



39th PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 5 - 20, 2010 • Paeng's Midtown Bowl,
Robinson's Place, Malate, City of Manila, Philippines



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Rules:** All PBC and FIQ WTBA playing rules and regulations shall apply. The Championship is an Asian Ranking tournament towards the World Ranking Masters Finals.
2. **Eligibility:** This Tournament is open to all current paid up members of PBC Affiliates and WTBA subject to Rules 3.3 in the WTBA playing rules & regulations.
3. **Sanction:** This Tournament is sanctioned by the WTBA and ABF in its entirety.
4. **Entry Fees:** All entries must be submitted with the relevant fees. No refund will be allowed.
5. **Registration Fees:** ABF Ranking Fee: **US\$10.00** per bowler (one-time payment) for all Men's Open and Women's Open division.
6. **Averages:** Only official averages of federations will be used and an entrant who has no established average prior to the cut off dates as of 1st January 2010 must use an average of 196 for men and 186 for ladies. New bowlers without an established average with federations, must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective Associations. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective Associations or Congresses, with certification of participation.
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.

Oiling schedules will be indicated on the squad chart.
8. **Participation:** Bowlers must play in their respective grades or in a higher one. Bowlers from a higher grade will not be eligible to play in any of the lower grades. Bowlers in the graded division, who wish to participate in the Open division after qualifying in their respective grade, may do so without competing in the all events again in the open grade. However, they have to pay an additional registration of **US\$10.00**. Mixing of divisions (based on average) in the doubles and team events will be allowed provided the score will counted towards the higher/est division among team members. There will be no mixing of divisions based on gender.
9. **Singles:** Three (3) games will be bowled in this event. A bowler may try in as many attempts with the first attempt bowled to count in the All-Events. Note: No bowler may win more than one prize in the Singles event. **PHP 700.00** per attempt for Rookie, Associate, Graded, Youth & Senior Divisions, **PHP 1000.00** per attempt for Open Class Division.
10. **Doubles:** Four (4) games will be bowled in this event. An entrant may bowl as many times as he/she chooses with the first attempt bowled to count in the All-Events. The same combination may try in as many attempts but they may win only one prize in the Doubles event. Two game series will be bowled by each bowler. Game Fees – **PHP 700.00** per attempt.
11. **Trios:** Six (6) games will be bowled in this event. An entrant may bowl as many times as he/she chooses with the first attempt bowled to count in the All-Events. The same combination may try in as many attempts but they may win only one prize in the Trios event. Two game series will be bowled by each bowler. Game Fees – **PHP 900.00** per attempt.
12. **All-Events:** An entry fee of **PHP 900.00** is required in this event. The fee must be paid before attempting any of the Events. Failure to do so shall disqualify his/her All-Events Score. It is the responsibility of bowlers to ensure that he/she has paid up this fee before he/she attempts his/her first Event of the All-Events.

An All-Events champion will be declared in each division from total pinfalls of their **first attempt** in Singles, Doubles and Trios.



13. **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:

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

Altering the surface of the bowling ball is allowed in a designated area only. Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed.

Masters Events: This event is open to bowlers who have entered and played in the All-Events in their respective grades in the Championship. A bowler who has qualified in his/her respective grade may play in a higher grade. **The qualifying scores will be based on a minimum of two (2) qualifying sets, six (6) games total.**

15. **Ties Breaking Procedure:**

- a) When equal score (ties) are registered for any of the first three positions in the Singles, Doubles and Trios, co-champions or co-winners shall be declared. There shall be no play-off of the tie. Teams or players with equal scores will share the same prizes and the next position will get, in case of a tie for the first position, the 3rd position prize, and in case of a tie for the 2nd or 3rd position, no prizes at all.
- b) When a tie occurs for the last place in the Masters qualifying or end of the round robin event for the first and second place or third and fourth placed, a one game roll-off shall be held to determine the positions.
- c) If a tie exists in (b) after the tie-breaker, the ninth and tenth frame roll-off will be utilized and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

16. **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 Philippine Bowling Congress and the Asian Bowling Federation 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.

17. **Bowlers Attire:**

- a) Bowlers who will be playing the Masters finals must conform with the uniform as stipulated in the WTBA playing rules.
- b) All male bowlers in shorts and/or singlets will not be permitted to bowl. Female bowlers may wear half length slacks.

18. **Protest:**

- a) Scores: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within twelve (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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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



19. **Special Notes:**

- a) The Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.
- b) 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 (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 PBC may still be lodged with the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) but through the Philippine Bowling Congress and within 30 days of the PBC's decision.

