

34th Canon MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

20 - 28, May 2011

Sunway Mega Lanes, Sunway Pyramid

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Championship Organization and Sanction

The 34th Canon Malaysian International Open Bowling Championship 2011 is organized by the Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress 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 all current paid up members of MTBC & WTBA affiliates. All local participants must show proof by producing their membership cards or receipts for examination. All overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations.

3. Averages

Only official average of MTBC will be used. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Association or Congress.

4. Classification

Competition will be divided into Open and Graded divisions for all categories i.e. Men, Women, Youth Boys and Youth Girls.

- 4.1. **Men's Open** - All male bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.2. **Women's Open** - All female bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.3. **Men's Graded** - All male bowlers with an average of 195 and below are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.4. **Women's Graded** - All female bowlers with an average of 185 and below are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.5. **MILO Youth Boys Open** - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1989 and after, are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.6. **MILO Youth Girls Open** - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1989 and after are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.7. **MILO Youth Boys Graded** - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1989 and after with an average of 185 and below are eligible to participate in this division.

- 4.8 **MILO Youth Girls Graded** - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1989 and after with an average 175 and below are eligible to participate in this division.

5. Events

Open Division

	<u>MEN & WOMEN</u>		<u>YOUTH BOYS & YOUTH GIRLS</u>
a)	Singles (3 games)	a)	Singles (3 games)
b)	Masters Qualifying (3 games)	b)	Masters Qualifying (3 games)
c)	Masters (refer rules)	c)	Masters (10 games)

Graded Division

	<u>MEN & WOMEN</u>		<u>YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS</u>
a)	Singles (3 games)	a)	Singles (3 games)
b)	Masters Qualifying (3 games)	b)	Masters Qualifying (3 games)
c)	Masters (12 games)	c)	Masters (10 games)

- 5.1 **Singles** - 3 games will be bowled in this event. A bowler may try in as many attempts but the scores will only be listed in the Singles event and not be counted in the Masters qualifying. A bowler may win only 1 prize in the Singles event.
- 5.2 **Masters Qualifying (MQ)** – 3 games will be bowled in this event. A bowler may bowl as many times as he/she chooses. The **best two attempts (total 6 games)** will be listed for ranking into the Masters Qualifying.
- 5.3 **Desperado Squad** - One game will be bowled in this event on the last squad on Thursday, 26 May 2011, and is for Men's Open and Men's Graded division only. A bowler must bowl at least 5 MQs in his/her respective category to be eligible, and the event will only be conducted with a minimum of 10 entries in each of the division.
- 5.4 **Masters** - Scores obtained in the best two MQs in respective divisions will be used for Masters Qualifying. This event is open to those bowlers who have registered at least one Singles in their respective divisions and have paid up proof of their Registration.
Graded bowlers who have registered Singles in the graded divisions do not have to complete the same event in the Open division if they so wish to compete in the Open category.
Youth bowlers who have registered their Singles in the youth divisions do not have to complete the same in the other divisions if they so wish to compete in other categories.

The number of Masters finalists in each category are as follows:

MEN'S OPEN MASTERS

Round 1

- i) Defending Champion
- ii) 5th to 12th Local qualifiers (8 bowlers)
- iii) 5th to 12th Overseas qualifiers (8 bowlers)
- iv) Top 13 Qualifiers from local and overseas pool
- v) Top 3 from "Desperado" Squad

Total **33 bowlers** to bowl 8 games

Round 2

- i) Top 25 from Round 1
- ii) 1st to 4th Local qualifiers (4 bowlers)
- iii) 1st to 4th Overseas qualifiers (4 bowlers)

Total **33 bowlers** to bowl 8 games

Quarter-Final

The 4th, 5th and 6th placed after the Round 2 will qualify for the Quarter-Final. The 3 bowlers will bowl 1 game each with the highest pin falls qualifying for the Semi-Finals. The bowler with the 2nd highest pin falls will be placed in 5th position while the bowler with the lowest pin fall will be placed in 6th position.

