

**DARRELL HOLT RESTRICTED CHALLENGE**  
Rules - Regulations – Requirements - Version 1.03 (13-09-07)

1. *These Rules will apply for the conduct and control of the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge and related matters. In the event of any Zone rule conflicting with these rules, then these rules will take precedence.*

2. **NAME**

*The Tournament will be known as the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge - Men's Division and Women's Division.*

3. **PURPOSE**

(a) *The purpose of the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge is to determine annually the best Zone representative team of bowlers with averages not exceeding 184 in the Men's Division and 174 in the Women's Division in a handicapped competition.*

(b) *To foster, develop and advance a spirit of good sportsmanship and fellowship, to promote and maintain a good relationship amongst the representative teams and to provide an opportunity for a combination of graded and handicapped competition of all ages and abilities.*

4. **ZONES TO BE REPRESENTED**

*Participation in the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge will be limited to one team in each of the Men's and Women's Divisions from the following areas of Australia:- North Queensland – South Queensland - New South Wales - Victoria - Tasmania - South Australia - Western Australia - Australian Capital Territory - Northern Territory and one other invited team.*

5. **ELIGIBILITY - TEAM MEMBER AND TEAM OFFICIAL**

*Each person:*

(a) *Must be a financial member of a TBA Licensed Association or Registered Bowling Centre - in good standing and attained the age of 18 years on or prior to the first day of the Holt Tenpin Bowling Carnival in that year.*

(b) *Must be capable of conducting themselves in such a manner so as not to discredit the Zone they are representing or tenpin bowling.*

(c) *Must have qualified for Team Membership in accordance with the Rule 7.*

*Each competitor:*

(d) *Must have competed in at least eight weeks of league competition and bowled a minimum of 24 games in a league in a registered centre in the Zone they wish to represent during the current year. League games completed as pre or post bowling do not count towards the number of games bowled.*

(e) *Must not have any league average, including touring leagues, over a minimum of 24 games at the end of any league season in the preceding year exceeding 184 pins for the Men's Division and 174 pins for the Women's Division.*

(f) *Once selected or appointed into a team, each bowler (with the exception of Drafted bowlers) must continue league play in a league in a registered centre in the Zone they are representing.*

(g) *Must, unless granted exemption under Rule 6(h), be resident in the Zone for the period of time that enables them to participate in the respective selection trials or process - from the commencement of the selection process.*

(h) *A bowler wishing to represent a Zone that is different to the one being resided in at the time of the trials may apply in writing to the Tournament Committee for an exemption to Rule 6 (g).*

(i) *Must have completed an All Events entry in the current year's Holt Tenpin Bowling Carnival prior to the commencement of the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge. The bowlers All Events average will then be used in the calculations to determine the entering average for each bowler in the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge – Refer Rule 10(c).*

(j) *Bowlers requesting an exemption must be able to demonstrate to the Tournament Committee that they bowl all or a major proportion of their competitive bowling in the Zone they wish to represent.*

(k) *Once a bowler has applied for and been granted an exemption to represent a Zone different to the one being resided in, the bowler must bowl for that Zone. Failure to represent that Zone will result in the bowler withdrawing from the event.*

**Team Officials:**

*Each zone is limited to four (4) team officials of any combination.*

Coaches do not need to be accredited under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

6. SELECTION OF TEAMS

- (a) Teams will be selected by the respective Zone Association or Committee.
- (b) Determining additional eligibility criteria is the sole responsibility of the respective Zone Association. Any appeals or complaints against non-selection or eligibility criteria set by a Zone must be lodged with that Zone for resolution.
- (c) Selection must be by way of a roll-off where the first seven highest pinfall plus handicap in male and female Divisions will be declared the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge Team.
- (d) Each zone is to conduct their roll off over a single weekend bowling seven games on day one and another seven games on day two.
- (e) The roster of players for each team in the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge may not exceed seven (7) players. The actual playing strength/line-up for any match will be five (5) players drawn from the roster submitted, except in cases of emergency as described and provided for in Rule 9 (f).
- (g) Each Zone Committee must advise the Tournament Committee no later than fourteen days after roll-offs are completed, of the names and details of their Team Members. This team registration is to be accompanied by a deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500). This payment will be deducted from the final team registration invoice and will be used to purchase pre-event medallions, plaques and any other pre-event expenses.
- (h) The top qualifier for each team, male and female, will earn the right to be this zone's Restricted Masters representative at that year's Tenpin Bowling Carnival, subject to the bowler's eligibility under the Tenpin Bowling Carnival Restricted Masters rules. If the top qualifier is deemed ineligible, or has withdrawn, then the automatic entry will be allocated to the next eligible bowler in order of zone qualifying. The fee for this automatic entry will be included in the zone's team registration invoice.

