

Guide to Tournament Sanctioning

S.T.B.A. tournament sanctions are FREE to any member, association or organisation wishing to conduct an event and tournaments will receive a certificate of sanction from the S.T.B.A. providing all sections of the application, including the rules, are in accordance with the S.T.B.A. Rules and Regulations.

Tournament sanction application forms, which are available from the S.T.B.A. Head Office or a Local Association Secretary, should be submitted to Head Office at least three weeks prior to the date of the tournament, together with a copy of the entry form and any advertising material in draft form. This enables the S.T.B.A. to check lane certification, review the tournament rules ensuring that they comply with requirements and check for possible date clashes with other events. Should there be any errors, alterations can then be made before printing.

Tournament Entry Forms

Before sanction can be granted, the entry form for the event must meet certain requirements. Rules 1-8 inclusive should be included as shown, the remainder listed with options as required.

1. The tournament is sanctioned by the S.T.B.A. and the general playing and tournament rules will govern this event together with the following special rules. (NB. The entry form / promotional material must clearly state that the event is S.T.B.A. Sanctioned on the front cover.)
2. This tournament is open to members of the S.T.B.A. Non members and those unable to produce a current S.T.B.A. membership card may participate upon payment of £1 registration fee. Non members will not be eligible for S.T.B.A. services NB. In national and local championships, inter counties and all S.T.B.A. official events, non-production of current card will result in a fine equal to direct membership.
3. No person may play in this tournament except those originally entered or such replacements as authorised by the team captain and accepted by the tournament manager.
4. A provisional ball must be rolled if a dispute relating to pinfall cannot be resolved immediately.
5. Protests must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager within 72 hours of the game in which the infraction occurred. OPTION - Allow for verbal protests within X minutes.
6. The tournament manager reserves the right to reject or re-rate any entry and his decision on all matters shall be final, subject to an appeal to the S.T.B.A.
7. Entry fees will be non returnable after squad times have been accepted. However, an entry maybe sold to eligible replacements.
8. All fees must be enclosed with entry form.
9. Changes in team line up must be notified at least minutes prior to scheduled bowling times (generally 30 minutes).
10. Closing date for entries is midnight of (insert date) and must be postmarked prior to that time.
11. All bowlers must register at least minutes prior to scheduled squad time. (Insert suitable period, e.g.. 30 minutes).
12. Handicaps will be based on of the difference between entering average and
13. The base figure should always be at least ten pins higher than the highest possible average for national tournaments and should therefore be 210 or 220. The percentage figure is left entirely to the organisers to decide.
14. Averages must be the highest gained over 12 games or more in league or tournament play, sanctioned, or non-sanctioned.
15. The minimum is 12 games but could be 15, 18, or 21.
16. 14. Tiebreaker check rule 325.

Both the total entry fee, and prize fee payable must be listed separately on the entry form. Although the lineage fee and expenses / donation fee are not required, these items must be disclosed on the tournament sanction application form (Rule 310a).

The only compulsory levy on S.T.B.A. sanctioned tournaments is a contribution towards the National Squad fund. The minimum fees are:

10p per person per event in adult tournaments (payable to S.T.B.A.)

20p per person per event in junior events (payable to S.A.Y.B.C),

and these amounts should be collected and accounted for as part of the expense fee.

Tournament Managers

The S.T.B.A. requires that the tournament manager is a current member of the Association, and requires assurance that all tournament organisers are aware of their obligations, such as, guaranteed payment of any and all prize money within 30 days of the conclusion of the event, and financial reports and prize lists where necessary are produced.

Suspended/ Refused Membership

S.T.B.A. sanctioned tournaments are open only to current members and non-members (on payment of registration fee) who have not been refused membership or who are currently under suspension. A list of players not permitted to participate will be returned with the tournament sanction certificate.

When all the work has been completed, both the S.T.B.A. members and tournament officials will have the satisfaction of knowing that the S.T.B.A. bowlers will be covered for scoring awards and that the S.T.B.A. staff will be available to assist with any questions or problems relating to the tournament.

If you require any advice on aspects concerning tournaments please contact Head Office or your Local Association Secretary.