

TOURNAMENT STANDING ORDERS

RNK 1.0 BUTBA shall organise the following tournaments:

RNK 1.1 Ranking Events

RNK 1.2 Non-Ranking Events

Entry

RNK 2.0 Entry to all BUTBA events shall be determined by the respective entry forms

RNK 3.0 Student team entries shall consist of bowlers from one institution only, unless **RNK 4.0** applies (honorary bowlers).

Honorary Bowlers

RNK 4.0 Where an entry form allows entries from student only teams, if a student club is short of players, they can apply to the committee to use a student from another club.

RNK 5.0 Where a club wishes to invoke **RNK 4.0**; they must make all attempts to find bowlers from within their club before applying to the committee.

RNK 6.0 The committee will decide on an application as soon as practicable but in any event within 48 hours of the request being made.

Financial Administration

RNK 7.0 The administration fee for individual members of ranking events is £1 per academic year, payable at or before their first event.

RNK 8.0 The Event Treasurer is responsible for collecting and forwarding the fees to the BUTBA Treasurer, and the Event Secretary is responsible for forwarding player details to the BUTBA Secretary.

RNK 9.0 *BTBA Affiliation membership – suspended until agreement is made with the BTBA*

Entry Fees

RNK 10.0 Each entry fee shall comprise the following maximum allowances per player:

RNK 10.1 Event Lineage: Set by Tournament Co-ordinator (TC) in consultation with Event Secretary.

RNK 10.2 Event Awards: Set by TC in consultation with Event Secretary.

RNK 10.3 Event Expenses: £1.30

RNK 10.4 Contribution to Host Club: £1.00

RNK 10.5 Levy for Awards for Ranking Tables: £0.50

RNK 10.6 Levy for Masters Invitational Event: £0.75

RNK 10.7 Levy for Team England: As determined by the sanction

RNK 10.8 Levy for Club Development Fund: £0.75

Tournament Administration

Event Hosts

- RNK 11.0** Member Clubs wishing to host a ranking event should:
- RNK 11.1** Submit a statement of Intent to the TC two months prior to the End of Season Meeting (EOSM)
 - RNK 11.2** Submit a Full Application to the TC fourteen days prior to the EOSM
 - RNK 11.3** Successful Applicants shall be confirmed as Event Hosts by the TC at the EOSM.
 - RNK 11.4** Event Hosts are required to submit full details for their event, including written confirmation of lineage rate from the bowl, to the TC by the Start of Season Meeting (SOSM).

Event Formats

- RNK 12.0** The format of each event shall be proposed by the Event Host when a Full Application is submitted in accordance with **RNK 11.2**.
- RNK 13.0** Successful applicants shall have the format of their event confirmed by the TC at the EOSM
- RNK 13.1** Where the TC has deemed it necessary to alter the format of an Event, the TC shall discuss the alteration with the Event Host at least seven days prior to the SOSM.

Entering Averages and Handicap

- RNK 14.0** For ranking events, a player's entering average shall be defined as the highest average from:
- RNK 14.1** BUTBA Ranking Average, calculated over 12 games from 1st September which includes games bowled in all BUTBA Ranking events and the Cup competition.
 - RNK 14.2** Where an average under **RNK 14.1** does not exist the following applies, in order:
 - a) Preceding BUTBA season, as calculated in **RNK 14.1**
 - b) Highest single league/tournament average, calculated over a minimum of 12 games since 1st September.
 - c) Composite average of all league/tournament averages, calculated over a minimum of 12 since 1st September.
 - d) Highest average from previous single league/tournament over the preceding season (1st September to 31st August) over a minimum of 12 games.
 - e) Composite average, of all previous season averages, provided that the total number of games is a minimum of 12.
 - RNK 14.3** If no such average exists under **RNK 14.2**, then if a bowler has an historic BUTBA average, then this may be used for entry, less 5 pins for each year of absence. Bowlers using this average may only do so for one event per season.
 - RNK 14.4** If no such average exists under **RNK 14.3** then the average shall be defined as the Club/Team Captain's Estimate based on any information available
- RNK 15.0** The event director has the discretion to re-rate any entering average entered under **RNK 16.2 – 16.4** if they see fit.
- RNK 16.0** Where an Event includes Handicapped divisions, each player shall receive a handicap calculated as 100% of the difference between their entering average, as determined by **RNK 14**, and the greater of a 220 average or the highest qualifying average of the previous season, rounded up to the nearest 10 pins.
- RNK 16.1** The highest qualifying average of the previous season shall be the highest average achieved over a minimum of 21 games in BUTBA Ranking Events, by either a Student or Ex-Student Member.

