

BTBA Tenpintour 2023

Introduction

After several years of uncertainty, it was great that we were able to complete a full tour last year. Congratulations to the event winners all those that performed well in the Order of Merit which highlights great performances throughout the year.

As is usual we published a questionnaire at the end of the season to get our members views on what format we should be bowling for 2023 and overwhelmingly you voted to retain the bowl and go option that we introduced a few years back. However, you also decided that we should reduce the number of games bowled down from 8 to 6. As a result, you will see those changes reflected in the rules below.

During Covid we amended the rules to so that people moved together on the lanes reducing the contact with other bowlers. This year we will revert to the standard of Left and Right moves. Giving you the chance to socialise a bit more with the other bowlers.

We would still ask that anyone that has covid like symptoms in the week before the event do not attempt to compete. Entry fee refunds will be available for all such instances. While we are on that subject, we have tried to clarify our position on refunds so please take a look at that section in the rules below.

The proposed dates and locations, where known, have been published on the website. As we stated previously, the decision to remove the finals squad, is expected to remove some of the pressure on any one particular squad so we will be removing the 100-mile distance for priority that we used in earlier years.

Membership of the Tour remains open to all members of the BTBA and members of other UK National Tenpin Associations that are affiliated to the BTBA. There will be no additional fee for becoming a member of the Tenpintour. As previously notified, we are changing the age qualification limit. This year players need to be 49 before Jan 1st, 2023. Next year we will be back to over 50's only.

All information i.e. squad details, results etc, will be made accessible on the Tenpintour website which is available as a link from the main BTBA website www.btba.org.uk. Regular emails will be provided to all those members who register their interest via our mail chimp registration page. Please use the link here to register, update your personal information, or unsubscribe from receiving any further emails.

<https://us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=37aeca69577e9636113665f2e&id=6a519afc50>

Please Note: We are unable to accept communication regarding entries etc in any format other than through the "contact us" page on our website.

Please do not contact us via Facebook, text, messenger, phone, or email, other than the address below, as we are unable to guarantee receipt in time for us to respond. tenpintour@btba.org.uk

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 has their names visible on the back.
- 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.
- For 2023, members must be 49 years of age before the 1st January, 2023.
- 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 £55.00. This will include £10.00 Prize Fund, £2 BTBA Sanction fee and £5 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 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 cannot be recognised as official before this as they are still subject to verification.
- Refunds will be payable as follows:
 - Refunds due to Covid infection / symptoms – Full Refund
 - 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. Handicaps:

The BTBA Tenpin Tour 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.

These adjustments mean there is no longer a requirement for bonus points.

It is the responsibility of all bowlers to ensure their handicap is correct, as this will NOT be INCREASED after play commences.

2.1. 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. Tenpintour tournament average over 18 or more games played during the previous season i.e. for 2023 we will go back to TPT1 2022.

3. Certified current highest league average (minimum 21 games) or Composite tournament average for events played in last 12 months (minimum 21 games) whichever is higher.
4. 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. (Options 1 & 2 above)
5. Bowlers without any current averages may enter the tournament with a handicap of scratch and their score will be used to determine their future Tenpin Tour Handicap after a minimum of 18 games have been bowled. Bowlers will continue to be subject to re-rating based on their entering average until a total of 18 games has been bowled.

2.2. 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.)

2.3. Re-Rating

1. Where bowlers are unable to provide a Tenpintour average (options 1 & 2 above) their average will be reviewed after the initial 6 game block. If the average of these 6 games is more than 10% above the entering average, the players entering average will be re-rated to 2/3 of the difference between the entering average and the average bowled in the initial six games. Example:
 1. Entering average =180
 2. Bowled average =210
 3. Re-rated entering average would be =200

3. 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.
- 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 receive a position bonus in addition to the £10 paid for qualifying 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

4. 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. The estimated value of the packages is based on 2022 master’s costs and is subject to amendment as we develop the program for 2023.

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 same way accommodation will not be provided directly and an estimated average cost will also be included **See Table below for an estimate of Prizes**

In the event of tied positions, the prize money will be shared equally among the competitors involved and complementary entry into the Masters will be 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.

4.1. Example Order of Merit prize list

Men	Position	Cash	Masters	Banquet	Hotel	Value
	1st	£ 300.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 487.50
	2nd	£ 200.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 387.50
	3rd	£ 150.00	Y	Y		£ 252.00
	4th	£ 100.00	Y			£ 170.00
	5th	£ 75.00	Y			£ 145.00
Mens Total						£1,442.00

Ladies	Position	Cash	Masters	Banquet	Hotel	Value
	1st	£ 150.00	Y	Y	Y	£ 337.50
	2nd	£ 100.00	Y	Y		£ 202.50
	3rd	£ 75.00	Y			£ 145.00
	4th	£ 50.00	Y			£ 120.00
Ladies Total						£ 805.00

5. 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, 50% playing in the plate on the Sunday Morning and 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