



TBA Australian National Disability Championships

1. Event Description

Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA), the national sporting organisation, has National competitions held annually in a different State for disability, junior and adult bowlers. Western Australia was designated by TBA to host the **TBA Australian National Disability Championships for 2010** over 7 days from **Saturday 29 May to Friday 4 June**. The event will be at the newly constructed 32-lane **AMF Joondalup** tenpin bowling centre in Franklin Lane, Joondalup.

The opening ceremony takes place on Saturday at 08:30am with invited guests and the **Mayor of Joondalup, Troy Pickard**, will welcome bowlers to WA. Bowling commences at 9:00am and finishes around 3:00pm each day.

The Championships are played in two sections. Firstly, all individual bowlers may compete in Singles and form themselves into Doubles and 4-person Teams in open graded competition events against local and interstate bowlers. Gold, silver and bronze winners are declared in each of the grades and all events.



The **WA State Teams** then go head-to-head with interstate teams in the **TBA National Interstate Disability Teams Challenge** between state representative teams invited from all Australian States. This phase of the competition takes place over two days; Wednesday for Teams with application of a handicap score and Thursday for Teams with scratch scores. The Teams are vying for Gold, Silver and Bronze as the best State Disability Teams in Australia.

Medals and trophies will be presented at a dinner for 290 people at Arena Joondalup on Friday evening. The whole event allows an opportunity for WA bowlers with a disability to compete on an equal level with bowlers from other States of Australia.

2. Objective and Positioning of Event

Tenpin bowlers in small disability groups, compete at local centre League level on a weekly basis. Such competition is limited to the individuals who attend at that time and place. This National event will be the catalyst that creates an opportunity that will bring together several disabilities and disability agencies over a 7-day tenpin bowling Championship event in Joondalup.

Support of this event will assist in demonstrating to the WA community that the Sport of Tenpin Bowling is inclusive and has care and consideration for all abilities.

The **TBA Australian National Disability Championships** is sanctioned by **Tenpin Bowling Australia** and the event is accredited as an important event in the Australian tenpin bowling calendar. WA does not get many opportunities to host National tenpin events, consequently, this event provides an ideal vehicle to promote Western Australia as a place that can satisfactorily host the event and also successfully organise the administrative requirements.