

2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park, Kowloon
Hong Kong, China



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International Bowling Federation (IBF) and Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress proudly present 2025 IBF World Championships Bulletin No. 1 for IBF member federations.

2025 IBF World Championships is organized by International Bowling Federation (IBF) and Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKCTBC).

The **official website** of IBF World Championships is [2025 IBF World Championships](https://2025IBFWC@ibf-bowling.org). Starting April 2025, it will be continuously updating information related to the Championships.

The **official email** of IBF World Championships is 2025IBFWC@ibf-bowling.org. Starting April 2025 all communication regarding the World Championships will be made through this email address.



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1. Federation Information

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2. Official Invitation

The official invitation is attached as Form A with this bulletin. The deadline to submit the intention of participation is on or before June 30, 2025. Other relevant forms will be issued in Bulletin 2/3.

We would like to remind all IBF Member Federations that only federations who are currently paid up and qualified members of IBF are allowed to participate in the championships.

No. of Qualifiers per Zone:

There is a total of 32 teams in the Men's and Women's division respectively. The number of qualified federations per zone is based on the total number of IBF federations as January 2023. The total number of IBF federations at this date was 111.

	Number of Federations in each Zone	Number of Qualified Federations
ABF	33	10
BFA	7	2
EBF	43	12
OBF	4	1
PANAM	24	7
Total	111	32

Official Delegation shall include:

- A men's team and/or a women's team. Each team must consist of 6 athletes.
- Coaches for athletes
- Administrators for athletes
- Medical personnels including medical practitioners, sport psychologist and sport physiotherapist.

The Official Delegation is invited to all official functions including the Opening Ceremony as well as the Victory Banquet.

3. Preliminary Schedule

November 22, 2025	Saturday	Last Day of Arrival
November 23, 2025	Sunday	Unofficial Practice Team Managers Meeting
November 24, 2025	Monday	Official Practice Opening Ceremony
November 25, 2025	Tuesday	Competition
November 26, 2025	Wednesday	Competition
November 27, 2025	Thursday	Competition
November 28, 2025	Friday	Competition
November 29, 2025	Saturday	Competition
November 30, 2025	Sunday	Competition
December 1, 2025	Monday	Competition
December 2, 2025	Tuesday	Competition
December 3, 2025	Wednesday	Competition
December 4, 2025	Thursday	Trio Semi-finals/ Finals (Men and Women) Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wanchai
December 5, 2025	Friday	Team of 5 Semi-finals/ Finals (Men and Women) Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wanchai Victory Banquet Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel
December 6, 2025	Saturday	Team Departure

4. Format

Singles

- a) Round 1 – Qualification - Maximum six athletes per federation. All athletes will bowl six games in one block across 12 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.
- b) Round 2 – the top 32 athletes in the final standing after Round 1 will qualify for Round 2.
 - i. They will be divided into 4 groups of 8 athletes according to the following schedule:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21
25	26	27	28
32	31	30	29

- ii. Ties for position 32 will be broken by a 1 game roll-off repeated until the tie is broken. Ties within the top 32 will be broken by the highest last game, 2nd highest last game etc until the tie is broken.
 - iii. Athletes will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
 - iv. Ties for position 1 in any group will be broken by a one game roll off.
- c) Semi Finals

- i. The winner of each group will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding positions, the pinfall from round 1 will be used. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.

SF1: 1 vs 4

SF2: 2 vs 3

- ii. Best of three games. The winners will proceed to the finals.
 - iii. The losers of the Semi-finals will each be awarded a bronze medal.
- d) Finals

- i. The winner from each SF will proceed to the finals.
 Final: Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2
- ii. Best of three games.

Ties in the Finals

If there is a tie in any game during the finals a 9th 10th frame roll off will be held, repeated until the tie is broken. The athlete with the highest ranking, after Round 2, will decide who will bowl first and on which lane the frame will be bowled. If there is still a tie a further 9th 10th frame roll off will be held with the starting athlete and lanes reversed. This will be repeated until the tie is broken.

Doubles – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 – Qualification - Maximum three doubles teams per federation. All teams will bowl seven games in one block across 14 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.
- b) Round 2 – the top 24 teams in the final standing will qualify for round 2.
 - i. They will be divided into 4 groups of 6 teams according to the following schedule:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21

- ii. Ties for position 24 will be broken by a 1 game roll-off repeated until the tie is broken. Ties within the top 24 will be broken by the highest last game, 2nd highest last game etc until the tie is broken.
- iii. Teams will bowl 5 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- iv. Ties for position 1 in any group will be broken by a one game roll off.

c) Semi Finals

- i. The winner of each group will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding positions, the pinfall from round 1 will be used. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.

