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THE BANK OF VALLETTA NATIONAL MBA DIVISION II LEAGUE

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STARTING DATE:

7th July 2026

**Application Closing date:
28th June 2026**

M.B.A.

Malta Bowling Association
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Rules

The Malta Bowling Association Rules and regulations shall govern the above captioned leagues which are being sponsored by Bank of Valletta, together with the following additions/exceptions.

- 1) These leagues are open only to current M.B.A. members. The score of any bowler who is not a current member or who has not been duly included in the Team's Registration Form will be considered null and void, and not even a blind score awarded. Memberships have to be paid before any games are played.
- 2) The league shall run on **TWO** rounds. Please note a change in the format of the points' system. There will be 12 points for the team: 2 points for every game, and 6 points for the overall pinfall. Then there will also be points for the one to one players. Points will be given for players 1 vs player 1, 2 vs 2, etc.

Scoring System Explanation

For example, if Team B wins against Team C, Team B is awarded **6 points** for the overall team result. In addition, each player's game will also count towards **individual one-to-one encounters**, including any applicable handicap (Player 1 vs player 1, 2 vs 2, 3 vs 3, 4 vs 4. This means that it is possible for Team B to win the match overall, while a player from Team C wins the individual one-to-one points against their direct opponent.

Each game will have a total of **10 points** available. Then whoever wins the overall pinfall will win an **extra 6 points** (not the usual extra 2 points)

The team captain of the team listed on the left (the **home team**) will decide the playing order, assigning players to positions **1, 2, 3, and 4**. The opposing team will then select their line-up to challenge this format.

The total number of points available in each match is **36**, consisting of **10 points per game** and **6 points awarded for the overall team pinfall**.

It is therefore very important that the team captain liaise together at least a day before, possibly during Sunday's training session, about the format of the team, as the MBA then needs to advise the lineup to Eden by 1pm of the day of the league. No changes can be made to the lineup, once email is forwarded to Eden.

- 3) The official starting time for the Division 2 will be at 7.45pm.
- 4) Handicap will be calculated at 80% of 180 scratch with a maximum handicap of 35.
- 5) A Blind score will count as 120 pins with no handicap awarded.
- 6) Teams in the Division 2 must pay an Entry Fee of €25.00 to be paid by no later than 28th June 2026. **Failure to pay fees by that date will result in a deduction of 2 points in every subsequent match, until fee is paid.**



Payment is to be made by bank transfer to the below mentioned account:

MBA bank account details:

- Bank Name: Bank of Valletta plc
- Account Name: - Malta Bowling Association
- Account no.: - 40021827918
- IBAN no.: - MT81 VALL 2201 3000 0000 4002 1827 918
- Swift/BIC code : - VALLMTMT
- Reference: Name :- Division 2 League and Name of Team

- 7) **All teams MUST have a minimum of 5 registered players at all times and may have up to 7 registered bowlers at any one time.**
- 8) For the purposes of these leagues, registration of a bowler with a team is attained by the respective bowler completing and signing the relevant Registration Form.
- 9) On disqualification/withdrawal of a team, the points earned by that team will not be awarded to their previous opponents against whom they had won the points.
- 10) Teams competing with incomplete line-ups will be required to furnish the league secretary with the name/s of those bowlers who were expected to make an appearance and failed to do so.
- 11) Only 1 postponement can be requested by same team in one round, unless a bowler is abroad on either National Duty or is abroad to play an Open Tournament. Only in such cases can there be more than 1 request in one round. The request for a make-up which is not bowling related carries an Administration Fee of 40€. If the make-up is requested for bowling duties, the Administration fee is waived off.

A postponement must be requested at least 48 forty-eight hours before the scheduled time on an MBA Postponement Form. Should both team captains agree, postponements will also be accepted after this deadline. The league secretary will allow a postponement when a team cannot appear for reasons beyond its control and will not have the minimum required line-up. If a team asks for a postponement because one (1) of the players is on National Duty or because a player is abroad to bowl for an International Open, then the opposing team **CANNOT** refuse the postponement. However, the team captain has to advise the opposing team about the make-up **3 weeks** before the match is scheduled to be played to provide ample time to set the make-up. The team captain requesting the make-up should also inform the league secretary via email as soon as the request is made (i.e. 3 weeks in advance). Form has to be filled 2 weeks in advance with both team captains' signature on it. Failure to ask for a make-up before the 3-week period, the opposing team has the right to refuse such make up.

