

# **14<sup>TH</sup> SINAI INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING CENTRE, CAIRO, EGYPT

23 – 29 APRIL 2012

ABF TOUR - 30 APRIL 2012

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. Championship Organization and Sanction**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Sinai International Open Bowling Tournament 2012 is organized by the Egyptian Bowling Federation and sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA). It will be conducted in accordance to the WTBA Playing Rules.

### **2. Eligibility**

This Tournament is open to local participants and all current paid up members WTBA affiliates. All overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations.

### **3. Averages**

Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Association or Congress.

### **4. Classification**

Competition will be in 3 divisions:

#### **4.1 Men's Open - All male bowlers are eligible to participate in this division.**

10 Locals

10 Overseas

16 Locals & Overseas

3 Desperados

Total of 39 Bowlers

#### **4.2 Women's Open - All female bowlers including are eligible to participate in this division.**

3 Locals

3 Overseas

10 Locals & Overseas

Total of 16 Bowlers

#### **4.3 Youth Division - All youth bowlers who were born in the year of 1991 and after, are eligible to participate in this division. Girls will be given a +5 in each game.**

4 Locals

4 Overseas

4 Locals & Overseas

Total of 12 Bowlers

## 5. Events

Open, Ladies & Youth Divisions

- 5.1 Masters Qualifying (MQ) – 3 games will be bowled. A bowler may bowl as many times as He/she chooses. The best 3 attempts (total 9 games) will be listed for ranking into the Masters Qualifying.
- 5.2 Desperado Squad - One game will be bowled in this event on the last squad on Friday, 27 April 2012, and is for Men's Open division only. A bowler must bowl at least 5 MQs to be eligible.
- 5.3 Masters - Scores obtained in the best three MQs in respective divisions will be used for Masters Qualifying. This event is open to those bowlers who have registered and paid their Registration.

**In the event of a tie for the last position in the qualifying round, the highest last game in the MQ will decide, i.e. the higher last game of the 3rd best 3-games. If there is still a tie, the higher 2<sup>nd</sup> last game will decide and will continue until the tie is broken.**

## 6. Finals

### 6.1 Men's Open

Stage 1 - 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Locals

4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Overseas

16 Locals & Overseas

3 Desperados

Total of 33 bowlers will be playing 10 games

Stage 2 – Top 16 from stage 1

Top 2 Egyptians from stage 1

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Locals

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Overseas

Total of 24 bowlers will be playing 10 games

Stage 3 – Step Ladder (Top 4 from stage 2)

Match 1: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> bowlers will play Step Ladder 1 game.

Match 2: Winner of M1 will play against 1<sup>st</sup> position bowler on a beat twice format. In the event that the 1<sup>st</sup> position bowler wins the 1st game, he will be declared the Champion.

**The bowler with the 2nd highest pin falls on MATCH 1 will be placed in 3rd position while the bowler with the lowest pin fall will be placed in 4th position.**

### 6.2 Ladies Open

16 bowlers will play 8 games.

Top 4 bowlers after the 8 games will go into the step ladder match.

Match 1: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> bowlers will play 1 game

Match 2: Winner of M1 will play against 1<sup>st</sup> bowler on a beat twice format. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the 1<sup>st</sup> game, she will be declared the Champion.

**The bowler with the 2nd highest pin falls will be placed in 3rd position while the bowler with the lowest pin fall will be placed in 4th position.**

### 6.3 Youth Open

12 bowlers will play 7 games plus 1 position game. Top 3 will be declared winners, but top 8 gets a prize.

**In the event of a tie in the finals / prior to the step ladder, the highest last game will decide. If there is still a tie, the highest 2<sup>nd</sup> last game will decide and will continue until the tie is broken.**

**In the event of a tie in the step ladder finals, one ball roll-off shall decide until the tie is broken.**

### **REPORTING TIME**

All Masters Finalists must check in personally 30 minutes to one hour before their respective roll-off times. Reserves will be called 15 minutes before roll-off. Any vacancy resulting from failure to check-in by any of the 2 stages in the Men's Open finals, finalists will be allocated to the next reserved player(s).

## **7. Registration and Fees**

### 7.1 Registration (with 1 shirt)

Men and Women's Open Division - \$120.00 per person

Youth Division - \$100.00 per person

(Youth bowlers playing in the Men's Open division, shall pay the difference of registration fees)

Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first MQ.

### 7.2 MQs

Men and Women's Open - \$75.00 per bowler/attempt

Youth Division - \$30.00 per bowler/attempt

(Youth bowlers playing for Men's open MQ, shall declare which division they are playing in & pay the corresponding amount before the start of the game)

### 7.3 Desperado

For Men's Open only with a minimum of 5 MQs - \$75

## **8. Squad Times**

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Directors or their Assistants reserve the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to open additional squads.

## **9. Verification of Score**

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of each game bowled by signing on the official entry form of each event. Once signed, the score shall stand. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be brought against it.

## **10. Interrupted Games**

Tournament Director may authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the lanes would delay the normal progress of the lanes. An interrupted game and series that cannot be complete must resume from the point of interruption.

In the event of any interruptions caused by power failure, the following procedure shall be followed:

- Any part of a game that cannot be recalled will be re-bowled from the first frame.
- If more than one game cannot be recalled, the series shall be declared null and void and a fresh series be rescheduled.
- If only one frame is missing, the bowler shall continue from the last frame bowled.

## **11. Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification**

All participants are advised to check their bowling balls used in the tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. The onus is on the bowler to ensure that all balls he/she uses are certified legal as above. If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball even if previously certified legal by the Tournament Office, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and if the Tournament Committee is of the opinion that such usage was deliberate and was intended to cheat, he/she may be further reported to the ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to one of the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

## **12. Bowlers Attire**

12.1 Bowlers are requested to be dressed for their events with a sense of decorum.

12.2 Men bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans, shorts, singlet and caps while women bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans and cap.

12.3 Bowlers must wear the official shirt given upon registering.

### **13. Slow Bowling**

13.1 A bowler who is in readiness to step on the approach to deliver a ball, shall have the following rights and obligations:

- They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left.
- They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.

13.2 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn & should not delay to go to the approach if a lane immediately adjacent to them on the left and right side is clear.

13.3 Penalty shall be imposed to bowler(s) who is four (4) frames slower from the leader not counting the end pair of lanes. The penalty will be to forfeit the score in the next frame.

### **14. Protest**

14.1 Scores - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants Within 12 hours of the event. In the case of the last match of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals of the Masters event, such protests, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prize presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.

14.2 Foul - Must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshal before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made after the 2nd ball has been bowled shall be entertained.

14.3 Eligibility - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation or whichever is earlier

### **15. Altering of Bowling Ball Surface**

Altering the surface of bowling balls is allowed in a designated area during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round. A player may not alter the surface of the bowling ball during a game.

### **16. Smoking and Drinking**

16.1 The Players must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played.

16.2 Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed provided they not consumed in the player's area.

16.3 During the championships alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in the player's area or the spectator's area.

16.4 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a designated smoking room or outside the bowling centre.

### **17. Special Notes**

17.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.

17.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.

17.3 Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non-sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject, to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.

17.4 The Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.

17.5 Any matters arising and not covered in these Tournament Rules will be decided by the Tournament Chairman, the Tournament Directors or the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to appeal to the Egyptian Bowling Federation. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 48 hours of the decision by any of the above. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal FOR THE DECISION OF THE EBF may still be lodged with the Asian Bowling Federation but through the EBF.