MASTERS EVENT

1. This event is open to those bowlers who have completed the Singles, Doubles and Trios events in their respective grades and have paid up proof of their All-Events entries.
2. Bowlers who wish to bowl in the Desperado squad should have had bowled at least five (5) qualifying sets/attempts in that particular division.
3. The champions of the respective Masters events of the 39th Philippine International Open will be upgraded to the next higher grade, regardless of submitted averages.
4. The qualifying scores will be based on three (3) games total from the Singles event.
5. In the event of a tie for the last position in the qualifying round, a one game roll-off will serve as a tie breaker.
6. Any matter not covered in the rules will be dealt with by the Tournament Directors or the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding subject to appeal to the Philippine Bowling Congress and the ABF Executive Council.
7. No. of Qualifiers for the Masters roll-off :

(Bowlers who wish to qualify for the Desperado Squad must have previously made a minimum of five (5) qualifying attempts in their respective divisions before they can register.)

MEN'S OPEN MASTERS

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| Round 1 | (i) Defending Champion |
| | (ii) 7 th to 12 th ranked Local qualifiers |
| | (iii) 7 th to 12 th ranked Overseas qualifiers |
| | (iv) Top two (2) Overseas Filipino qualifiers |
| | (v) Top Fifteen (15) Qualifiers from combined local & overseas pool |
| | (vi) Top Four (4) qualifiers from the Desperado Squad |
| | Total 34 bowlers to bowl 8 games |
| Round 2 | (i) Top 12 from Round 1 |
| | (ii) 1 st to 6 th ranked Local qualifiers |
| | (iii) 1 st to 6 th ranked Overseas qualifiers |
| | Total 24 bowlers to bowl 8 games |
| Step-Ladder Finals | Top Six (6) bowlers from Round 2 |

LADIES' OPEN MASTERS

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| Round 1 | (i) Defending Champion |
| | (ii) 4 th to 6 th ranked Local qualifiers |
| | (iii) 4 th to 6 th ranked Overseas qualifiers |
| | (iv) Top Thirteen (13) Qualifiers from combined local & overseas pool |
| | (v) Top Four (4) qualifiers from the Desperado Squad |
| | Total 24 bowlers to bowl 8 games |
| Round 2 | (i) Top 12 from Round 1 |
| | (ii) 1 st to 3 rd ranked Local qualifiers |
| | (iii) 1 st to 3 rd ranked Overseas qualifiers |
| | Total 18 bowlers to bowl 8 games |
| Step-Ladder Finals | Top Six (6) bowlers from Round 2 |



MEN'S GRADED MASTERS

- (i) Top Twenty-One (21) Local and Overseas Qualifiers
- (ii) Top Three (3) Qualifiers from the Desperado Squad

WOMEN'S GRADED MASTERS

- (i) Top Ten (10) Local and Overseas Qualifiers
- (ii) Top Two (2) Qualifiers from the Desperado Squad

MEN'S ASSOCIATE MASTERS

- i. Top Twenty – One (21) Local Qualifiers
- ii. Top Three (3) Qualifiers from the Desperado Squad

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATE MASTERS

- (i) Top Ten (10) Local Qualifiers
- (ii) Top Two (2) Qualifiers from the Desperado Squad

MEN'S ROOKIE MASTERS

Top Twenty – Four (24) Local Qualifiers

WOMEN'S ROOKIE MASTERS

Top Twelve (12) Local Qualifiers

MEN'S SENIOR MASTERS

Top Twenty - Four (24) Qualifiers

WOMEN'S SENIOR MASTERS

Top Twelve (12) Qualifiers

YOUTH BOY'S OPEN MASTERS

Top Twenty-four (24) qualifiers

YOUTH GIRL'S OPEN MASTERS

Top Twelve (12) qualifiers

All the above top qualifiers based on the Singles score, will be listed in the Championship Results Board from the start of the qualifying rounds till the last squad.

8. SENIOR MASTERS

This event is open to all bowlers who are 50 years old as of May 30, 2010. The top twenty-four (24) male and top twelve (12) female qualifiers shall play a 10 game series with lane movement after every game and positioning on the last game. Top three (3) finishers in each division shall be declared Senior Masters Champion, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up respectively. Class A and B bowlers for both men and women divisions shall be given a handicap of 8 and 16 respectively, per game, in the qualifying and finals game. Finals will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Check-in at 9:00 AM. Game fees: **PHP 2,500.00.**

9. YOUTH MASTERS

This event is open to bowlers who are 20 years of age & below as of January 1, 2010 (born on Jan. 2, 1990 or after). The Tournament Committee reserves the right to ask for documents that would attest to the bowler's age. The top twenty-four (24) boys and top twelve (12) girls qualifiers as described above shall play a 10-game series with lane movement after every game and positioning on the last game. Finals will be on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 8:00 PM. Check – in at 6:30 PM. Game fees: **PHP 2,000.00 for Boys. PHP 1,500.00 for Girls**

10. ROOKIE MASTERS

This event is open to local bowlers only with an average of 160 and below for men & 150 and below for women. The top twenty-four (24) male and top twelve (12) female qualifiers shall play a 10 game series with lane movement after every game and positioning on the last game. The Finals will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 8:00 PM Check-in at 6:30 PM. Game fees: **PHP 2,500.00 for Men. PHP 2,000.00 for Women**



