



1ST ABU DHABI WORLD BOWLING TOUR

Khalifa International Bowling Centre, Abu Dhabi – UAE
24 November – 6 December 2013

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Sanction & Playing Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by ABF and WTBA, and playing rules will conform to WTBA standards.

2. Eligibility

The tournament is open to professional and amateur bowlers in good standing with their associations/federations.

3. Format

• Round 1: Qualifying Round:

- Bowlers must complete a total of 9 games in 3 blocks of 3 games.
- Multiple entries will be allowed with the highest 3 blocks to count for the bowler's standing.
- Lane assignments will be by draw.
- Top 42 players will advance to the next rounds as follows:
 - Top 7 bowlers (ranked 1 to 7)
 - Highest UAE bowlers outside of Top 7 (ranked 8 & 9)
 - Next 29 Qualifiers (ranked 10 – 38)
 - Top 2 UAE bowlers from local qualifying (5 days for local bowlers) – (ranked 39 – 40)
 - 2 Bowlers from Desperado Squad (ranked 41-42).
- Scores do not carry forward to the next round.

• Round 2:

- Top 20 bowlers ranked 23 – 42 from qualifying round will bowl 6 games.
- Top 10 bowlers will advance to Round 3.
- Scores do not carry forward to the next round.

• Round 3:

- Bowlers ranked 9 – 22 from qualifying round plus 10 bowlers from Round 2 for a total of 24 bowlers will bowl 6 games.
- Top 12 bowlers will advance to Round 4.
- Scores do not carry forward to the next round.

• Round 4:

- Bowlers ranked 1 – 8 from qualifying round plus 12 bowlers from Round 3 for a total of 20 bowlers will play 6 games.
- Top 7 bowlers from Round 4 plus the highest UAE bowler (outside of Top 7 in Round 4) will qualify for the Final Round.

- **Final Round: (TV)**

- Match #1: Bowlers position 6, 7 & 8 bowl 1 game.
- Match #2: Winner of Match #1 with Bowlers position 4 & 5 bowl 1 game.
- Match #3: Winner of Match #2 with Bowler position 3 bowl 1 game.
- Match #4: Winner of Match #3 with Bowler position 2 bowl 1 game.
- Match #5 - Final Match: Winner of Match #4 with Bowler position 1 bowl in beat twice format.

4. Desperado Squad:

- Played over 1 game with full entry fee, this squad is the last attempt to qualify in Round 1.
- Only bowlers who have played minimum 8 qualifying squads can participate in this squad.
- Two bowlers will qualify to the next round.

5. Handicap

- Ladies will receive 8 points handicap which shall be applied as pin falls in all games played in the tournament up to the Stepladder Finals, except in the tie-breaking procedure of one-ball roll-off.

6. Tie Breaker

- One-ball roll-off on full set of pins.
- For ties in any of final positions from 9th to 42nd, prizes will be combined and divided by the number of winners in the tied positions.

7. Dress Code

- Bowlers are required to be dressed with a sense of decorum and in accordance with accepted standards.

8. Entry Fees:

- One time Registration and 1 Squad: AED. 500
- Squad Entry Fee: AED. 300
- Desperado Fee: AED. 300
- Masters Fee (Top 42): AED. 500
- Paid fees are non-refundable. Bowlers who fail to show up for their scheduled squad will forfeit their entry fees.

9. Schedule:

- Please refer to the squad chart.

10. Prizes:

- Top 42 players will receive prizes in UAE Dirhams as per list of prizes.

11. Protests:

- For protest and appeal procedures, WTBA Rules 3.9 & 3.10 will be observed.

12. Interpretation Clause:

- Where varying interpretations on any provisions of these rules occur, the Tournament Management's interpretation prevails.
- Matters not covered herein shall be decided upon by the Tournament Management in accordance with accepted standards, and the decision shall be final.

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