Entries

- RNK 17.0** The TC shall make available entry forms for each event as and when they become available.
- RNK 18.0** The Closing Date for each ranking event shall be two weeks prior to the commencement of the event.
- RNK 19.0** Completed entry forms shall not be accepted until six weeks prior to the Closing Date for each event.
- RNK 19.1** Entries will only be accepted with full payment of the Entry Fee, which may be made by one of the following methods:
- RNK 19.1.1** By Cheque;
 - RNK 19.1.2** By Electronic Transfer;
 - RNK 19.1.3** By Written consent of the Tournament Coordinator for 'Cash on the Day'
- RNK 20.0** The acceptance of Entries shall be determined by the date of the receipt of the completed Entry Forms. This shall be:
- RNK 20.1** The date of receipt of the entry form when received with a cheque or by electronic transfer if received within three working days of the entry form.
 - RNK 20.2** The date of receipt of the electronic transfer when made more than three days after receipt of the entry form.
 - RNK 20.3** The date that written confirmation of Cash on the Day is sent by the Tournament Treasurer.
- RNK 21.0** Where student entries are allowed under **RNK 2.0**; each student club submitting an entry comprised wholly of persons from that club shall be guaranteed one entry to that event.

Ranking Tables

- RNK 22.0** At the Start of Season Meeting, the TC shall designate specific tournaments to contribute to a "Ranking Table"; in addition to the Student and Ex-Student Championships.
- RNK 23.0** The Ranking Table shall be a points based ranking system for individuals and Member Clubs
- RNK 23.1** At the start of the season, each individual shall choose whether to enter the scratch or handicapped ranking tables; this selection shall stand for the season.
 - RNK 23.2** There shall be three sets of ranking tables; one set for student events; one for ex-student events and one for combined student and ex-student events
 - RNK 23.2.1** Where an event is a combined student and ex-student one, individuals shall score one set of points towards a combined ranking table. These points however shall be counted in both the combined table and in their own respective ranking tables (i.e. student and ex-student).
- RNK 24.0** The Ranking Tables shall cover ten categories:
- RNK 24.1** Student Men (Scratch)
 - RNK 24.2** Student Women (Scratch)
 - RNK 24.3** Student (Handicapped)
 - RNK 24.4** Member Clubs
 - RNK 24.5** Ex-Student Men (Scratch)
 - RNK 24.6** Ex Student Women (Scratch)
 - RNK 24.7** Ex-Student (Handicapped)
 - RNK 24.8** Combined Men
 - RNK 24.9** Combined Ladies
 - RNK 24.10** Combined Handicap

- RNK 25.0** Excepting the Championships, ranking points will be awarded depending on the position in the average at each designated tournament, on qualification rounds (where all bowlers participate) only, as follows:
- RNK 25.1** For **24.1, 24.5 & 24.8**: The Xth highest average shall gain (21-X) points
 - RNK 25.2** For **24.2, 24.6 & 24.9**: The Xth highest average shall gain (11-X) points
 - RNK 25.3** For **24.3, 24.7 & 24.10**: The Xth highest average shall gain (31-X) points
 - RNK 25.4** For **24.4**: The Xth highest ranked club shall gain (11-x) points
 - RNK 25.4.1** Where a university enters multiple teams, only the highest ranked team shall be eligible for points, all subsequent teams shall not be included in the calculation of points.
 - RNK 25.4.2** Where multiple teams exit an event at the same stage courtesy of a knockout round, the teams shall be ranked on handicap pinfall of the game which they were knocked out on
- RNK 26.0** If two players are tied on average where ranking points would normally be awarded, both players shall receive equal ranking points for that relevant position, and the next position will be unfilled. Similar rules will apply to multiple ties for average (fractions of a pin shall count for all average calculations).
- RNK 27.0** In the event of there being less competitors in a section than placings for which points are available, the points for the unfilled places shall not be awarded.
- RNK 28.0** The Ranking Table standings shall be compiled by the BUTBA Tournament Co-ordinator.
- RNK 29.0** The ranking for all sections of the "Ranking Table" shall be based on the sum of the best X/2 + 1 results, rounded down from designated ranking tournaments where "X" is the number of ranking events held.
- RNK 30.0** Count-back on the number of highest place finishes from those counting events shall be used to break any ties for ranking table positions.
- RNK 30.1** Where ties still exist, the player's combined average from those events shall be used;
 - RNK 30.2** If a tie still remains, the position shall be shared.
- RNK 31.0** Interim standings for the Ranking Table will be distributed throughout the season at the discretion of the TC and shall be displayed on the website.
- RNK 31.0** Awards shall be awarded in the Order of Merit as follows:
- RNK 31.1** Individual Sections
 - RNK 31.1.1** Winner
 - RNK 31.1.2** 1st Runner up
 - RNK 31.1.3** 2nd Runner up
 - RNK 31.1.4** 3rd Runner up
 - RNK 31.2** Team Section
 - RNK 31.2.1** Winner
 - RNK 31.2.2** 1st Runner up
 - RNK 31.2.3** 2nd Runner up

