



MIDDLESEA VALLETTA LIFE
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THE MIDDLESEA VALLETTA LIFE NATIONAL LEAGUE

STARTING DATES

DIVISION I: _____

DIVISION II: _____

DIVISION III: _____

DIVISION IV: _____

**Entries received after
***** 12:00hrs
will not be guaranteed a place**



MIDDLESEA VALLETTA LIFE
National Leagues
Registration Form – *****

Team Name: _____ **NO.** _____

<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Bowler Name</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Reg.Date</u>	<u>MTBA</u>
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PLEASE STATE IF YOUR TEAM IS IN: DIV. I / II / III / IV OR NEW: _____

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

Team Captain's Name: _____

Address: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____ (nb: please fill in any contact email address)

Signature: _____

FOR MTBA:

Additional Rules

The Malta Tenpin Bowling Association Rules and regulations shall govern these leagues together with the following additions/exceptions.

- 1) These leagues are open only to current M.T.B.A. members. The score of any bowler who is not a current member or who has not duly completed their Team's Registration Form will be considered null and void, and not even a blind score awarded.
- 2) All participating team names are to be approved by the M.T.B.A. board. Should there be an official sponsor for the National League, teams would be prohibited from accepting sponsorships and/or wearing apparel which promotes a product in direct conflict of the league sponsors.
- 3) Each league will consist of two rounds to be played on a round robin basis. This will be followed by a position night at the end of the second round should the league calendar allow.
- 4) The official starting time for all four divisions is 21:00hrs and all teams must be prepared to start at this time irrespective of whether lane conditioning is required or not.
- 5) Handicap will be calculated at 80% of 190 scratch. Each division will have a maximum handicap of: Div. IV 45; Div III 35; Div. II 20 and Div. I 15.
- 6) A Blind score will count as 120 pins with no handicap awarded.
- 7) Teams of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th division must pay an Entry Fee of **€25**, while teams in the 1st division must pay an Entry Fee of **€60**.
- 8) All teams **MUST** have a minimum of 5 registered players at all times and may have up to eight registered bowlers at any one time.
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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. The team concerned will automatically be fined **according to present lineage** per missing bowler and the bowlers concerned will be liable to disciplinary action. The team captain is responsible for the payment of any fines, which must be settled prior to the team's next league match. These fines will be doubled during the last three weeks.
- 12) If a team has at least two of its registered bowlers abroad on M.T.B.A. National Duty and does not have adequate remaining registered bowlers to field a legal line-up, then the match/es involved will be rescheduled to another date under the normal 'make-up' procedures, with the exception that General Playing Rule 141 shall not apply. Handicaps for the rescheduled games will be taken as at on the day that the match is bowled.
- 13) Should a team not have enough players available for a scheduled fixture, the team captain may either: 1) Request a 'make-up' from the other team involved. Or 2) make use of not more than two substitutes. 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.

These are: Div I - 171ave Div II - 165ave Div III – 146ave Div IV - 133ave.

A fully completed 'Make Up' form must be presented to and processed by the League Secretary of your Division not less than 24hrs before either the scheduled league match or the Make-Up match – whichever is the earliest. It must be accompanied by a €12 fee to be considered valid. The Substitute Form, accompanied by a €12 fee, must be presented at least 15mins before the scheduled start of the league fixture concerned. Only your League Secretary may accept and process this form. Any Make-Up score sheets must be handed in to the management of the Eden Super Bowl as soon as the match has been completed. Team captains are fully responsible for all scores and are advised to keep a copy.

During the final two weeks of the league, all make-ups must be played before the scheduled league match. No make-ups or Substitutions will be allowed for the Position Night matches.

- 14) With a tie on points at the end of the league, total pinfall, including handicap, will decide the placing.
- 15) To win Hi-Average and most Improved Awards, a bowler must have bowled at least 51% of the games in that league, with the exception of persons who work abroad or on shift work., who will retain their entitlement to these awards as long as they bowl at least 34% 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. An established bowler may win any individual trophy during the first four weeks of a league (i.e. when their handicap is still frozen). New bowlers, however, may only qualify for 'scratch' individual awards in this same period; to qualify for a 'handicap' trophy new bowlers must first establish their handicap by having already bowled at least twelve games in that league.
- 16) National Leagues together with the National Leagues' Knock-Out Competition, should the latter take place, terminate with the Presentation Dinner/Presentation of Trophies, and as such, any trophy winner who fails to participate in this event will forfeit his/her award and may also be made subject to disciplinary action, unless that person should have a valid reason for their non-appearance. This validity will be decided on by the M.T.B.A. Board of Directors after receipt of a written explanation, accompanied by an Administrative Fee of €5 (non refundable)
- 17) A team must retain at least three of its registered bowlers (**one being the captain**) in order to maintain its status in that particular Division for the following League Season. These 3 persons must have bowled at least 12 games in the just concluded league.
- 18) Each League Season, the top 2 teams of Divisions II, III & IV will have the right to be promoted to the next higher Division, and the bottom 2 teams of Divisions I, II & III will be relegated to the next lower Division. Should a place become vacant for any reason whatsoever, then that place will be taken by the team which finished in the penultimate position of that division in which a place has become available, followed by the team which finished in the ultimate place of that same division. Should ALL the 'should be' relegated teams decline to fill the vacant place, then the teams in the next lower division will be offered this opportunity in their order of placing in the League just concluded.
- 19) A team which earns promotion may only refuse said promotion on one occasion. I.E. should a team refuse to be promoted once, and then earn promotion again in the following season, this second promotion will be mandatory.
- 20) In the event of a team refusing promotion, then the third placed team of the same division will take part in a play-off match against the team finishing in the penultimate relegation position of the division above. This will be a 3-game match, adopting the handicap restrictions of the higher division. Should the penultimate team of the higher division refuse to play in the play-off, then the last placed team of the higher division will be given the opportunity to do so under the same conditions. Should the third placed team in the lower division refuse to take part in the play-off, then automatically, the penultimate team in the higher division will not be relegated.
Note: Should a league position still be available once the above rule has been applied for any reason whatsoever, then the MTBA Committee will decide what action is to be taken. Said decision will be final.

- 21) Bowlers who have bowled more than 11 games with their team and who form part of a team which is relegated are not obliged to remain bowling with that team, but must bowl with a team participating in the Division to which they were relegated.
- 22) Any new teams which are accepted for entry into these leagues must commence by bowling in the lowest division.
- 23) All teams participating in the 1st & 2nd division must play with uniform tops. Any team member not conforming to this rule will not be permitted to bowl and a blind score awarded.
- 24) Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited during all 1st division matches, including Make-Ups. Furthermore, all bowlers in all divisions are prohibited from smoking inside the bowling area, but 2nd, 3rd and 4th division bowlers may smoke outside the bowling centre. Any bowler caught infringing this rule will incur an immediate fine of **€12**, to be paid on the spot, failing which the score and handicap for that game of the offending bowler will be declared null and void and not even a blind score awarded. A second offence will incur a further immediate fine of **€12** plus automatic loss of score and handicap for that game. Non-payment of second fine and or third offence will cause instant suspension from the match being played with no score whatsoever being credited to the offending bowler for that entire match, and the bowler concerned reported to the MTBA Disciplinary Board.
- 25) Lineage will be charged weekly at **€39.60** per team including VAT (under current Tax Laws).
- 26) Valid and complete registration forms (attached) accompanied by the required entry fee must be handed in to the League Secretary concerned or any other MTBA official by the dates specified in this application form. Only MTBA officials are authorised to accept these applications.

League Secretaries as at:

Division I:

Division II:

Division III:

Division IV: