios lineup.

Bowlers in Open Grade may bowl a maximum of 8 times in Singles with the partner/lineup rule applying in Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Trios.

All Events score will be determined on the first Singles, Doubles and Trios, (Regardless of Grade).

An All Events Champion will be declared in all Grades.

NB: Mixed Doubles **DO NOT** count for All Events score.

MASTERS QUALIFYING INFORMATION:

ALL QUALIFYING WILL COMMENCE AT 10AM ON SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER AND CEASE AT 6PM ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER FOR ALL BOWLERS.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying scores will consist of each bowler's best singles, doubles or trios score. No other qualifying will be permitted. Nomination will cost \$10.00 payable at the time of each qualifying entry; this fee is added to prize fund.

The finalist field will consist of the 2024 Open and Restricted Masters Champion, then finalists to make up a field of twelve, (12) Men and twelve, (12) Ladies for each division, based on qualifying scores.

OPEN MASTERS

ELIGIBILITY - This is a scratch event open to all Adult TBA Members. To be eligible to compete in the final, every bowler (including the Defending Champions) must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Current Year's Alice Springs Masters Games.

FORMAT - Scratch event for Men and Women and conducted in two (2) separate stages.

FINAL - The Defending Champion (if eligible) plus the highest qualifiers to make a field of 12 will go into the Final according to their qualifying scores.

TIES - In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position at any stage (including Qualifying or the Finals unless otherwise specified) a single game will be played to break the tie. Any subsequent tie will require one ball playoff until the tie is broken. The highest seeded bowler will have the lane and start choice.

STAGE ONE FINAL - Finalists will play six (6) games starting from Zero pinfall, with a lane change game three (3). The top five (5) bowlers in each division with the highest score, based on scratch pinfall, will advance to Stage Two.

STAGE TWO – ELIMINATION FINAL – The remaining bowlers will bowl one (1) game blocks with all remaining bowlers in the division competing on the same pair of lanes. At the conclusion of each game, the bowler with the lowest single game score, based on scratch pinfall, in that game is eliminated. The remaining bowlers will move to a different pair before commencing the next game. In the event of a tie for low game in the final match, the entire game will be re-bowled. If the tie still cannot be broken, the above tie-breaking will be used.

DECLARING THE PLACINGS – The winner of the final match of stage two will be declared the Open Masters Champion and awarded **First place**. The bowler defeated in the same match will be awarded **Second place**. The bowler defeated in the match immediately prior to the final match will be awarded **Third place**.

RESTRICTED MASTERS

ELIGIBILITY - This is a handicapped event based on 100% of 200 and is open to all Adult TBA Members. To be eligible to compete in the final, every bowler (including the Defending Champions) must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Current Year's Alice Springs Masters Games.

FORMAT - Handicapped event for Men and Women and conducted in two (2) separate stages.

FINAL - The Defending Champion (if eligible) plus the highest qualifiers to make a field of 12 will go into the Final according to their qualifying scores.

TIES - In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position at any stage (including Qualifying or the Finals unless otherwise specified) a single game will be played to break the tie. Any subsequent tie will require one ball playoff until the tie is broken. The highest seeded bowler will have the lane and start choice.

STAGE ONE FINAL - Finalists will play six (6) games starting from Zero pinfall, with a lane change game three (3). The top five (5) bowlers in each division with the highest score, based on scratch pinfall plus handicap, will advance to Stage Two.

STAGE TWO – ELIMINATION FINAL – The remaining bowlers will bowl one (1) game blocks with all remaining bowlers in the division competing on the same pair of lanes. At the conclusion of each game, the bowler with the lowest single game score, based on scratch pinfall plus handicap, in that game is eliminated. The remaining bowlers will move to a different pair before commencing the next game. In the event of a tie for low game in the final match, the entire game will be re-bowled. If the tie still cannot be broken, the above tie-breaking will be used.

DECLARING THE PLACINGS – The winner of the final match of stage two will be declared the Restricted Masters Champion and awarded **First place**. The bowler defeated in the same match will be awarded **Second place**. The bowler defeated in the match immediately prior to the final match will be awarded **Third place**.

MASTERS FINALS:

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026

MEN AND LADIES RESTRICTED MASTERS 10:00AM CHECK IN FOR 10:30AM START

The finalists will make up a field of twelve (12) Men and twelve (12) Ladies, based on the highest qualifying score from A, B and C Grade. Restricted masters average and handicap will be taken from the all events bowled in the 2026 Alice Springs Masters Games.

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

MEN AND LADIES OPEN MASTERS 10:00AM CHECK IN FOR A 10:30AM START

The finalists will make up a field of twelve (12) Men and twelve (12) Ladies from Classic and Open Grade.

MASTERS ENTRY FEES:

Mens & Ladies Open QUALIFYING - \$10 for each attempt - FINAL - \$90

Mens & Ladies Restricted Masters QUALIFYING - \$10 for each attempt - FINAL - \$90

Alice Springs Masters Games medals will be presented to the top three placings in each grade of each event - Masters Finalist prize pool shall be:

1st - 60%

2nd - 30%

3rd - 10% of total prize monies

MASTERS GAMES ENTRY FEES:

Tenpin Bowling Entry Fee - \$90 - see the Alice Springs Masters games official Entry Form. This fee covers your first attempt in Singles, Doubles and Trios. Additional entries above the first Singles, Doubles and Trios attempts will be charged at the rate of \$30 per person per attempt.

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