



Hawkes Bay Championships 2025

Friday 7th November
Saturday 8th November
Sunday 9th November

Entries Close 2nd November 2025

Tournament Rules

TBNZ Cert No. # 2515



1. Eligibility

This tournament is an Open and Handicapped Tournament open to all bowlers who are current TBNZ members. Bowlers who are not current members may apply at the TBNZ website.

2. Entries

All entries, with full fees, must reach the tournament committee by the end business on 2nd November 2025. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the information is complete and correct, including team members and averages.

<u>Entry Fees:</u>	Singles:	\$70
	Doubles:	\$40
	Teams:	\$40
	Mixed Doubles:	\$40
	All Events:	\$20
	Masters:	\$50

3. Handicap

In singles/doubles/teams, all bowlers will have a handicap based on 100% of 200.

4. Entering Averages

All bowlers entering this tournament shall show and submit their 2025 TBNZ Tournament average a minimum of 21 games, if you don't have one then your highest established 2025 league average will be used as at midnight Sunday 26th October 2025 and must show a minimum of 21 games. The tournament committee reserves the right to review entering averages that have been submitted. Averages from outside the host Centre must be validated with a copy of the appropriate league standing sheet.

5. Bowlers without an established average.

Bowlers without an established average must apply to the tournament committee for an average when submitting their entry.

6. Events Only one attempt allowed

The events to be contested will be Singles, Doubles, and Teams of four, which will count towards All Events for Men and Women respectively. There will also be a Mixed Doubles event that will not count towards the All Events. All events contested under TBNZ rules.

7. Masters Event

Masters Events are as follows, Open Men's, Open Women, Handicap Men's and Handicap Women's. You need to nominate which masters event you wish to enter for when submitting your entry. Qualifiers for the master's will be the top six scratch or top six handicap bowlers for both women and men.

8. Open Masters

The top 6 bowlers from the Open Masters Men's list and top 6 Open Women Masters list will qualify for this event, pinfall not carried forward.

Qualifiers will play a round robin event (5 games with lane changes after each game)

Bonus Points: 20 Points a Win. 10 Points for a Draw.

9. Handicap Masters

The top 6 bowlers from the Men's Handicap Masters list and the top 6 Women Handicap Masters list will qualify for this event. A new average will be calculated for each bowler based on his or her qualifying pinfall, without pinfall carried forward.

Qualifiers will play a round robin event (5 games with lane changes after each game)

Bonus Points: 20 Points a Win. 10 Points for a Draw.

10. Champion of Champions

- (a) The winners of the ladies and men's scratch masters will playoff for Champion of Champions in a one game contest
- (b) The winners of the ladies and men's handicap masters will playoff for Champion of Champions in a one game contest. Handicaps used will be those re calculated from qualifying pinfall as set out in 9 above

11. Number of Games

Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Teams shall consist of a 3-game series for each bowler with NO lane changes, Singles will consist of a 6-game series for each bowler and there will be a lane change after every 2-game block.

There will be a 10 min warm up for Team events, and a 5 min warm up for all other events.

12. Replacements/Substitutes

The tournament committee must approve any replacements or changes to an original entry at least 30 minutes prior to each event.

13. Check In

Team Captains must check in 30 minutes prior to the advertised time of their event. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure their team is present and ready to bowl at the advertised time. In Masters Events bowlers qualifying pinfall will determine the lane draw. In every other event the lane draw will be determined at check in.

14. Tardy Bowlers

Any bowler not ready to bowl at the scheduled starting time will not be permitted to catch up but will commence at the frame being bowled.

15. Code of Conduct

Only participants, scorers and officials will be permitted in the playing area. The tournament committee reserves the right to alter schedule dependent on entries.

Slow Bowling:

Slow bowling will not be tolerated, except when caused by lane breakdowns or circumstances outside of the bowler's control. Players preparing to step on to the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

- a) Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery
- b) A bowler is given 30 seconds from the moment their lane is available to the time the ball leaves the hand of the bowler. Tournament Officials may use stop watches to randomly check the timing of the bowlers in their delivery.
- c) If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in a) and b) above, it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows:
 - i) A verbal warning will be given (no penalty)
 - ii) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
 - iii) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence during the event. The penalty shall be a zero pinfall for that frame

A Yellow and Red card system will be applied to this tournament. The Committee, or their appointed representative, has the authority to issue warnings, and/or cards, for any of the following infractions:

- Equipment abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Offensive language or gestures
- Gaining unfair advantage
- Failure to follow Committee directives
- Failure to follow the Code of conduct

16. Smoking

Bowlers must not smoke, use tobacco products, any kind of synthetic cigarette or e-cigarette while in competition (squad or block of games including lane changes).

17. Alcohol

Bowlers and their coaches must not consume recreational drugs or alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol and recreational drugs while in competition.

In those instances where it is established that a bowler is in breach of this rule they may be suspended for the rest of the squad or block of games being played.

18. Dress Code

Collared shirts or genuine branded bowling apparel must be worn. Dress trousers or dress shorts requiring a belt must be worn. Women have the option to wear a dress skirt or dress pants. No hats, cargo, denim or tracksuit/sweatsuit are prohibited.

19. Special Matters

The Tournament Committee will decide any matters which arise and are not covered herein.

20. Protests

Protests involving possible scoring errors must be lodged with the tournament committee at the time of the infraction occurring. All other protests must be lodged in writing with the tournament committee within 30 minutes after the event which they pertain.

21. Presentation Ceremonies

Presentations will be made as soon as practical after the completion of the Final Event.

22. Disclaimer

The tournament officials, Superstrike Hastings management and staff, will not be held responsible for any damage to equipment, injuries or lost belongings during the tournament.

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