7. VENUE

The annual Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge will be conducted at a centre as nominated and selected at the previous year's organisation committee's AGM.

8. CONTROL OF MATCHES

The Tournament Committee will appoint the principal Tournament Director who will be responsible for all Tournament preparations and conduct of the matches whilst in progress. The Tournament Committee may appoint/engage such assistance as deemed necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the Tournament.

9. FORMAT FOR MATCHES

- (a) All play will be on a handicap basis with the handicap in both Divisions set at 100% of the difference between the player's individual average and a base figure of 200.
- (b) Each player in each team must compete in at least three games each day for a seven person team roster and at least four games each day if the roster is six bowlers. Any team that contravenes the rule on any day forfeits all their team points for that day.
- (c) The individual entering averages to be used for handicapping purposes will be established and advertised once each bowler has completed an All Events score in that year's Holt Tenpin Bowling Carnival - even though that average may exceed the qualifying average set in Rule 6 (e).

Each bowler's entering average will be set at the average of the following:

- All Events average bowled in the current year's Tenpin Bowling Carnival - refer Rule 5(i),
  - Entering average into the current year's Tenpin Bowling Carnival.
  - Average bowled in order to gain selection into their respective team
  - Eligibility average at the end of the preceding year - Refer Rule 5(e).
- (d) All players will be re-graded at the end of each days play to set the new average to be used the following day.
  - (e) Teams will be opposed against each other for two complete rounds of matches over a three-day period, or such time as may be considered necessary, according to the number of participating teams.  
Each match will be one full team game, and in the event of two or more teams not being represented, the Tournament Committee will determine the number of matches.

- (f) *In the event that one Zone is not represented, it will be necessary for one team to have a bye, in which case the team enjoying the bye will be required to score in excess of 1000 including handicap in either Division to claim the Team Match Point.*
- (g) *Likewise individuals in a team line-up must score in excess of 200 including handicap in both Divisions to claim the Individual Match Point.*
- (h) *In the event that one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl, due to an emergency occurrence prior to the commencement of, or during the actual Tournament, such that five (5) players are not available to play, the team will be filled by such eligible bowlers as are necessary, provided that their inclusion is approved by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee will determine the decision as to what constitutes an emergency.*
- (i) *The team scheduled to play on the left hand side lane of the pair, will be obliged to post their order of players first, thus enabling the team scheduled for the right hand side lane to match their players against the order posted by their opponents.*
- (j) *If a player withdraws during a game due to injury or any other reason, another member of the team may replace that bowler in the team. One tenth of the relevant bowler's handicap will be used for each frame started by the relevant bowler. All decimal places will be rounded down. The score will be credited to the starting player.*
- (k) *When a tie results for the first placing, a play-off will be bowled. When only two teams are involved, the number of games in the play-off will be equal to the number of games played in a match of the current tournament. This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.*
- (l) *The lanes to be used for any tie-breaker will be nominated by the Tournament Committee, with the starting lanes being determined by the "toss of a coin".*
- (m) *When more than two teams are involved in a play-off for first place, the format will be determined by the Tournament Committee.*
- (n) *The team scheduled to play on the left hand side lane of the pair, will be obliged to post their order of players first, thus enabling the team scheduled for the right hand side lane to match their players against the order posted by their opponents.*
- (o) *A bowler who competes in a Roll-off for a zone's team must roll off with the same hand that the bowler will use in the actual Tournament. In the event that a bowler who was successful in a Roll-off cannot, for any reason, compete in the event with that same hand, the next available bowler should be brought in to replace the injured bowler.*

