



May 13 – 28, 2017

Coronado Lanes, Starmall EDSA
Mandaluyong City, Philippines

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Organization and Sanction

This tournament is organized by the Philippine Bowling Federation (PBF) and duly sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and World Bowling (WB). World Bowling playing rules and regulations shall apply on matters not covered herein. This tournament is an Asian Ranking Tournament.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all local bowlers. Overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Associations, Federations or Congresses.

3. Averages

Average will be based on the latest PBF lists of averages. Bowlers without established average shall furnish a copy of their average certification from their respective association signed by their President or Secretary; otherwise they will be classified as Class O bowler with an average of 196 for male and 186 for female bowler. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective Associations or Congresses. Any miss declaration of average by bowlers will result in disqualification from the tournament and no refund shall be made. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to assign or change bowlers' classification with questionable average.

4. Classification

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| Men's Open | - | open to all male bowlers. |
| Ladies' Open | - | open to all female bowlers. |
| Men's Graded | - | open to all male bowlers with average of 195 and below. |
| Ladies Graded | - | open to all female bowlers with average of 185 and below. |
| Men's Associate | - | open only to local male bowlers with an average of 180 and below. |
| Ladies Associate | - | open only to local female bowlers with an average of 170 and below. |
| Youth Boys Open | - | open only to boys who were born January 01, 1996 or after. |
| Youth Girls Open | - | open only to girls who were born January 01, 1996 or after. |
| Boys 16 & Under | - | open only to local youth boys who were born January 01, 2001 or after
And with an average of 170 and below. |
| Girls 16 & Under | - | open only to local youth girls who were born January 01, 2001 or after
And with an average of 160 and below. |
| Men's Senior | - | open to all male senior bowlers. |
| Ladies Senior | - | open to all female senior bowlers. |

The senior's category is open only to players 50 years old and above as of May 12, 2017. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to ask for documents that would attest to the bowler's age.

5. Manner of Play

MASTERS QUALIFYING

Qualifiers will be ranked based on their best two (2) blocks bowled. Each block shall consist of three (3) games. (Multiple attempts allowed). Last day of qualifying for a specific class will be the day before the scheduled Masters finals.

MASTERS FINALS

Men's Open Masters – The top 6 locals and the top 6 overseas qualifiers will be seeded to round 2.

Round 1 - The 7th to 12th ranked qualifiers in each of both the local and overseas pools; together with the top twenty one (21) qualifiers from the combined local and overseas pool, and the top three (3) 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 three (3) bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals.

Step-ladder Finals:

Match 1 - The 2nd and 3rd placers after the 2nd Round will bowl one (1) game to determine the challenger to the top finisher.

Match 2 - Winner of Match 1 and the top finisher will bowl the best of three game matches. The bowler to win two matches will be declared winner.

Ladies Open Masters – The top 3 locals and the top 3 overseas qualifiers will be seeded to round 2.

Round 1. The 4th to 6th ranked qualifiers in each of both the local and overseas pools; together with the top ten (10) 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 six (6) bowlers based on total pinfalls, will advance to the next round.

Round 2. The top six (6) 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 three (3) bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals.

The Format of the Step-ladder finals will be the same as for the Men's Open Masters.

Men's Graded Masters

The top ten (10) local qualifiers, top twelve (12) combined local and overseas pool, plus the top two (2) qualifiers from the desperado squad, will bowl 10 games to decide the winners.

Ladies Graded Masters

The top four (4) local qualifiers, top six (6) from the combined local and overseas pool, plus the top two (2) qualifiers from the desperado squad will bowl 10 games to decide the winners.

Men's Associate Masters

The top twenty four (24) qualifiers will bowl ten (10) games to decide the winners.

Ladies Associate Masters

The top twelve (12) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Youth Boys Open Masters

The top eighteen (18) will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Youth Girls Open Masters

The top twelve (12) will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Boys 16 & Under Masters

The top eighteen (18) will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

May 19 Friday					MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
The following squads are to be prioritized for overseas bowlers.															
May 20 Saturday	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
May 21 Sunday	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ
May 22 Monday	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ
May 23 Tuesday	Ladies Open – 1 st Block Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM				Men's Open – 1 st Block Registration 1:30 PM Roll-off 2:30 PM						MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
May 24 Wednesday	Men & Ladies Open – 2 nd Block Check-in 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM							MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
May 25 Thursday	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing	MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
May 26 Friday	Youth Masters Finals Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM					MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ		MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
May 27 Saturday	16 & Under Masters Finals Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM				Senior Masters Finals Registration 1:00 PM Roll-off 2:00 PM						MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	
May 28 Sunday	Associate Masters Finals Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM				Graded Masters Finals Registration 1:00 PM Roll-off 2:00 PM					Awarding Ceremony					

There will be lane dressing in between each Masters Finals.