Student & Ex Student Championships

- RNK 32.0** The TC shall designate two events per year as Championships. There shall be separate events for the Students and Ex-students (however they can, if required be held at the same time in the same centre).
- RNK 33.0** The TC shall arrange the Event Director and Event Secretary as they see fit and shall select a

format for the event in conjunction with the Student and Ex-Student Representative squad managers

RNK 34.0 *The TC shall determine at the start of the season whether or not the championships shall carry ranking points and any special rules regarding those events.*

Masters Invitational

RNK 35.0 The TC shall organise a Masters Invitational Tournament held at the end of the season.

RNK 36.0 Automatic Qualification for the event is as follows:

RNK 36.1 16 bowlers take part in the Men's Section

RNK 36.1.1 1st to 8th Place in the Student Ranking Table

RNK 36.1.2 1st to 8th Place in the Ex-Student Ranking Table

RNK 36.1.3 Winner of the previous year's Masters Invitational Event

RNK 36.1.3.1 Where the winner of the previous year's event does not qualify as of right in the Ranking table, they shall take the 8th place of the section in which they competed in the previous year

RNK 36.2 8 bowlers take part in the Women's Section

RNK 36.2.1 The Top 4 Students in the Women's Ranking Table

RNK 36.2.2 The Top 4 Ex-Students in the Women's Ranking Table

RNK 36.2.3 Winner of the previous year's Masters Invitational Event

RNK 36.2.3.1 Where the winner of the previous year's event does not qualify as of right in the Ranking table, they shall take the 4th place of the section in which they competed in the previous year

RNK 36.3 16 Bowlers to take part in the Handicapped Section

RNK 36.3.1 1st to 8th in the Student Ranking Table

RNK 36.3.2 1st to 8th Place in the Ex-Student Ranking Table

RNK 36.3.3 Winner of the previous year's Masters Invitational Event

RNK 36.3.3.1 Where the winner of the previous year's event does not qualify as of right in the Ranking table, they shall take the 8th place of the section in which they competed in the previous year

Challenge Match

RNK 37.0 The TC shall organise a Student vs Ex-Student Challenge Match at the end of the season.

RNK 38.0 The A team shall be contested by the respective representative squads who shall try to pick 4 men and 2 women each.

RNK 39.0 The B team shall be determined by 1st to 4th Place in the respective lists of number of games played in the Ranking Events (after those selected to play in the A team match have been discounted) in the Men's sections (combined); and 1st and 2nd place in the Women's sections (combined)

RNK 40.0 The format for the challenge event shall be determined by the TC who shall act as, or appoint, an Event Secretary and the BUTBA Treasurer who shall act as, or appoint, an Event Director.

Ranking Event Policy for the 16/17 Season

Student Tour

- The TC shall attempt to organise at least 3 student-only events;
- These events shall be hosted by Nottingham, Loughborough and Birmingham universities;
- More events can be added should there be a new or returning club who wishes to hold an event (e.g. MMU/Exeter/Sheffield);
- These events will be shorter format events (4 qualifying games, 4hr 30 total) with cheaper entry fees (£15 - £20);
- These events will be played on house patterns.

Ex-Student Tour

- There shall be an equal number of Ex-student only events
- These events will be flexible on games and costs, some will be cheaper, some may be more expensive and some may have more difficult oil patterns
- These events will be open to Ex-student and non-member adults, but not students
- These event may be held at the same time and location as the student events, but not necessarily so.

Combined Tour

- The TC will attempt to organise at least 2 combined events which shall be open to students and ex-students who may bowl together in the same teams.
- Non-member adults may also be allowed to bowl in these events.
- In addition, the TC shall organise a BTBA ranking event which shall be open to all members in addition to those non-members who are full BTBA members.

Championships

- The TC shall attempt to organise 2 member-only championships, one solely for ex-students and one solely for students.

Blind scores for the 16/17 season shall be 150 scratch with 50 handicap, where allowed by the entry form.