



## **TENPIN BOWLING - DESCRIPTION AND PROGRAMS**

Following is a description of the sport of Tenpin Bowling and an indication of locations for participation. TBAWA is the state organization and contact may be made with the Executive and Development Officer for further information.

### **Brief description of program/service**

Tenpin Bowling is an all-year-round indoor sport not subject to variation in weather conditions. Suitable for all age levels and skill. Handicapping system equalizes regular bowlers to approximately the same level, making the sport ideal for non-aggressive friendly competition.

Keeping record of scores on a regular basis, (eg weekly, monthly) over a pre-determined period will show self-skill improvement and rating position with other participants in the group, culminating in final placings for acknowledgement by peers. This teaches achievement and interaction with the group.

For school age children, matches can be on a single age level or have different school year levels bowling against each other, from the same school or different schools. For younger levels, initial participation and training can be with portable equipment brought to the school or Community Centre.

The sport of Tenpin Bowling takes place in Bowling Centres throughout the Metropolitan Area where expert coaching is available.

### **Dates of program (eg: 1 May to 31 June)**

All year or any part of the year.

A tenpin bowling season can be designed for single participation or in teams of 2, 3, 4 or 5 where each person or team bowls in matches with each of the other teams. For example, eight x 4-person teams bowling weekly can have one seven-week season or can fit in 4 seasons a year.

In bowling terms a group of persons bowling together regularly over a period of time is referred to as a Bowling League.

### **Target Group**

All age groups can participate in the sport of Tenpin Bowling.

Younger children can use in-school portable equipment and on learning preliminary bowling skills the next level is to travel to a Bowling Centre to experience full-size equipment.

At each Bowling Centre smaller weight balls are available for small children. For children, juniors, adults and seniors balls from 8 lb up to a regulation maximum of 16 lb (Imperial weight) are available at Centres.

Casual bowlers can join a League at a time that is suitable for their own requirements. A committee is formed to oversee the running of the League (Pres, V Pres, Sec and Treas).

Leagues have a Secretary to keep the score records, a Treasurer to collect an agreed amount each week for a Trophy or Prizefund.

### **How Much does it Cost?**

Each Centre has a standard 'Open Play' rate for casual and walk-in bowlers that includes the use of a house ball.

Leagues at each Centre are accredited through the national sporting organisation Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited. Centres have a League Rate at a slightly lower cost than open play and will quote a negotiable rate for regular or occasional social club play.

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For annual registration of a Bowler with a Centre Association that enables the Bowler to participate in TBAL accredited Centre-organised Junior (under 18) League, Adult League or Senior League and/or Tournament/Competition play the annual Registration Fee is \$16 for 2007. This is personal to the Bowler and not necessary if participation is outside of League or Tournament activity.

## What do participants need to bring?

Normal clothing is acceptable. Leagues may make their own rules about any requirement of Sports Uniform.

Each Bowler must bring and wear socks with the special bowling shoes available for a nominal fee at the Centre.

A selection of different weight house-balls are available at all Centres free of charge.

For any person who regularly pursues the sport of Tenpin Bowling custom drilled Balls, sized Bowling Shoes and bowling bags may be purchased at Centres.

## Are numbers limited? If so, how many?

Up to a maximum of 5 Bowlers per lane is usual. Most metropolitan Centres have 24 lanes.

If a regular arrangement, the required lanes will be available on each occasion.

A casual non-regular arrangement is subject to lane availability on the time of making a phone booking or at the Centre.

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## Where is Tenpin Bowling Held?

There are 10 Bowling Centres affiliated with the state Tenpin Bowling Association of WA Inc (TBAWA) and the national sporting organisation, Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited. These are:

a Bunbury	(16 Lanes)	9791 2233
b Cannington	(24 Lanes)	9451 7333
c Craigie	(24 Lanes)	9307 6633
d Kelmscott	(14 Lanes)	9399 4400
e Mandurah	(14 Lanes)	9535 5766
f Melville	(24 Lanes)	9330 7466
g Morley	(24 Lanes)	9275 1777
h Rockingham	(16 Lanes)	9528 1161
i Rosemount	(8 Lanes)	9328 7246
j Warwick	(24 Lanes)	9246 5088

**Start Time** Centres usually open at 9:00am and remain open throughout the day

**Finish Time** Late Evening

## Other Information

For further information and availability of portable equipment for schools please contact TBAWA.

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