

41st MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

26 March - 4 April 2020

Sunway Mega Lanes, Sunway Pyramid

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Championship Organization and Sanction

The 41st Malaysian International Open Bowling Championship 2020 is organized by the Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress and sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and World Bowling (WB). It will be conducted in accordance to the World Bowling Playing Rules.

2. Eligibility

This Tournament is open to all current paid up members of MTBC & WB 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. Date for Qualifying

26 March 2020 - **OVERSEAS Bowlers for Senior and Youth Divisions** only
- MALAYSIAN Bowlers for all Divisions

29 March 2020 - **OVERSEAS Bowlers for all Divisions**, Priority will be given to Overseas Bowlers.
- MALAYSIAN Bowlers for all Divisions.

5. Classification

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

- 5.1. Men's Open - All male bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.
- 5.2. Women's Open - All female bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.

- 5.3 Men's Graded - All male bowlers with an average of 195 and below are eligible to participate in this division.
- 5.4 Women's Graded - All female bowlers with an average of 185 and below are eligible to participate in this division
- 5.5 Youth Boys Open - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1999 and after, are eligible to participate in this division.
- 5.6 Youth Girls Open - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1999 and after are eligible to participate in this division.
- 5.7 Youth Boys Graded - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1999 and after with an average of 190 and below are eligible to participate in this division.
- 5.8 Youth Girls Graded - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1999 and after with an average 180 and below are eligible to participate in this division.
- 5.9 Senior Men's Masters – All male bowlers aged 50 and over born in 1970 or before). Bowlers aged 55 (born in 1965) will be given a handicap of 5-pins, and an additional 1-pin for each year from age 56 onwards. The handicap is given for each game played throughout the championship.
- 5.10 Senior Women's Masters – All female bowlers aged 50 and over born in 1970 or before). Bowlers aged 55 (born in 1965) will be given a handicap of 5-pins, and an additional 1-pin for each year from age 56 onwards. The handicap is given for each game played throughout the championship.

6 Events

MEN & WOMEN (OPEN)	YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS (OPEN)
a) Singles (3 games)	a) Singles (3 games)
b) Masters Qualifying (3 games)	b) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
c) Masters (refer rules)	c) Masters (8 games)

MEN & WOMEN (GRADED)	YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS (GRADED)
a) Singles (3 games)	a) Singles (3 games)
b) Masters Qualifying (3 games)	b) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
c) Masters (Men -10 games & Women – 8 games)	c) Masters (8 games)

SENIOR MEN & WOMEN MASTERS
a) Singles (3 games)
b) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
c) Masters (8 games)

- 6.1 **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.
- 6.2 **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.
- 6.3 **Desperado Squad** - One game will be bowled in this event on the last squad on Thursday, 02 April 2020, and is for Men's Open and Men's Graded division only. A bowler must bowl at least 5 MQs in his respective category to be eligible, and the event will only be conducted with a minimum of 5 entries in each of the division. The fee is RM 250.00.
- 6.4 **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.

All bowlers who have registered Singles in their respective division do not have to complete the same event in the higher division if they so wish to compete in the higher categories. Bowlers must compete in their own category before moving into a higher category.

The number of Master finalists in each category is as follows:

OPEN	Men's Open	Women's Open
Round 1	Defending Champion	Defending Champion
	5 th – 12 th Local Qualifiers (8)	4 th – 10 th Local Qualifiers (7)
	5 th –12 th Overseas Qualifiers (8)	4 th –10 th Overseas Qualifiers (7)
	Top 13 from Local & Overseas Pool (13)	Top 9 from Local & Overseas Pool (9)
	Top 3 from 'Desperado' Squad (3)	
	Total 33 bowlers (8 games)	Total 24 bowlers (8 games)
	Top 16 from Round 1	Top 10 from Round 1

