BTBA Tenpintour 2025

1. Playing Rules

1.1. General rules:

These tournaments will be sanctioned by the B.T.B.A. and their General playing and Tournament rules will govern this event, together with the following special rules.

- All bowlers shall bowl a single 6 game block, moving lanes after each 2 games. In most cases we will be playing at doubles pace, but this will ultimately depend on the number of entrants and lane availability. To reduce disruption when moving lanes all bowlers will be required to remain on their lanes until all games are completed and they are advised by the tournament manager to move lanes.
- Final placing will be determined by total pin fall plus handicap
- If there are any ties for prize places, the prize money will be shared equally among the competitors involved.
- A provisional ball must be rolled if a dispute relating to pin fall that cannot be resolved immediately.
- Protests must be made within 30 minutes of any infraction occurring and confirmed in writing within 72 hours to the Tournament Manager.
- The Tournament Management Committee reserves the right to reject any entry and their decision on all matters shall be final, subject to an appeal to the B.T.B.A.
- The consumption of alcohol is forbidden during a Squad.
- The consumption of tobacco including electric substitutes is forbidden during a Squad.
- Bowlers are asked to wear Bowling attire that includes smart trousers, shorts, skirts etc. plus a shirt that has their name visible on the back. The tournament manager's decision will be final on what is considered "smart", but we would suggest that it does not include swim shorts. track suit bottoms, cargo trousers, see through leggings etc.
- To maintain the schedule, we reserve the right to start each squad up to 30 minutes before the published time. Registration for a squad will therefore close 30 minutes before the published start time. All bowlers are expected to be in the centre before registration closes. Practice will start 10 minutes before actual play. Late bowlers will start at the frame currently in progress when they arrive. Previous frames will count as Zero.
- Squads will be allocated on a first come, first-served basis. No entries will be allocated places unless both the entry and the payment have been received.
- Bowlers not being allocated their first-choice squad will be offered an alternative place, as close to the requested time as possible. If bowlers are unable to make the allocated squad, then they must inform us and select from available spaces elsewhere.

- Details of squad allocation will be provided on the TPT website. Initially updates will appear on the website 10 days after the event opens. A subsequent update will appear 7 days later, and any further updates will be released as appropriate. The date of the update will be shown on the website so that you can determine if your entry should be included. If your entry is not listed, please contact us using the "Contact Us" page on the website. Communication through any other channels will cause additional delays.
- Entry Fees The entry fee for all Tour events will be held at £50.00. This will include £10.00 Prize Fund, £2 BTBA Sanction fee and £3 for the Order of Merit. Payments must be sent by Bank Transfer to the following account.
    - Account Name: BTBA Tenpin Tour.
    - Sort Code: 20-44-22
    - Account No: 20709794
    - Reference should include your BTBA number and surname, For example: TPT1 000509 Griffin
- The closing date for entries will be 17:00 on the Wednesday before the event. Any entries received after this time will be at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. Contact should be made using the "Contact Us" page on the TPT website only, as all entry forms will be closed.
- Results will be published on the TPT website as soon as possible after they have been verified. Any results published privately before this can be subject to amendment.
- Refunds will be payable as follows:
    - Withdrawals before closing date – Full Refund
    - Withdrawals After closing date up to and including the day of the event – Refund less Prize fund
    - No shows – No refund

2. Eligibility:

- Membership of the Tour is open to all members of the BTBA and members of other UK National Tenpin Associations that are affiliated to the BTBA.
- Competitive membership is required. All memberships will be checked online prior to the tournament date.
- Members must be 50 years of age before the 1st January 2025.

3. Handicaps:

The BTBA Tenpintour will be played as Handicap events
Handicaps will be calculated from a different scratch basis for Men and Ladies as follows:

- Men's handicaps will be calculated using a Tour Average of 230.
- Ladies' handicaps will be calculated using a Tour Average of 200.

The Bowlers Handicap will be 85% of the difference between their Individual Average and the Tour Average. Individual Bowling Averages will be adjusted before every tournament and will be

published on the TPT Website.
Maximum handicaps for Men will be 70 and Women will be set at 80 pins.

It is the responsibility of all bowlers to ensure their handicap is correct by visiting the Tenpintour website. Handicaps will NOT be INCREASED after play commences.

4. Individual Averages

Individual Averages shall be determined from existing bowling averages in the following precedence:

1. Current Tenpintour tournament average over 18 or more games played within the previous 10 Tenpintour events.
2. Certified current highest league average (minimum 21 games) or a composite tournament average for events played in last 12 months (minimum 21 games) whichever is higher.
3. Players will use either their entering average or their current Tenpintour average whichever is higher until they have achieved a Tenpintour average over 18 games.
4. Bowlers without any current averages may enter the tournament with a handicap of scratch and their score will be used to determine their future Tenpintour Handicap after a minimum of 18 games have been bowled.

