



# National League 2018

*Rules and Regulations*  
**AND**  
*Entry Form*

As hosted by the Scottish Tenpin Bowling Association, in accordance with the 2018 Scottish Rankings.

## **(A) National League 2018 - Description**

The 2018 National League, as hosted by the Scottish Tenpin Bowling Association, will be a **Scratch and Handicap Trios league\***. The league will run in 3 unique venues over 6 separate dates.

During each of these dates a 'TO BE DETERMINED'\*\* number of rounds shall be played.

*\*In the event that the STBA get interest in the league that takes us beyond 14 teams, the format will have to change to 4 person teams to accommodate lane availability in centres. This will be communicated to Team Captains and the association as soon as possible.*

*\*\* (The number of rounds will be dependent on the number of team entries received prior to the closing date for applications to the 2018 National League. This will be announced prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Round).*

## **(B) National League 2018 – Rules and Regulations**

### ***League Format & Scoring***

1. This will be a Trios league, where teams can have a maximum of 6 registered players.
2. Each round will consist of 1 game against a determined Team.
3. 1 point will be awarded for a victory in both the Scratch and Handicap League. In the event of a draw, the point shall be shared between the two teams (1/2 point each).
4. Ladies will receive 8 pins per game, but in the Scratch League only.
5. For the Handicap League, each Bowler's handicap is calculated as being 85% of the difference between the Bowler's average from 220.
6. Bowlers cannot be given a negative handicap.
7. Each Bowler's handicap will be re-calculated for each round.
8. A Bowler's starting handicap will be based on their National League 2017 average. This handicap will then be re-calculated upon completion of the first National League 2018 date bowled, and based solely on the National League 2018 scores. If a Bowler did not participate in the 2017 National League, the handicap will be calculated on a game-by-game basis from the National League 2018 scores.
9. Blind Scores are permitted in the event a Team is unable to field a full team in a round, however, only 1 Blind Score is permitted each round. In the event a Team has to use more than 1 Blind Score (i.e. less than 2 players), the round will be forfeited, and the Opposing Team will be granted 1 point in both the Scratch and Handicap League.
10. The Blind Score will be set at 150, with no handicap being added.
11. All rounds must be bowled on the date scheduled; there will be no pre or post bowls.
12. A Team should not adjust their bowling lineup (NOT including order of bowlers) after the commencement of the 1<sup>st</sup> round on each National League date. In the event that this lineup is adjusted in a following round on a specific date, that round will be forfeited unless there are legitimate grounds for the adjustment. These legitimate

- grounds would include scenarios such as injury, but further scenarios can be considered on an individual basis by the STBA Board following a National League date.
13. Once a Bowler has played for a Team they cannot be removed from that Team for the course of the 2018 National League.
  14. In the event of a tie in placing at the end of the National League 2018 in either the Scratch or Handicap section, the team who has the Highest Pinfall (scratch or handicap dependent on the respective league) will be awarded the higher placing.

### ***Rankings & International Selection***

15. Ranking points for the National League 2018 dates will be awarded as stated in the International Selection Criteria for the 2019 Team.
16. Any Bowlers part of a line up resulting in forfeits (as described in points 9 & 12) will still be allowed to record their score for Rankings & International Selection.
17. In the event that a Bowler's registered Team is full during a National League date, The STBA Board will allow that Bowler to record their scores for Rankings & International Selection. Their scores, however, will not contribute towards their Team's scores on the date.

### ***Miscellaneous***

18. An active STBA membership is required to participate in the National League 2018.
19. Any complaints must be made verbally by the end of the date in question to a member of the STBA Board, and followed up in writing or email ([secretary@bowling.scot](mailto:secretary@bowling.scot)) within 72 hours.
20. All National league fees (Lineage, STBA Team fund and Prize Fund) must be paid in full on each scheduled date.
21. Cost per bowler will be £5 per round (This means a potential different cost per National League date. I.e. if there are 6 rounds in a date, each bowler will pay £30; if there are 7 rounds, £35)
22. The exact breakdown of lineage, STBA Team fund and Prize Fund for the league will be released prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> National League round following all entries being received.

### **(C) National League 2018 Dates & Venues**

<b>Date Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>1</b>	25/02/2018	TBC
<b>2</b>	15/04/2018	TBC
<b>3</b>	20/05/2018	TBC
<b>4</b>	02/09/2018	TBC
<b>5</b>	11/11/2018	TBC
<b>6</b>	09/12/2018	TBC

(D) **National League 2018 – Entry**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain STBA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

Bowler Name	STBA Number

All National League entries can be submitted by email. Reference the National League 2018 and your team name in the title of the email, attach this document as a Word or PDF File, and send to [secretary@bowling.scot](mailto:secretary@bowling.scot)

Alternatively, there's also an online registration form for the National League 2018 which can be completed at the below link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yal39nfm>

Otherwise, please submit any paper entries by post to:

The Secretary  
9 Mains Terrace  
Dundee  
DD4 7BX

***Closing Date for Entries: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018***