

SCOTTISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

INTER COUNTY TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

PURPOSE:

To promote competition, between eligible Counties of Scotland, to produce, County Champions, for Male and Female Teams.

INTER COUNTY SECRETARY:

The Scottish Inter County Secretary will be the National Secretary of the STBA, unless a Secretary is appointed by the Chairman of the STBA.

ELIGIBILITY:

Registration will only be accepted if they are a registered Area of the STBA. An Area will only be deemed to be registered if they have held the mandatory AGM in the preceding year and all minutes are with the National Secretary.

Bona fide Areas wishing to participate must send notification by the 31st January, followed by the registration fee, (determined by the STBA,) to arrive no later than 30th April to the Inter County Secretary. The fee will be used to defray the expenses of the finals.

The following qualifications for County representation are:

- a) The individual must be a current member of the STBA.
- b) The individual must have been born within the boundaries of the County.
Or
- c) The individual must have resided within the boundaries of their County for not less than one year at the time of registration.
Serving members of HM Forces and their dependants shall qualify after six months residential period.
Or
- d) The individual must bowl in the Area they have chosen as their County.

All applications for change of registration must be lodged for a period of one year before becoming effective. (The one year waiting period shall commence from the date of receipt of written notification.)

Until their new qualification takes effect, these individuals will continue to be eligible for their previous County.

A scratch STBA sanctioned tournament for selection purposes must be held in a sanctioned centre, and there must be equal opportunity for all members to represent their County. It is not necessary for the sanctioned centre to be within the County.

Entry forms for the selection must include a declaration of eligibility to be completed by participants.

FORMAT:

All matches and games shall conform to STBA rules and regulations.

There will be two divisions, Male and Female in 5 – person teams.

Each eligible county shall be permitted to enter one team in each category.

A maximum of 15 players may be registered in each category.

A list of these players nominated shall be submitted to the Inter County Secretary by the 30th April each year.

The tournament shall be held on the first Sunday in June and the first Sunday in September, any alterations to these dates would require to be made by the National Council.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

Entry forms for the Area County trial, must be forwarded to the Inter County Secretary, with an application sanction form before the trials begin.

Each player entering the trial must have a current STBA membership card.

CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE:

Anyone whose conduct is deemed to be derogatory to the best interests of the tournament, may be disqualified immediately.

Participants must conform to the STBA dress code for the tournaments.

Members of each team in the tournament, shall wear similar uniforms bearing the name of their County.

A commercial sponsor name is permitted providing it does not exceed 4” x 2”.

GRAND FINAL:

Each competing County shall be permitted to nominate 7 players from each category, with 5 bowlers for each game.

At registration the team captain must produce all membership cards for the participating players, any player unable to produce a current membership card will be required to pay a fine equivalent to direct membership.

AWARDS:

All nominated bowlers for the final will be eligible for an award.

TIES:

In the event of a tie for first place, the County with the highest pinfall overall will be declared champions.

PROTESTS:

Protests must be made verbally at the time of dispute, and confirmed in writing (post or e-mail) to the Inter County Secretary within 72 hours of the game in which the infringement took place.

PENALTIES:

Any County, who play a non-registered player or a non member of the STBA, shall be immediately disqualified.