

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 `JK_Brackets_Pro_Setup_1.0.0.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, side pots, mystery, eliminator, blind doubles, tablet scoring — with three limits that only matter for real sessions:

- Up to **16 bowlers** and **2 brackets 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, 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.

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 <i>add-on</i> 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 30 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).