Semi Finals

The 2nd and 3rd position bowlers from Round 2 will qualify directly into the Semi Finals. These 2 bowlers together with the winner from the Quarter-Final match will bowl 1 game each with the highest pin falls qualifying for the Finals. 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.

Finals

The 1st position bowler from Round 2 will qualify directly into the Finals. The Finals will be held on a 1+1 format. Should the winner of the Semi-Finals match wins the 1st game against the top placed bowler, there would be "sudden death" play-off on one game. Whoever, wins this game will be declared the Champion.

WOMEN'S OPEN MASTERS

Round 1

- i) Defending Champion
- ii) 4th to 10th Local qualifiers (7 bowlers)
- iii) 4th to 10th Overseas qualifiers (7 bowlers)
- iv) Top 12 Qualifiers from local and overseas pool

Total **27 bowlers** to bowl 8 games

Round 2

- i) Top 21 from Round 1
- ii) 1st to 3rd Local qualifiers
- iii) 1st to 3rd Overseas qualifiers

Total **27 bowlers** to bowl 8 games

Quarter-Final The 4th, 5th and 6th placed after the Round 2 will qualify for the Quarter-Final. The 3 bowlers will bowl 1 game each with the highest pin falls qualifying for the Semi-Finals. The bowler with the 2nd highest pin falls will be placed in 5th position while the bowler with the lowest pin fall will be placed in 6th position.

Semi Finals The 2nd and 3rd position bowlers from Round 2 will qualify directly into the Semi Finals. These 2 bowlers together with the winner from the Quarter-Final match will bowl 1 game each with the highest pin falls qualifying for the Finals. 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.

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MEN'S GRADED Top 30 Qualifiers + Top 3 from "Desperado" Squad
Total **33 bowlers** to bowl 12 games

WOMEN'S GRADED Top 16 Qualifiers – to bowl 12 games

MILO YOUTH BOY'S OPEN Top 6 Local Qualifiers
Top 6 Overseas Qualifiers
Top 12 Qualifiers from local and overseas pool
Total **24 bowlers** to bowl 10 games

MILO YOUTH BOY'S GRADED Top 18 Qualifiers – to bowl 10 games

MILO YOUTH GIRL'S OPEN Top 5 Local Qualifiers
Top 5 Overseas Qualifiers
Top 8 Qualifiers from local and overseas pool
Total **18 bowlers** to bowl 10 games

MILO YOUTH GIRL'S GRADED Top 12 Qualifiers – to bowl 10 games

All the above top qualifiers based on the best two masters qualifying (MQ) scores, which will be listed on the Championship Results Board from the start of the qualifying rounds till the end of last squad at 11.00pm on 26 May 2011. (Except for youth qualifying to refer to the schedule)

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 2nd best 3-games. If there is still a tie, the higher 2nd last game will decide and will continue until the tie is broken.

All qualifiers must check with the Tournament Directors 24 hours before their finals roll-off, to confirm their fixtures and/or to check for any changes in the schedule.

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.

MEN'S OPEN MASTERS

Round 1 The 33 Masters Finalists (as listed above) will play 8 games on Friday, 27 May 2011. Top 25 bowlers based on total pin falls after the round will qualify for Round 2.

Round 2 8 Games will be played on scratch. Top 25 bowlers from Round 1, top 4 qualifiers from Local pool and top 4 qualifiers from the Overseas Pool will play 8 games on scratch.

Players failing to qualify for the Masters Finals shall fill vacancies, which may exist at the start of Masters Round 1. Such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from the non-qualifiers available at that time in the order of finish in the qualifying competition. In case of a tie between two or more available non-qualifiers, the selection will be decided by the last game of the qualified MQ.

WOMEN'S OPEN MASTERS

Round 1 The 27 Masters Finalists (as listed above) will play 8 games on Friday, 27 May 2011. Top 21 bowlers based on total pin falls after the round will qualify for Round 2.

Round 2 8 Games will be played on scratch. Top 21 bowlers from Round 1, top 3 qualifiers from Local pool and top 3 qualifiers from the Overseas Pool will play 8 games on scratch.