10. POINTS SYSTEM

*Points will be awarded as follows:*

- (a) *Each team member will be matched against the opposing team member in the corresponding position in the line-up and the bowler achieving the highest total gross pinfall including Handicap for the game will win one (1) point for the Team. In the event of an equal game score, the point will be equally shared.*
- (b) *The team's total gross pinfall including Handicap will be compared with the total gross pinfall of the opposing team and two (2) points will be awarded to the team with the highest total. In the event of an equal team score, the points will be equally shared.*
- (c) *At the conclusion of the rounds of matches, the teams having the highest number of points will be declared the Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge Champion Team for their Division in that year.*

11. DRESS RULES

- a) *Dress rules will apply to this Tournament. All bowlers must wear a collared shirt. All men must wear dress slacks or dress shorts of the same colour, whilst slacks or dress shorts and skirts the colour will be acceptable for ladies teams.*
- c) *The shirt sleeves only may be used for private sponsors, subject to Clause 12.*

12. SPONSORSHIP

*All participating teams are required to submit to the Tournament Committee any proposed team or individual sponsorship. The reason is to determine that there is no conflict with current or proposed sponsorship agreements or venue sponsorships.*

13. AWARDING OF THE DARRELL HOLT TROPHY

- a) *The Darrell Holt Trophies will be presented to the captains of the Champion Teams immediately after the Tournament.*
- b) *The Darrell Holt Trophies are perpetual trophies and will remain in the custody of the Champion Zone to be displayed in the various bowling centres and offices throughout the Zone until the commencement of the next Tournament.*
- c) *Separate trophies will be awarded to the Men's Team and the Women's Team who have the highest points total in their respective Divisions.*
- d)
  - i) *For the overall trophy, the final positions in the male division will be allocated 10 points for first place, 9 points for second place and so on. The same will apply for the female division.*
  - ii) *The overall winner will be determined by adding the allocated points from the male division to the allocated points in the female division. In the event of a tie for any of the first three positions, Men's and Ladies individual points totals after 18 games will be added together, with the highest point score to win. If the tie still exists, the Zone with the highest total combined pinfall will win.*
  - iii) *Typically, a tie for first will result in the highest point score being awarded first place and the other being awarded second place. Three equal first will result in first, second and third being decided.*

14. MEDALLIONS

- a) *Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third placed teams respectively, maximum of nine per team, male and female Divisions.*
- b) *Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to first, second and third placed combined scores teams respectively, maximum of nine per team, male and female Divisions.*

15. TROPHIES

*The following individual trophies will be awarded:*

- a) Sports Persons Awards, Male and Female.  
*Sports person voting slips will be handed out to a Team Official on the second and third days after game three. They will be collected at the end of game four. The bowler in each Division that receives the most votes will be declared the winner of the award in that Division, excepting that the Tournament Committee have the right of veto. Votes will be scrutinised by the Tournament Committee. Bowlers must not vote for a bowler on their own team. Any vote so lodged will be invalid and not counted.*
- b) Chairman's and Secretary's Award  
*Recipients of these special awards are selected by the organising association Chairman and Secretary respectively. Awards are presented to a bowler in each Division. The Chairman's award is presented to the Male Division. The Secretary's award is presented to the Female Division. Criteria taken into consideration when selecting these awards are points won, number of games played, event average and pins bowled over average*
- c) Team of the Year, Male and Female
  - *Following each Darrell Holt Restricted Challenge, a "Team of the Year" will be announced in both the Male and Female Divisions. Selection shall be as follows, provided all bowlers up for selection have competed in a minimum of two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the games in the current event:*
    - (i) *The top five (5) Male averages based on the following shall be the Male team. The five bowlers who have improved their average the most from their Day 1 entering average to their final Day 3 event average over a minimum of two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the games in the current event.*
    - (ii) *The top five (5) Female averages based on the following shall be the Female team. The five bowlers who have improved their average the most from their Day 1 entering average to their final Day 3 event average over a minimum of two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the games in the current event.*
  - *In the event of a tie for the last available position in the Team of the Year:*
    - (i) *Each bowler's exact average based on the above method with decimal places will be taken into consideration.*
    - (ii) *If a tie still exists, the bowler who has played more games during the current year's event will prevail.*
    - (iii) *Should the tie still remain unresolved, the bowler with the most points accumulated during the current year's event will win a place in the team.*