SF1: 1 vs 4

SF2: 2 vs 3

- ii. Best of three games. The winners will proceed to the finals.
- iii. The losers of the Semi-finals will each be awarded a bronze medal.

d) Finals

- i. The winner from each SF will proceed to the finals.

Final: Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

ii. Best of three games.

Ties in the Finals

If there is a tie in any game during the finals a 9th 10th frame roll off will be held, repeated until the tie is broken. The athlete with the highest ranking, after Round 2, will decide who will bowl first and on which lane the frame will be bowled. If there is still a tie a further 9th 10th frame roll off will be held with the starting athlete and lanes reversed. This will be repeated until the tie is broken.

Trios – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 – Qualification - Maximum two trios teams per federation. All teams will bowl seven games in one block across 14 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.
- b) Round 2 – the top 16 teams in the final standing will qualify for round 2.
 - i. They will be divided into 2 groups of 8 teams according to the following schedule:

Group A	Group B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11
13	14
16	15

- ii. Ties for position 16 will be broken by a 1 game roll-off repeated until the tie is broken. Ties within the top 16 will be broken by the highest last game, 2nd highest last game etc until the tie is broken.
- iii. Teams will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- iv. Ties for position 2 in any group will be broken by a one game roll off.

c) Semi Finals

- i. The top 2 teams from each group will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding positions, the pinfall from round 1 will be used. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.

SF1: 1 vs 4

SF2: 2 vs 3

- ii. Best of three games. The winners will proceed to the finals.
- iii. The losers of the Semi-finals will each be awarded a bronze medal.

d) Finals

- i. The winner from each SF will proceed to the finals.

Final: Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

- ii. Best of three games.

Ties in the Finals

If there is a tie in any game during the finals a 9th 10th frame roll off will be held, repeated until the tie is broken. The athlete with the highest ranking, after Round 2, will decide who will bowl first and on which lane the frame will be bowled. If there is still a tie a further 9th 10th frame roll off will be held with the starting athlete and lanes reversed. This will be repeated until the tie is broken.

Team – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 – Qualification - Maximum one team per federation. All teams will bowl seven games in one block across 14 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.
b) Round 2 – the top 8 teams in the final standing will qualify for round 2.

- i. They will be in one group of 8 teams.
ii. Ties for position 8 will be broken by a 1 game roll-off repeated until the tie is broken.
Ties within the top 8 will be broken by the highest last game, 2nd highest last game etc until the tie is broken.
iii. Teams will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
iv. Ties for position 4 in the group will be broken by a one game roll off.

c) Semi Finals

- i. The top 4 teams from the round robin will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding positions, the pinfall from round 1 will be used. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.

SF1: 1 vs 4

SF2: 2 vs 3

- ii. Best of three games. The winners will proceed to the finals.
iii. The losers of the Semi-finals will each be awarded a bronze medal.

d) Finals

- i. The winner from each SF will proceed to the finals.

Final: Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

- ii. Best of three games.

Ties in the Finals

If there is a tie in any game during the finals a 9th 10th frame roll off will be held, repeated until the tie is broken. The athlete with the highest ranking, after Round 2, will decide who will bowl first and on which lane the frame will be bowled. If there is still a tie a further 9th 10th frame roll off will be held with the starting athlete and lanes reversed. This will be repeated until the tie is broken.

5. Official Hotels

Reservation form must be submitted directly to the relevant hotel. First night room charge guarantee of all the rooms reserved must be made before booking could be confirmed. The payment methods of the guarantee are stated in the respective Official Hotel's form. **Deadline for reservation is September 30, 2025. Deadline for room cancellation is October 30, 2025. Forfeiture of the first night deposit of the booked rooms charges applied if cancellation is made after the deadline or for no show.**

All bookings are on a first-come-first-serve basis, reservations made after the deadline will be subject to availability of rooms at the Official Hotels and room rates may not be the same. Updated information on room availability in official hotels will be released periodically for federations' reference and information.

A. Regal Kowloon Hotel

Distance to bowling centre is around 20 minutes by shuttle in normal traffic situation. Nearest MTR station Tsim Sha Tsui East is about 5 minutes by walk in open air.

Single/ Twin Room (Room Only)	HK\$1,180 net	(approx. US\$151)
Single Room with 1 Buffet Breakfast	HK\$1,280 net	(approx. US\$164)
Twin Room with 2 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$1,380 net	(approx. US\$177)
Triple Room with Extra Bed (Room Only)	HK\$1,530 net	(approx. US\$196)
Triple Room with 3 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$1,830 net	(approx. US\$235)

Number of rooms available: 80 in total

Room rates are inclusive of the followings:

1. 10% service charge and 3% hotel accommodation tax per room per night
2. Free In-room Internet Access for 4 IP devices
3. Free Access to Gym Room

Address : 71 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon
Telephone : +852 2313 8635
Fax : +852 2311 8900
Email : rkh.dos@regalhotel.com
Website : <https://www.kowloon.regalhotel.com/>
Contact Person : Ms. Stella Chan
Tel: +852 2313 8635
Mobile: +852 6117 9291

B. New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel

Distance to bowling centre is around 20 minutes by shuttle in normal traffic situation.
 Nearest MTR station Tsim Sha Tsui East is about 8 minutes by walk in open air.