Players failing to qualify for the Masters Finals shall fill vacancies, which may exist at the start of Masters Round 1. Such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from the non-qualifiers available at that time in the order of finish in the qualifying competition. In case of a tie between two or more available non-qualifiers, the selection will be decided by the last game of the qualified MQ.

MEN'S GRADED MASTERS

The top 33 qualifiers in the Men's Graded Singles Event will enter the Men's Graded Masters Finals. A total of 12 games will be bowled.

WOMEN'S GRADED MASTERS

The top 16 qualifiers in the Women's Graded Singles Event will enter the Women's Graded Masters Finals. A total of 12 games will be bowled.

MILO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MASTERS (Boys and Girls)

The top 24 Boys Open qualifiers, top 18 Boys Graded qualifiers, top 18 Girls Open qualifiers and top 12 Girls Graded qualifiers will enter the Masters Finals in their respective divisions. A total of 10 games will be bowled.

6. Registration and Fees

6.1 Registration Fee

Men and Women's Open Division	RM160.00 per person
Men and Women's Graded Division	RM120.00 per person
Youth Division	RM120.00 per person

Registration fee, which is inclusive of a Victory Banquet, must be paid before commencing the first event.

6.2	Singles and MQs	RM 80.00 per bowler/attempt
6.3	Youth Singles	RM 60.00 per bowler/attempt
6.4	Men's Open Masters	RM 350.00 per bowler
6.5	Women's Open Masters	RM 300.00 per bowler
6.6	Men's Graded Masters	RM 280.00 per bowler
6.7	Women's Graded Masters	RM 250.00 per bowler
6.8	All Youth Masters	RM 150.00 per bowler

7. 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.

8. Substitutions

Substitutions may be allowed provided it is reported to one of the Tournament Directors or their Assistants and duly approved by at least 30 minutes before the time of play. A fee of RM15 per bowler is required for any substitution.

9. Participation

Bowlers must play in their respective grades or in higher one. Bowlers from a higher grade will not be eligible to play in any of the lower grades. Bowlers in the graded division or youth division, who wishes to participate in the Open division after qualifying in their respective grade, may do so without competing in the Singles again in the open grade. However they have to pay an additional fee of RM40 which will be the ranking fee towards ABF.

10. 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 unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee.

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 MTBC Disciplinary Committee/ or 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. Tie Breaking Procedure

12.1 When a tie occurs for the last placed in the masters qualifying, the highest last game in the qualified MQ will decide, i.e. the highest last game of the 2nd best 3 games. In the Quarter finals, Semi Finals and Finals when a tie occurs on the matches, one ball roll-off shall decide until the tie is broken.

12.2 If a tie occurs in the last position after Round 1 of the Open Masters, the bowler with the highest last game in Round 1 will make it to Round 2. If

the last game is still a tie, the 2nd last game will decide. This will continue until the tie is broken. Same tie breaker will apply to Round 2.

13. Cheating

Any bowler found guilty of cheating at scores, averages eligibility or in any other counts will be immediately disqualified from the entire tournament and reported to the Disciplinary Committee of MTBC for further action. He/she will also be stripped of his/her winnings and positions standing and be asked to return to the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her. When in doubt, bowlers are reminded to consult the Tournament Directors on any issues.

14. Bowlers Attire

- 14.1 Bowlers are requested to be dressed for their events with a sense of decorum.
- 14.2 Men bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans, shorts, singlet and caps while women bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans and cap.

15. Slow Bowling

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn should not delay to go to the approach, is a lane immediately adjacent to them on the left and right side is clear.
- 15.3 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.

16. Protest

- 16.1 **Scores** - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the event, and in the case of an elimination round, before the next round. 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.

- 16.2 **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.
- 16.3 **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

17. **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.

18. **Special Notes**

- 18.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.
- 18.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.
- 18.3 Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non-sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject, to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.
- 18.4 The Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.
- 18.5 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 MTBC Council. 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 MTBC may still be lodged with the Asian Bowling Federation but through the MTBC and within 30 days of the MTBC Council's decision.