11. ASSOCIATE MASTERS

This event is open to local bowlers only with an average of 180 and below for men & 170 and below for women. The top 21 male qualifiers as well as the top 3 from the desperado squad and top 10 female qualifiers and top 2 from the desperado squad shall play a 10 game series with lane movement after every game and positioning on the last game. The Finals will be held on Sunday, June 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM Check-in at 9:00 AM. Game fees: **PHP 3,500.00 for Men and PHP 2,500.00 for Women.**

12. MEN'S GRADED MASTERS

This event is open to all Men Graded bowlers with an average of 181 to 195. The top twenty-one (21) local and overseas qualifiers, as well as the top three (3) from the desperado squad, will bowl 12 games. The Finals will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.. Check-in at 9:00am. Game fees: **PHP 4,000.00**

13. WOMEN'S GRADED MASTERS

This event is open to all Women Graded bowlers with an average of 171 to 185. The top 10 female qualifiers and top 2 from the desperado squad will bowl 12 games. The Finals will be on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Check-in at 9:00am. Game Fees: **PHP 3,200.00**

14. WOMEN'S OPEN MASTERS

This event is open to all Women bowlers. Round 1 will commence on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 3:00PM, check-in time for **ALL** qualifiers, including those seeded into Round 2 will be at 1:30PM. Game Fee: **PHP 4,000.00**

Round 1. The 4th to 6th ranked qualifiers in each of both the local and overseas pools; together with the defending champion, the top fifteen (15) qualifiers from the combined local and overseas pool, and the top two (2) qualifiers from the desperado squad shall play eight (8) games. The top twelve (12) bowlers based on total pinfalls will advance to the next round.

Round 2. The top twelve (12) bowlers from Round 1 shall be joined by the 1st- to 3rd ranked qualifiers from each of both the local and overseas pools. Starting from scratch, bowlers shall play eight (8) games. Total pinfalls to determine the top six (6) bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals.

Step Ladder Finals - The 4th, 5th & 6th placed bowlers from Round 2 will bowl one game. Winner with the highest score will qualify to meet 2nd and 3rd placed bowlers for another one game competition. The winner with the highest score will then qualify to meet the 1st placed bowler in a one plus one game step-ladder grand finals. In the event the 1st placed bowler wins the 1st game, she will be declared the Champion. If the 1st placed bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off on scratch to decide the Champion.

Note: Bowlers who lose in the Stepladder matches can only go down one position from their original rank prior to round 3 match. (For example, a bowler who came in fourth and loses in the first round one match will become 5th place) Subsequently, the maximum a bowler could move up would be two ranks unless that bowler moves up to the next round. In other words, the play-off for the first and second matches is used only to determine the bowler who would move up to the next match.

15. MEN'S OPEN MASTERS

This event is open to all Men bowlers. Round 1 will commence on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 7:00PM, check-in time for **ALL** qualifiers, including those seeded into Round 2 will be at 5:30PM. Game Fee: **PHP 5,000.00**

Round 1. The 7th to 12th ranked qualifiers in each of both the local and overseas pools; together with the defending champion, the top two (2) Overseas Filipino qualifiers, the top fifteen (15) qualifiers from the combined local and overseas pool, and the top four (4) qualifiers from the desperado squad shall play eight (8) games. The top twelve (12) bowlers based on total pinfalls, will advance to the next round.

Round 2. The top twelve (12) bowlers from Round 1 shall be joined by the 1st- to 6th ranked qualifiers from each of both the local and overseas pools. Starting from scratch, bowlers shall play eight (8) games. Total pinfalls to determine the top six (6) bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals.

The Format of Masters Finals in Step-ladder finals will be the same as for the Ladies' Open Masters in item 14 above.



16. FEES

All-Events	PHP	900.00	for all Divisions
ABF Registration Fee	US\$	10.00	for Men's and Women's Open Division only

All-Events fees, which is inclusive of Tournament souvenir and victory banquet, must be paid before commencing the first event.

Singles Qualifying	PHP	1000.00	Men's and Women's Open Division
	PHP	700.00	Graded, Associate, Rookie, Youth and Senior's Division
Doubles	PHP	700.00	per doubles Team
Trios	PHP	900.00	per 3-man Team
Master Finals	PHP	2,500.00	Men & Women Senior Masters
	PHP	2,000.00	Boys Youth Masters
	PHP	1,500.00	Girls Youth Masters
	PHP	2,500.00	Men Rookie Masters
	PHP	2,000.00	Women Rookie Masters
	PHP	3,500.00	Men's Associate Masters
	PHP	2,500.00	Women's Associate Masters
	PHP	4,000.00	Men's Graded Masters
	PHP	3,200.00	Women's Graded Masters
	PHP	5,000.00	Men's Open Masters
PHP	4,000.00	Women's Open Masters	

17. 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. CENTER TIME WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.