



**2017/2018 BRITISH
COMPANIES TENPIN
BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2018

STROUD BOWL

BTBA Sanction: 17/0123

1. **RULES.** The tournament is sanctioned by the BTBA and the general playing and tournament rules will govern this event together with the following special rules.

2. **DRESS.** All teams participating in the tournament must adhere to the following dress code:

- a. All bowlers must wear a bowling shirt with sleeves, displaying their company name or logo.
- b. All bowlers should wear matching colour trousers or skirts (or combination).
- c. Blue Jeans are NOT ALLOWED.
- d. Male bowlers are NOT permitted to play in shorts.
- e. Each bowler must have the flag of their country displayed on the bowling shirt. This should preferably be on the left hand sleeve.

3. **SPONSORSHIP.** If a team has managed to acquire sponsorship, the name of their Sponsor may be displayed on individual bowling shirts but MUST adhere to the following controls:

- a. The Team Name MUST be bigger than the Sponsors Name so that it is clear who the team represents at the Championships.
- b. The Sponsorship area on the Bowling Shirt will be limited to a 12cm round area on the top left front of the Bowling Shirt or sleeve opposite the Country flag and/or a banner along the bottom of the back of the Bowling Shirt (see picture) which must not exceed 5cm by 25cm.
- c. The banner area must not be above the Company Name (Team Name).
- d. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from the Tournament.

4. **DATE & VENUE.** The event will take place on Sunday 14th January 2018. Should entry numbers be higher than predicted or teams be unable to attend this date, Saturday 13th January will be made available for extra squads. These will be the only extra squads available due to the unavailability of the bowl at other times and will only be used at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. All events will take place at Stroud Bowl.

5. **TOURNAMENT MANAGER.** The Tournament manager will be Paul Maddock assisted by the BCB Committee Members.

6. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT.** The tournament will consist of 3 separate events these being Four Person Team, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles. In each event, each team will bowl 6 games changing lanes after 3 games.

7. **TEAM COMPOSITION/ELIGIBILITY.** Bowlers may only participate in one event. A Four person team can be made of all or mixed genders. Ladies doubles teams and mixed doubles teams will be made up as per the event title.

The tournament is open to Bowlers employed by the same company (i.e. Banks, Factories, and Government Departments) providing the following criteria has been satisfied:

- a. Each member of the team must be employed on a continuous basis by the Company as either a full or part time (minimum 16 hours per week) employee for at least 3 months prior to the closing date. They must be on the Company payroll for National Health Contributions and PAYE, and the Company which the person represents, must be their principal employer. Spouses are also eligible to bowl but must bowl in the same team as their partners.

b. A person may also be a pensioner of that Company, in receipt of pension payments, OR HAVE BEEN AWARDED A PENSION WHICH WILL BE TAKEN AT A LATER DATE. Spouses of pensioners are also eligible to bowl but must bowl in the same team as their partner.

c. A Company may enter as many teams as they wish into each event.

d. No person may enter the event except those originally entered or such replacements authorised by the team captain and the Tournament Manager prior to the date of competition. Team replacements made on the day of bowling must enter scratch and no handicap will be allowed. All replacements must adhere to the above eligibility and checks will be made with the respective Human Resource Departments.

e. Once play has commenced, if a player has to retire through injury or illness, then a score equal to their average less 15% divided by 10 and rounded down will be allocated for each remaining frame.

Due to the steady decline in the numbers competing in the Ladies Doubles event, for this year only the BEC Committee have agreed a 1 year trial change to the rules for this discipline only that will allow 2 Companies to come together to form a Ladies Doubles entry providing they meet the following criteria:

The Team Name MUST contain the names of both companies.

The teams Bowling Attire MUST have both Company Names specified.

The Companies MUST be of the same Country.

Results of the trial will be assessed at the AGM in Lille to decide if the rule is to be adopted officially.

The trial will therefore be adopted for the 2018 BCB Qualifier.

8. HANDICAPS. Bowlers must declare their highest League average over a minimum of 21 games (taken at time of the entry form completion). Bowlers with no average over 21 games will be allowed to submit their last completed League average providing that it is not more than 5 pins below any current average over any number of games. Bowlers with no average shall be assessed after their first 3 games bowled in the Tournament. Handicaps will be based on 90% of the difference between their entering average and 230. The Tournament Manager may reassess the upper limit should entering averages exceed 230. There will be a maximum handicap of 75 pins for men and 80 pins for ladies if the handicaps are based from 230. This will be adjusted accordingly should this change.

9. DISPUTES. A provisional ball shall be bowled in the case of a dispute which cannot be settled on the spot. Any protest must be made verbally to the Tournament Manager at the time and confirmed in writing within 72 hours. The Tournament Manager has the right to re-rate or reject any entering average supplied or attained (in the case of no average held) and the Tournament Manager's decision will be final, subject to appeal through the BTBA.

