

# NSW Regional Tour 2026

## Guidelines and tour conditions

As the NSW Regional tour heads into its 12<sup>th</sup> year for 2026, we are excited for another big year ahead, bringing bowlers of all levels together across NSW and the surrounding regions. In support of the 2026 tour, below are the event guidelines and tour bowler conditions that will apply across all events this year.



### Open and graded divisions

All tour events must include an open and a graded division. Further divisions can be added and ranking points will be aligned back to these 2 core tour divisions.

### No bonus pins for open divisions

No bonus pins are to be awarded in open divisions. Additional prizes can be included to cater to any specific bowler group (e.g. highest female).

### Event timelines

Draft entry forms should be provided as soon as possible in order to be submitted for TBA accreditation. Where possible, entries for each event should open at least 6 weeks prior to the event being conducted.

### Event dress code

Competitors are required to dress in appropriate and neatly presented attire suitable for bowling. Jeans, tights, trackpants, singlets, offensive slogans, and excessively torn or ill-fitting clothing are not permitted.

### Event oil patterns

In 2026, the NSW Regional Tour will be introducing a set of pre-published oil patterns for use across the tour season. These patterns will be confirmed by 01 March 2026 and centres are encouraged to reach out to the tour committee to confirm specific requirements.

### Urethane ban

Urethane bowling balls (including 78D and Microcell Polymer) will not be permitted for use throughout the 2026 tour. Pre-exempt urethane cover “spare” balls will be approved and listed on the NSW Regional Tour website, for the purpose of spare shooting (must only be thrown on second shots). This list will include known urethane spare balls (e.g. Storm Mix, Motiv Propel). Balls can be added to this list on request.

### Equipment surface adjustments

No surface adjustments (e.g. cleaner, sanding) will be allowed to bowling balls **during a session of play**. As required, a session will be defined in entry forms.

*For example;*

#### **8 game qualifying session of 4 X 2 game blocks**

Surface adjustments allowed in practice, then only following the completion of the 8 games.

#### **Best 2 X 4 game squad (4 X 1 game blocks)**

Surface adjustments allowed in practice, then again following the set of 4 games.

### Tour contributions

All tour events contribute \$5 per bowler entry to the tour. This contribution includes TBA accreditation, promotion on the tour website and Facebook page, scoresheets, entry forms\*, dispute resolution and entry / payment management\*. Further support can also be provided from the tour committee on request.

\* Only if required.