

TENPIN BOWLING in SOUTH AFRICA

The controlling body of Tenpin bowling in South Africa is, **TBASA** (Tenpin Bowling Association of South Africa), and has grown from the mid 60's controlling the sport through its Provincial Associations. As an "A" grade sport, **TBASA** enjoys recognition by the **IOC** (International Olympic Committee), The **World Games** Association and the **Commonwealth** Games. **TBASA** are affiliated to **SASCOC** (South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee), the **WTBA** (World Tenpin Bowling Association) and a member of the European Zone (**ETBA**).

Through the international controlling body **WTBA/FIQ** (Federation Internationale des Quilleurs), the sport of bowling is actively campaigning for inclusion in the Olympics as a fully-fledged Olympic sport.

Each bowling centre operates official leagues where registered league bowlers participate in leagues on a weekly basis throughout the country. As in many other sports, like golf, Tenpin Bowling operates on a handicap system thus affording all types of bowlers the opportunity to compete on an equal basis or be grouped into one of the following types of leagues:

- Housewives league
- Junior League
- Senior Citizens League
- Businessmen's League
- Company League
- Mixed Adults League

On the tournament side of Tenpin Bowling, the yearly calendar is always full of National, Provincial and fun tournaments, catering for every bowlers' needs in the form of singles, doubles, trios and team events for men, ladies, Senior Citizens and Junior bowlers.

During the past year, over 3 000 000 social bowlers participated in Tenpin Bowling as a recreational activity making Tenpin Bowling one of the largest indoor sporting activities in South Africa, where young and old, male and female can participate simultaneously.