Round 2	1 st – 4 th from Local Qualifiers (4)	1 st – 3 rd from Local Qualifiers (3)
	1 st – 4 th from Overseas Qualifiers (4)	1 st – 3 rd from Overseas Qualifiers (3)
	Total 24 bowlers (8 games)	Total 16 bowlers (8 games)
Round 3 (Semi-Finals)	The 2 nd and 3 rd placed from Round 2 to bowl 1 game. Highest pin fall to proceed to Round 4, 2 nd highest pin fall to take 3 rd position.	The 2 nd and 3 rd placed from Round 2 to bowl 1 game. Highest pin fall to proceed to Round 4, 2 nd highest pin fall to take 3 rd position.
Round 4 (Finals)	The 1 st placed bowler from Round 2 and the winner from Round 3 will meet in the Finals. The Finals will be held on a 1+1 game format. If the top placed bowler from Round 2 wins the 1 st game, he shall be declared the Champion. Should the winner from Round 3 wins the 1 st game, there would be a "sudden death" play-off on 1 game. Whoever wins this game shall be declared the Champion.	The 1 st placed bowler from Round 2 and the winner from Round 3 will meet in the Finals. The Finals will be held on a 1+1 game format. If the top placed bowler from Round 2 wins the 1 st game, he shall be declared the Champion. Should the winner from Round 3 wins the 1 st game, there would be a "sudden death" play-off on 1 game. Whoever wins this game shall be declared the Champion.
GRADED	Men's Graded	Women's Graded
Masters Finals	Top 36 Qualifiers	Top 15 Qualifiers
	Top 3 from 'Desperado' Squad	
	Total 39 bowlers (8 games)	Total 15 bowlers (8 games)
YOUTH OPEN	YOUTH BOYS OPEN	YOUTH GIRLS OPEN
Masters Finals	Top 6 Local Qualifiers (6)	Top 5 Local Qualifiers
	Top 18 from Local & Overseas Pool (18)	Top 13 from Local & Overseas Pool
	Total 24 bowlers (8 games)	Total 18 bowlers (8 games)
YOUTH GRADED	YOUTH BOYS GRADED	YOUTH GIRLS GRADED
Masters Finals	Top 18 Qualifiers	Top 12 Qualifiers
	Total 18 bowlers (8 games)	Total 12 bowlers (8 games)
SENIOR MASTER	SENIOR MEN MASTER	SENIOR WOMEN MASTER
Masters Finals	Top 16 Qualifiers	Top 12 Qualifiers
	Total 16 bowlers (8 games)	Total 12 bowlers (8 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 09:30pm on 02 April 2020. (Except for youth and senior 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.

7 Registration and Fees

OPEN & GRADED	Men's Open	Women's Open	Men's Graded	Women's Graded
Registration Fees	RM170.00	RM170.00	RM130.00	RM130.00
Singles	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM110.00
MQs	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM110.00
Desperado Squad	RM250.00	NA	RM250.00	NA
Masters Final	RM450.00	RM400.00	RM380.00	RM320.00
YOUTH	Boy's Open	Girl's Open	Boy's Graded	Girl's Graded
Registration Fees	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM130.00
Singles	RM110.00	RM110.00	RM65.00	RM65.00
MQs	RM110.00	RM110.00	RM65.00	RM65.00
Masters Final	RM250.00	RM220.00	RM160.00	RM160.00
SENIOR MASTER	SENIOR MEN MASTER	SENIOR WOMEN MASTER		
Registration Fees	RM130.00	RM130.00		

Singles	RM110.00	RM110.00		
MQs	RM110.00	RM110.00		
Masters Final	RM220.00	RM220.00		

Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first event.

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 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 RM30.00 per bowler is required for any substitution.

10 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 RM40.00 which will be the ranking fee towards ABF.

11 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.

12 Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification

All participants are advised to check their bowling balls used in the tournament are within the specifications 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 within the specifications in accordance to World Bowling Rules.

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.

13 Tie Breaking Procedure

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.

If a tie occurs in the any of the Master's Finals Divisions except the Men Open and Women Open. The highest last game bowled will decide the higher position. If the last game is tied, the second last game will decide and so forth.

If a tie occurs in the last position after Round 1 of the Open Masters, one-ball roll-off shall decide until tie is broken.

In Round 3 (Semi Finals) and Round 4 (Finals), when a tie occurs on the matches, one ball roll-off shall decide until the tie is broken.

14 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.

15 Bowlers Attire

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

16 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.
- 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.

17 Protest

- 16.1 Scores - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 2 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 Finals of the Masters event, such protests, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prize presentation in writing. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.
 - a. Foul - Must be brought to the attention of the Referee 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.

18 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.

19 Special Notes

- 19.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.
- 19.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.
- 19.3 Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non-sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject, to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.
- 19.4 The Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.
- 19.5 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.