Postponed games must be bowled prior to the next league match of scheduled competition for either team. However, if a team has at least ONE of its registered bowlers abroad on M.B.A. National Duty, then the match/es involved can be rescheduled to another date up to 1 week after the next league match prior to the approval of the league secretary. Handicaps for the rescheduled games will be taken as at on the day that the match is bowled. During the final **week of the league, all make-ups must be played before the last scheduled league match. If games are not played within the timeframe BOTH teams will get zero pinfall.**

- 12) Should a team not have enough players available for a scheduled fixture, the team captain may make use of not more than ONE substitute. Said substitutes can be bowlers from any other division other than that which the teams concerned form part of. Substitutes must have an average established over at least 12 games in the National Leagues and such average cannot exceed that which corresponds to the division the competing teams form part of. An exception is given to Special Olympic bowlers, and junior players, who are not registered to play in a league, in which case their average will be derived from the composite average over at least 12 games of that current year. **The averages cannot exceed: Division 2 League – 165ave.**

If a substitute plays 12 games in the role of a substitute in a particular division then the following will apply:

- a) Check that his/her average in the division in which the substitute plays does not exceed the 165 average, and if it is above then he / she will not be eligible to play as a sub.
- b) If both averages are below the 165 average, then the highest average will be considered when playing as a sub with regards to handicap.

If someone plays as a substitute and either does not have an average over at least 12 games in the National League / Composite Average, or supersedes the average capping as listed above, his/her score will be considered as a blind score even if someone notices later during the league until the league for that season is over.

Only three substitute are allowed throughout the duration of the league. The fine for the substitute is 15€ (excluding lineage). Please note the fine needs to reach the MBA's bank account BEFORE the game is played. If the money does not show on the bank statement by the following day, then the score of the substitute will be blind.

The bowling centre and the league secretary must be informed of the use of substitutes at least half an hour before the scheduled league time to ensure correct input of line-ups. This can be communicated via an email to the Eden Superbowl, copying the league secretary.

- 13) With a tie on the points at the end of the league, total pinfall, including handicap, will decide the placing.
- 14) To win Hi-Average and most Improved Awards, a bowler must have bowled at least 51% of the games in that league. To qualify for any other individual award, a bowler must have bowled a minimum of 34% of the games in that league. A bowler may win any individual trophy during the first four weeks of a league (i.e. when their handicap is still frozen).
- 15) A team must retain at least three of its registered bowlers in order to maintain its status in that particular division for the following League Season. These 3 persons must have bowled at least 9 games in the just concluded league. If this rule is not adhered to, the team will have to start from the entry division.

One team will be promoted to the Premier division.

- 16) Teams participating in the 2nd division, are encouraged to play with uniform tops; however, they are not obliged to do so.



- 17) There will be no kicking or punching of the ball returns or any other bowling equipment or property. First offence throughout the entire league will result in a verbal warning in front of a witness. The second offence throughout the entire league will see the frame considered as void and automatic referral to the disciplinary committee who will impose a fine, excluding damages, and impose additional sanctions reflecting the gravity of the case. Fines will be doubled on any subsequent reoccurrence throughout the entire league.
- 18) The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, such substances as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes (including proprietary products such as Easy Slide); also soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach are prohibited. Powder should not be taken into the players' area. The penalty for violation of the rules is: First offence: verbal warning. Second offence: Direct disqualification from play on the day with all scores from that point forward considered Null and Void.
- 19) Should any extraordinary issues arise then the League Secretary is to discuss the issue with all Committee Members, who in turn will decide which is the best action to be taken, even if this decision is not exactly according to the rules. Should this be the case however, all team captains involved will be informed in writing beforehand.
- 20) For the application to be valid the below form needs to be filled and scanned and submitted to the Secretary General on **mtbamalta@gmail.com**. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. We may accept form without signatures; however all players must sign before playing. Further to do so will result in scores of such player being blind.
- 21) Requests to amend a score once a foul line goes off will not be accepted and the score of a foul will still stand. Scores can only be amended if the foul line goes off for more than 3 times on the same pair and by different bowlers, which makes it evident that the foul line is not working properly. In this case a score can be amended retrospectively.
- 22) Lineage to be charged by Eden will be 60€ per team, and anyone who has a sponsor, should request Eden for an invoice.



MALTA BOWLING ASSOCIATION - NATIONAL LEAGUES
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REGISTRATION FORM DIVISION II – JUL 2026

TEAM NAME : _____
PM

NO. _____

START TIME: 7.45

<u>Ave.</u>	<u>BOWLER NAME</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>	<u>SIGN.</u>	<u>Reg. Date for MBA</u>
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PLEASE STATE IF YOUR TEAM IS IN :-

I, AS TEAM CAPTAIN OF THE ABOVE TEAM DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.B.A. LEAGUE RULES TOGETHER WITH THE ADDITIONAL RULES CONTAINED IN THIS ENTRY FORM.

NB. ANYONE SIGNING THIS FORM GIVES HIS/HER CONSENT TO MBA TO PROVIDE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS TO OTHER BOWLING MEMBERS SHOULD THEY NEED A MAKE UP OR A SUBSTITUTE.

TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL : _____

SIGNATURE: _____

APPROVED BY MBA: _____