10. **ENTRY FEES.** The Tournament Entry Fee will be as follows:

Fours	£180:00	Doubles	£ 90:00
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Broken down as follows:

Lineage	£ 66:00	Lineage	£ 33:00
Prize Fund	£ 94:00	Prize Fund	£ 47:00
GB BEC Registration	£ 8:00	GB BEC Registration	£ 4:00
BTBA Sanction Fee	£ 8:00	BTBA Sanction Fee	£ 4:00
Admin	<u>£ 4:00</u>	Admin	<u>£ 2:00</u>
Total	£ 180:00	Total	£ 90:00

Entries can be made via E-mail or post to the address shown below, however, **NO** confirmation of acceptance will be given until **FULL** payment has been received.

Entry fees can be paid by cheque or electronic transfer (account details below) and must accompany the entry form. In the case of electronic transfers a copy of the transfer confirmation should be submitted with the completed entry form.

Cheques are to be made payable to "British Corporate Bowling".
Electronic Payments should be made to

Account name: BCB
Sort Code: 20-70-46
Account Number: 20040355

Please ensure you add a reference containing BCB2018 and your team name. If possible please also forward a copy of the transaction receipt with the entry form.

Address for Entry forms:

Post: BCB Tournament Manager, Paul Maddock, 3 Harness Drive, Tattershall, Lincoln, LN4 4HB
Email: maddock771@btinternet.com

The Entry Fee's will be non-returnable after a squad time is issued.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 31ST DECEMBER 2017.

11. **SQUAD TIMES.** Based on 16 doubles teams, (total mixed & Ladies) and 16 team entries registration and squad times will be as follows:

09:00 Doubles Registration
09:30 Doubles Event (Round 1)
10:45 Team Registration & Lane Maintenance
11:15 Team Event (Round 1)
14:00 Doubles Event (Round 2)
15:30 Lane Maintenance
16:00 Team Event (Round 2)
18:30 Presentation

Should there be a requirement for additional squads to accommodate extra entries or teams unable to attend on that day extra squads will be made available on the preceding day (Saturday 13th January 2018). Squad times for extra squads (if required) will be promulgated after the closing date for entries.

12. **REGISTRATION.** Team Captains are required to register their teams 30 minutes prior to each event and all bowlers unable to prove they are current members of the BTBA will be allowed to continue to participate in the tournament on payment of a £2 fine. Non BTBA members are not eligible for BTBA services.

13. **PRIZE FUND.** 100% of the Prize Fund will be paid out. It must be understood by all competitors that the BCB Championships is primarily a handicap event, but in the four person event only, there will be prizes and European qualifying places awarded in both the handicap and scratch elements. Prize Monies will be awarded as follows:

a. In the Four person event, the team with the highest pinfall including handicap will take the highest handicap position and shall be declared the handicap winners. This team will take no further part in the allocation of positions or of the prize fund. From the remaining teams, the next award will be given to the highest scratch team excluding handicap who will be declared the overall scratch winners. This team as before will take no further part in the allocation of places or prize fund. The allocation of all subsequent places and prizes will follow the same format.

b. In the Doubles events, all prizes will be awarded on handicap scores bowled.

c. In the event of any tied scores, which effect the allocation of positions, then a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will ensue.

14. **QUALIFICATION TO THE EUROPEAN FINAL.** The first 3 teams in each section (handicap & Scratch) in the four person competition will be guaranteed places in the European Finals. The other places will be allocated on the finishing positions in the scratch event. In the Ladies & mixed doubles events places will be allocated based on the Handicap finishing order. **All competitors are to note that the European Finals will be a scratch event for all elements of competition.**

In addition to being guaranteed places in the European Finals the first 3 teams in each section (handicap & Scratch) in the four person competition and the winners of the Ladies and Mixed Doubles events will be eligible for receipt of a degree of financial sponsorship once they're entries to the European finals have been submitted and the entry fees paid. The amount of sponsorship will be as follows:

Handicap & Scratch Team event 1st Place £150:00, 2nd Place £100:00, 3rd Place £50:00
Ladies Doubles 1st place £50
Mixed Doubles 1st place £50

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Event being entered _____

Company Name _____

Team Name _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Address _____

Contact Telephone No _____

Contact E-Mail _____

Date Entry Submitted _____

Team

Pos	Bowlers Full Name	Status	Average	League & Centre (inc League secretary Details)
1				
2				
3				
4				
Res				

Doubles

Pos	Bowlers Full Name	Status	Average	League & Centre (inc League secretary Details)
1				
2				

1. Status to be annotated as follows:

- Insert CE for current Company Employee*
- Insert CES for current Company Employee Spouse*
- Insert CP for Company Pensioner drawing pension*
- Insert CPS for Company Pensioner drawing pension Spouse*
- Insert CPA for Company Pension awarded pension*
- Insert CPAS for Company Pension awarded pension Spouse*

2. Average. This is in accordance with the rules and should be a League Average over 21 games bowled or previous League average as long as it is not more than 5 pins difference to any current League average over a non-qualifying amount of games. Averages are to be at the day of submission of the Entry Form.

3. League & Centre. All averages will be checked with Centre League Secretaries.

4. Please list by initial playing position. Reserve only allowed for 4 person team.