J & K BRACKETS PRO

Quick Start Guide

From download to your first practice tournament — in about 30 minutes.
For the full details on every screen, see the **Operator's Manual**.

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1 Install it (5 minutes)

J & K Brackets Pro runs on **Windows 10 or 11**. The free demo and the full program are the **same download** — your license key is what unlocks it later. No signup needed to try it.

1. On the computer you'll run tournaments from, go to **jkbracketspro.com** and click **Download Free Demo**.
2. If the browser questions the download, **keep it**: in Edge click the ⋯ next to the file, choose *Keep*, then click the **small arrow on the Delete button** and choose *"Keep anyway."* In Chrome, click *Keep*.
3. Open the downloaded installer (its name ends in the version number, for example `JK_Brackets_Pro_Setup_1.1.15.exe`). If Windows says *"Windows protected your PC"*: click **More info**, then **Run anyway**.
4. Done — it installs in seconds and opens.

> **About those warnings:** Windows shows them for any brand-new program until its publisher certificate is fully established. The download is safe, and the warnings disappear on their own as more operators install the program.

2 First open — you're in the demo

The program opens in **demo mode**: a red **DEMO MODE** strip across the top, and everything else black & gold and ready to use. **Every feature is unlocked** — brackets, reverse brackets, game pots, mystery, eliminator, blind doubles, tablet scoring — with three limits that only matter for real sessions:

- Up to **16 bowlers** and **2 brackets per bowler per group**,
- printouts carry a big **DEMO watermark**,
- and **sessions don't save** — close the program, fresh start.

There's no time limit. Kick the tires as long as you want.

3 Run a practice tournament (15 minutes)

The fastest way to learn the program is one pretend session, start to finish. Follow the buttons across the top, left to right:

1. **Group Setup** — click **Load Basic Template** to drop in a starter set of events (or make one group yourself: pick **Bracket**, name it `SCRATCH BRACKETS`, set entry fee $5, places $25/$10, **Starting Game 1** and **Games 3**, and **Save / Update Group**).
2. Set the **Session Handicap** top-right (e.g. **90%** of **230**) and **Apply**.
3. **Add Bowlers** — type a name, lane, and average, then how many entries they buy in each group, and press **Enter**. Add 8–10 pretend bowlers.
4. **Build Brackets** — click **Build Selected Groups** and approve the payout pop-ups. Watch the bracket counts appear.
5. **Enter Scores** — give every bowler three games. Ties are fine — the program handles them.
6. **Print / Reports** — preview the **Bracket Sheets**, the **Bowler Bracket List**, and the **Session Report**. Everything renders in full, stamped DEMO.

> **That's the whole rhythm of a real night:** Groups → Bowlers → Build → Scores → Print. Every screen has more depth (the Operator's Manual covers all of it), but if you can do the six steps above, you can run a session.

Next week, click **New From Saved** to start a new session with the same groups and bowler names. (Licensed copies only — the demo doesn't save sessions.)

4 Buying & unlocking

1. Buy at **jkbracketspro.com** — your **license key** arrives by email.
2. In the program, click **License** (or **Activate License** on the red demo strip).
3. Paste the key, click **Activate**, give it a few seconds. Done — the demo strip disappears and everything unlocks: full-size sessions, saving, clean printouts.

> **Internet is needed only for activation.** After that, brackets, scoring and printing all run **fully offline** — your league night never depends on the center's Wi-Fi. (Tablet scoring connects tablets through the J&K cloud when your computer is online — any Wi-Fi or the tablets' own cellular works; with no internet in the building it automatically uses your local Wi-Fi instead.)

5 Your license, in plain English

Question	Answer
How many computers?	One license = one computer (the one you activate on). Tablet devices don't count — the Tablet Scoring *add-on* is licensed on your desktop (or comes in the Full Bundle), and then you can pair as many tablets as you want. New computer? **Your first transfer each year is free and automatic**: just activate on the new machine with the same key (the old PC doesn't even need to be on). Your renewal date never moves. A second transfer the same year goes through support with a small fee.
Can it ever stop mid-tournament?	**No. Never.** The license is checked only when the program opens — never while you're running a session.
When do I renew?	Yearly, on your purchase anniversary. Email reminders start 90 days out; a gold banner appears in the program 60 days out.
What if I forget?	You get a **30-day grace period** where everything still works (with a countdown banner). After that the program goes **read-only** — every past tournament still opens and prints — until you renew.
Add-ons?	They attach to your license and renew together on the same date. One payment, one date.

6 Need help?

Email **jkbracketspro@yahoo.com** — we answer every message personally. For the full detail on any screen, report, or payout rule, see the **Operator's Manual** (in the program's **Help** tab and at jkbracketspro.com).