Single/ Twin Room (Room Only)	HK\$1,280 net	(approx. US\$164)
Single Room with 1 Buffet Breakfast	HK\$1,480 net	(approx. US\$190)
Twin Room with 2 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$1,680 net	(approx. US\$216)
Triple Room with Extra Bed (Room Only)	HK\$1,732 net	(approx. US\$222)
Triple Room with 3 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$2,332 net	(approx. US\$300)
Number of rooms available: 60 in total		

Room rates are inclusive of the followings:

1. 10% service charge and 3% hotel accommodation tax per room per night
2. Free Premium Wifi
3. Free Access to Gym Room

Address : 72 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon
 Telephone : +852 2313 4522 / +852 2739 1111
 Fax : +852 2366 9862
 Email : iris.pang@newworldmillenniumhotel.com
 Website : <https://www.newworldmillenniumhotel.com>

Contact Person : Ms. Iris Pang

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C. Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel

Distance to bowling centre is around 20 minutes by shuttle in normal traffic situation.
 Nearest MTR station Tsim Sha Tsui East is about 2 minutes by walk in open air.

Single/ Twin Room (Room Only)	HK\$1,510 net	(approx. US\$194)
Single Room with 1 Buffet Breakfast	HK\$1,800 net	(approx. US\$231)
Twin Room with 2 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$2,090 net	(approx. US\$268)
Triple Room with Extra Bed (Room Only)	HK\$2,060 net	(approx. US\$265)
Triple Room with 3 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$2,920 net	(approx. US\$374)
Number of rooms available: 20 in total		

Room rates are inclusive of the followings:

1. 10% service charge and 3% hotel accommodation tax per room per night
2. Complimentary use of gym & indoor swimming pool
3. Complimentary local call access and in-room wired Internet and Wi-Fi access

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6. Bowling Centre

Top Bowl, Kai Tak Sports Park (40 QubicaAMF lanes)

Address : 3/F, Kai Tak Mall 1, Kai Tak Sports Park
38 Shing Kai Road, Kai Tak,
Kowloon

Website : <https://kaitaksportspark.hk/en/>
Contact Person: Mr. Billy Tang
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7. Entry Fee

IBF World Championships Entry Fee is US\$300 per person.

This fee applies to all members of each delegation, including athletes, coaches, administrators, head of delegations and other medical personnels in the team. This fee covers accreditation card, transportation, participation in Opening Ceremony and the Victory Banquet.

Supporters' Entry Fee is US\$200 per person.

This fee covers accreditation card, transportation, participation in Opening Ceremony and the Victory Banquet. Reservation for room/s in the three Official Hotels must be made through Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress otherwise the above room rates will not be applied.

Payment of Entry Fee

All entry fees must be paid to Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKCTBC) upon arrival in Hong Kong at the Team Manager Meeting on November 23, 2025.

8. Visa Information

No visa for entry is required for more than 170 countries/regions. However, the visa-free period may vary among different countries/ regions. The entry forms are NOT valid as visas. All countries/ regions should confirm visa information independently by checking “Part II of Visit Visa/ Entry Permit Requirements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” from the Immigration Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html.

Application form could be found in www.immd.gov.hk/eng/forms/hk-visas/visit-transit.html. The application process may take more than 6 weeks’ time. All visa applications must be submitted to HKCTBC at least 2 months before the commencement of the championship to facilitate our processing with the HKSAR Immigration Department and NOT to the Chinese Embassy in your country/regions. We earnestly request that all filled out forms should be emailed to HKCTBC.

9. Transportation

Pick-up will be arranged for all participating teams and registered guests/supporters to and from Hong Kong International Airport, Macao Ferry and the High-Speed Train Station to the three Official Hotels. There will also be designate shuttle bus to and from the three Official Hotels to Top Bowl at Kai Tak Sports Park.

Airport/Macao Ferry/High Speed Train Station pick-up service will NOT be provided if participating teams do not stay in the three Official Hotels. Hong Kong International Airport is around 40 minutes driving distance to the three Official Hotels.

10. National Anthem and Flags

All participating federations are reminded to bring along 3 national flags (1 meter x 2 meters) and 1 CD of their national anthem which should be delivered to Tournament Office upon arrival at Kai Tak Sports Park Bowling Centre.



Secretariat

Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress

April, 2025