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## **Queensland's Morty Douglass elected to Tenpin Bowling's national Board**

Tenpin Bowling is highly regarded by health officials as providing positive health outcomes that contribute to physical and mental wellbeing. Bowling is renowned as an inclusive, lifetime sport and a popular, family-friendly recreation, with surveys consistently demonstrating its widespread appeal.

Centres across Queensland are buzzing as COVID restrictions are gradually eased, and centre proprietors report tremendous enthusiasm by league bowlers and social players eagerly returning to the sport statewide.

The Tenpin Bowling Association of Queensland is a leading light in delivering development pathways for athletes and coaches, and in developing innovative programs in schools and community organisations. With a frequent bowler register of more than 11,000 participants and over 150,000 recreational players, TBAQ provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in an active and healthy lifestyle.

TBAQ has an unrivalled reputation as a stable and well-run State Sporting Organisation, affiliated to the national governing body - Tenpin Bowling Australia. At yesterday's AGM of Tenpin Bowling Australia, Toowoomba-based **Morty Douglass** was elected to the TBA Board as a Bowler Representative.

A Finalist at 2019 QSport Queensland Sport Awards Volunteer of the Year, Douglass is regarded as one of the sport's strongest supporters and dedicated volunteers. As a proactive member of the TBAQ Board for 17 years, Douglass brings a wide variety of abilities to his new role on the TBA Board, including governance, communications and promotional skills, and is acclaimed for his tireless support for people with a disability from the Kingaroy/Toowoomba region.

"It's very important that Boards are in touch with their membership base - having people who have a broad range of experiences in many aspects of the sport will allow the TBA Board to be more representative of and responsive to its members across many issues," he said after the ballot results were announced. "My experience as both an athlete and proprietor gives me a wide perspective of the challenges, as well as the importance of collaboration and communication with bowlers of all ages and abilities ... I'm looking forward to this next opportunity to contribute to the sport I'm so passionate about," he added.

Along with South Australia's Jo Babic, Douglass was one of two former Australian representative bowlers elected to the TBA Board this weekend and observers anticipate their appointments will be welcomed by the entire bowling community.

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“Morty’s election is a significant step for bowlers of all abilities – from gasss-roots to representative players. “To have a voice in the important decisions and policies of our NSO is crucial, and I heartily endorse this appointment in helping Morty achieve his long-standing goals on behalf of his fellow bowlers ... I’m sure his input will be invaluable in the challenging times ahead,” commented TBAQ CEO, Gail Torrens, from TBAQ headquarters at Sports House in Brisbane.



*Morty Douglass – Pic courtesy Toowoomba Regional Council*

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