4.1. Sport/Challenge Averages

Players that only have averages based on Sport or Challenge patterns will be re-rated as follows. Challenge score +5%; Sport only +10% (combination of sport and challenge will be calculated pro-rata.)

4.2. Re-Rating

1. Where bowlers are unable to provide a Tenpintour average of 18 or more games, their scores will be reviewed after each 6-game block. If the average of these 6 games is more than 10% above their entering average they will be rerated. The players event average will be adjusted to 2/3 of the difference between their entering average and the average bowled in the tournament.

   Example 1:

   - Average given at start of the event = 195 (Higher of current TPT average or Entering average) (See rule 4)
   - Entering average 180
   - Average bowled at this event =210 (more than 10% over entering avg., but not necessarily 10% over the event avg.)
   - Re-rated event average would be =200 (however this will never be lower than their current event average)

   Example 2:

   - Average given at start of the event = 205 (Higher of current TPT average or Entering average) (See rule 4)
   - Entering average 180
   - Average bowled at this event =210 (more than 10% over entering avg., but not necessarily 10% over the event avg.)

- Re-rated event average would be =200 but as this is less than the current event average it remains at 205.

2. If they have still not bowled 18 games their event average for the next tournament will be calculated as the higher of their previous entering average or their current average bowled in this seasons TPT. (see rule 4)

5. Prize fund allocation

- Each entry will contain £10 prize fund, and this will be the minimum amount that will be paid out at the end of each event.
- Provided that the TPT Admin team have your bank details, prize money will be distributed by online payment into individual bank accounts within 3 days of the results being received by the administration team.
- All bowlers that finish in the top 25% (Approximately) will have their prize money of £10 paid back.
- The top finishers will additionally receive a position bonus in addition to the £10 using the following approximate proportions.
    - **Men:** 1st 33%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%, 5th 8%, 6th 6%, 7th 5%, 8th 3%
    - **Ladies:** 1st 42%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 18%, 4th 15%
- Plus, the winners in each section will receive a BTBA Tenpintour Winners bowling shirt.

6. Order of Merit

Order of Merit (OOM) ranking points will be awarded throughout the year based on final positions at each event.

OOM points will be awarded as follows:

- Men: 1st: 100 points, 2nd: 99 points, 3rd: 98 points decreasing to 1 point for 100th place.
- Women: 1st: 50 points, 2nd: 49 points, 3rd: 48 points decreasing to 1 point for 50th place.
- Final Positions in the Order of Merit will be taken from your best 5 appearances from events held during the year.

The top 5 Men and 4 Ladies at the end of the season will receive a cash prize plus a non-transferable, complementary entry into the TPT Masters competition. Details of the winner's prize packages are noted below. Please note that entries to Masters should be submitted and paid for in the normal way and a refund will be included within the total cash prize awarded.

In the event of tied positions, the prize money will be shared equally among the competitors involved except for 1st place which will be decided as follows:

- First Tie break the bowler with the Highest Individual Average at the conclusion of the season.
- Second Tie break the bowler with the highest individual Scratch High Game during the season, or the next highest game and so on.

6.1. Example Order of Merit prize list

Men's OOM	Cash Prize	Masters Entry	Bowling Ball	Est. Value
1st	£200.00	£75.00	£200.00	£475.00
2nd	£150.00	£75.00		£225.00
3rd	£100.00	£75.00		£175.00
4th	£75.00	£75.00		£150.00
5th	£50.00	£75.00		£125.00

Ladies OOM	Cash Prize	Masters Entry	Bowling Ball	Est. Value
1st	£100.00	£75.00	£200.00	£375.00
2nd	£75.00	£75.00		£150.00
3rd	£60.00	£75.00		£135.00
4th	£50.00	£75.00		£125.00

7. The BTBA Tenpintour British Masters (summary)

At the conclusion of the season, we will be running the BTBA Tenpintour British Masters. This will be a handicap event based on your Individual average at the conclusion of the season.

Eligibility for the event will be the same as for all BTBA Tenpin Tour events but you should have participated in 5 (five) events throughout the season to qualify. Depending on the number of entries received, we anticipate that there will be a separate Men's and Ladies section.

The event will run from Friday to Sunday. Each bowler will bowl two qualifying blocks of 4 games, one block must be played on Friday and the other block can be played on either Friday or Saturday. Re-entries may be available from Friday afternoon and throughout Saturday.
Players will be cut after the qualification rounds, with approximately 50% playing in the plate on the Sunday Morning and approximately 50% playing in the Masters in the afternoon.

Any bowlers that have significant difficulty bowling on the Friday should contact one of the TPT admin team to see if we are able to assist in any way.

Full details of The Masters event will be published within a separate brochure later in the season.