

2025 NSW Regional Tour Playoffs and Finals

17 and 18 January 2026
\$200 entry fee to cover both events

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Returning for 2025, the NSW Regional Tour are pleased to announce the format for this years Tour Playoffs and Finals! These now **combined events** are TBA accredited, with scratch and handicapped divisions, all rules and regulations will apply. All participants are required to be current (2026) TBA members. Any matter not covered in this entry form will be at the discretion of the NSW Regional Tour committee.

Following the completion of the final event for 2025, qualifying bowlers will be invited to take part in the tour playoffs and finals. The highest 16 bowlers in the open rankings and highest 16 bowlers in the graded rankings, who have participated in 5 or more events (any division) throughout 2025, will qualify for the finals. Invited bowlers will be required to confirm their attendance and pay the \$200 entry fee by 17 December 2025. After this time, the next available bowlers will be invited until there are full confirmed fields. Where there is a tie in ranking points, this will be broken by highest individual event points, until the tie is broken. Refunds will only be given where at least 7 days notice is provided prior to the event AND where a replacement qualifying bowler can be found. If there are insufficient bowlers meeting the event requirements, the next highest ranked bowlers will be invited with no event minimum.

Averages - Graded bowlers will have their average calculated from all tour appearances throughout 2025 (excluding results from the baker doubles format), this will be used to determine their handicap based on 80% of 210.

Saturday 17 January 2026
Check in will close and 4:00pm

Tour Playoffs Format (Open and Graded combined)

Bowlers **must check in by 4:00pm on Saturday 17 January 2026 to participate in BOTH days of this event**. Where a bowler fails to check in for the Tour Playoffs, the NSW Regional Tour committee have the right to replace them in both the Tour Playoffs and Tour Finals. Any bowler who misses check in will not be entitled to a refund. Only in extenuating circumstances, and by approval of the NSW Regional Tour committee, a bowler may still be permitted to participate in the Tour Finals even if they have missed check in for the Tour Playoffs.

Bowlers will be allocated into 8 baker teams of 4, with each team comprising of 2 open bowlers and 2 graded bowlers. Teams will compete in a round robin matchplay format, including a final positional round for a total of 8 games. Teams will be awarded 3 points for a match win and 1 point for a match draw. At the completion of the 8 games, the team with the highest number of points will be declared the **2025 NSW Regional Tour Playoffs Champions**.

Further to team placing prizes, a high series prize will be paid to the team will the highest pinfall that does not place in the top 3. Skins prizes will also be paid out for each of the 8 matchplay rounds, each team can only win a maximum of 3 skins and after this limit is reached the prize (or remaining prize in the case of ties) will be awarded to the next highest team. Where there is a tie for a skin, this will be divided between the winning teams. Ties on points for team standings will be broken by team pinfall.

Team allocations or selection – the NSW Regional Tour committee will confirm how teams will be selected for this event when the entry form is released. This will likely be done through a seeded allocation ensuring a fair balance across teams, or will be done through a draft similar the playoffs in 2024.

Handicaps will be applied to the team based on the same entry conditions as the tour finals (covered above). For playoffs the teams will receive ¼ of each of the 2 graded bowlers handicaps applied to their team total.

Team playing order – In order to ensure even competition and playing balance, teams will be required to bowl in a fixed order and will rotate each game. **Bowler 1** will complete frames **1, 5 and 9**, **bowler 2** frames **2, 6 and 10**, **bowler 3** frames **3 and 7** and finally **bowler 4** frames **4 and 8**. At the end of each game, the bowler who was in position 4 will move into position 1 and the other 3 will all move down 1.

Tour Playoffs Prize Fund (per team)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	High series	Skins
	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$100

Tour Finals Format (Open and Graded)

Check in will close and practice will commence at 8:30am

Bowlers will be allocated into 2 groups based on their ranking position being either odd or even, each group will compete in round robin matchplay of 7 games. Bowlers will be awarded 3 points for a win or 1 point for a draw. Following these 7 games, 6 bowlers will progress to the tour championship elimination final. Lanes will not be oiled ahead of the open tour championship elimination final. If there is a tie on points for a position to progress to the tour championship elimination final, this will be broken by total pinfall, including handicap for graded. Any further ties will result in a 9th and 10th frame roll off (including 1/10 of handicap applied per frame for graded).

Tour Finals Prize Fund (Open and Graded)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	High series	High game
	\$500	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$150

Tour Championship Elimination Final

The top bowler from each group based on points will progress to position 1 or 2. The second highest bowler from each group based on points will progress to position 3 or 4. The next 2 highest bowlers remaining based on points from within either group will progress with the higher score to position 5 and the last progressing bowler to position 6.

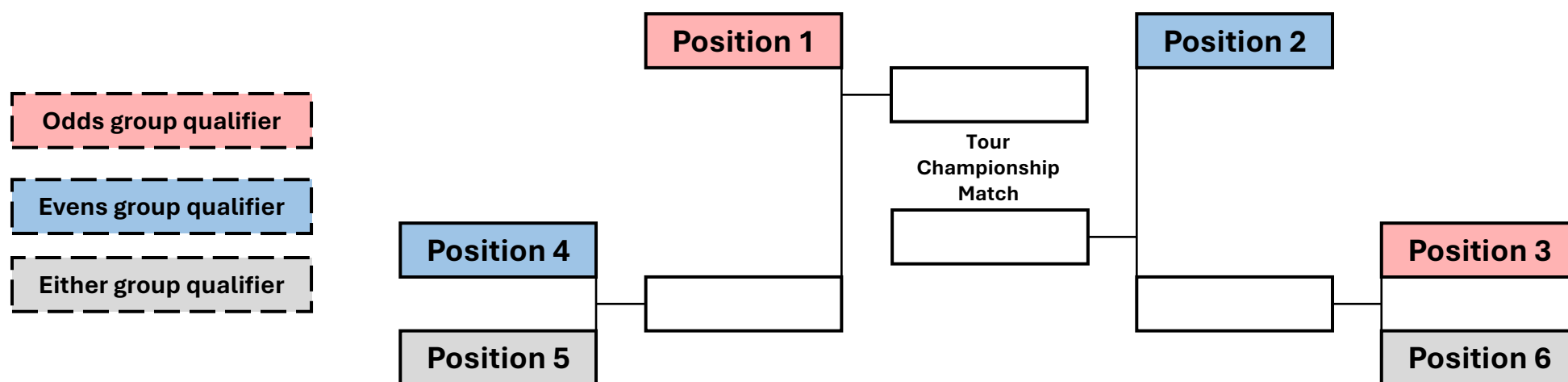
Each match will consist of 1 game, included handicap for graded, with the loser eliminated and the winner progressing on until there is only 1 bowler remaining in each division who will become the **2025 NSW Regional Tour Champion**.

If there is a tie during the championship elimination final, this will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off (including 1/10 of handicap applied per frame for graded). Prizes for bowlers eliminated at the same time will be broken by highest draw position.

High series and high game prizes will be awarded in each division (including handicap for graded) from bowlers who are outside of the top 6, a bowler can only win one of these prizes.



Open Tour Championship Elimination Draw



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