MASTERS FINALS

CLASS	DATE	REGISTRATION	Call on Reserves	ROLL-OFF
16 & Under (Boys & Girls)	Sat. May 27	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Seniors (Men & Ladies)	Sat. May 27	1:00 pm	1:46 pm	2:00 pm
Youth (Boys & Girls)	Fri. May 26	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Associate (Men & Ladies)	Sun. May 28	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Graded (Men & Ladies)	Sun. May 28	1:00 pm	1:46 pm	2:00 pm
Ladies Open (1 st Block)	Tue. May 23	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Ladies Open (2 nd Block)	Wed. May 24	1:00 pm	1:45 pm	2:00 pm
Men's Open (1 st Block)	Tue. May 23	9:00 am		10:00 am
Men's Open (2 nd Block)	Wed. May 24	9:00 am		10:00 am

7. Fees

Registration	PHP 2,000.00	All Division
Asian Ranking Fee	US\$ 10.00	for Open Division only
Masters Qualifying (MQ)	PHP 1,500.00 PHP 600.00 PHP 600.00 PHP 600.00	Open Masters Division Graded Division Associate Division Youth & Senior Division
Master Finals	PHP 10,000.00 PHP 6,000.00 PHP 5,000.00 PHP 3,000.00 PHP 3,000.00 PHP 2,500.00	Men's Open Masters Ladies Open Masters Men's Graded Masters Ladies Graded Masters Men's Associate Masters Ladies Associate Masters

	PHP 5,000.00	Men's Senior Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Ladies Senior Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Boys Youth Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Girls Youth Masters
	PHP 2,000.00	Boys 16 & Under Masters
	PHP 1,500.00	Girls 16 & Under Masters
Desperado	PHP 3,000.00	Open Division
	PHP 1,000.00	Graded Division

9. Registration

All entries shall be duly accomplished and the corresponding payments shall be submitted to the PBF Secretariat, except those entries which are on "Charge Account", said entries will be allowed only when the "Charge Account" is accompanied by a blank check issued payable to PBF. All entries shall be subject to availability of lane and squad. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entry, as well as adjust the playing schedule as the need arises or the situation warrants.

10. Check-in Time

All participants must check-in at the tournament counter at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled squad time. The Center clock shall be the official timepiece of the tournament.

All Master Finalists must check-in personally at least thirty minutes before the scheduled time for the Masters Finals. Reserves will be called fifteen minutes before roll-off. There will be check-in for both the 1st and 2nd rounds of the open masters' finals. Any vacancy resulting from failure to check-in by any of the finalists will be allocated to the next reserved player(s).

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. Lane Breakdown

If a pair of lanes becomes unusable or unplayable for more than 20 minutes before or during the squad games, any available pair of lanes provided by the bowling center shall be assigned to affected participant(s) or shall wait for the next available squad. In case of machine breakdown during the masters final, vacant lanes shall be assigned to affected finalists. Any interrupted game or series must resume from the point (frame) of interruption. No shadow bowling shall be allowed.

13. 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 PBF 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.

BOWLING BALLS, ALTERING SURFACE

Altering the surface of bowling ball is only allowed during the official practice session before a block of games or competition round. Altering surface of the bowling ball during or between games is not allowed. If the surface is adjusted during a game, the penalty is zero pinfall in that game. If the surface is adjusted between games, that ball will be taken away from the competition until that block or round of games/competition is finished.

14. Dress Code

Only proper bowling uniform (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-Shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowlers in singlet and sleeveless t-shirt will not be allowed to bowl. Female bowlers can wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts. In those instances where it is established that a bowler is in breach of this rule, he/she may be suspended by the Tournament Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played and all fees paid will not be refunded.

15. Slow Bowling

Bowlers, who are 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 give right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and should not delay to go to the approach, when the lanes immediately adjacent to them on the left and right sides are clear. Penalty shall be imposed to bowler who is four (4) frames slower from the leader not counting the end pair of lanes. The Penalty will be forfeit of the score in the next frame.

16. Restrictions at the Bowler's Area

Other than the registered player, only tournament officials and coach of player shall be allowed to enter the bowler's area. Only one registered coach shall be allowed for each bowler. When leaving the playing area during the competition, the bowler is requested to ask permission from the marshal or any other tournament official. Smoking, eating, drinking alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in the bowler's area are strictly prohibited. Bowlers are not allowed to use powder or any other substance to enhance slides in the lanes. Bowling shoes must be wiped off before one attempts to start bowling.

17. Protest

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. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.

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.

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. Special Note

The Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matters arising during the Championships which are not covered by this rules and regulations will be decided by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to an appeal to the PBF. 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 PBF may still be lodged with the Asian Bowling Federation but through PBF and within 30 days.

Prizes (in Philippine Peso PHP)

RANK	Men's OPEN	Men's GRADED	Men's ASSOCIATE	Men's SENIOR
Champion	500,000	150,000	50,000	100,000
1 st Runner-up	250,000	75,000	25,000	50,000
2 nd Runner-up	125,000	50,000	15,000	25,000
4 th Place	80,000	30,000	8,000	12,500
5 th Place	70,000	25,000	6,000	7,000
6 th Place	60,000	20,000	5,000	5,000
7 th Place	50,000	15,000	4,000	4,000
8 th Place	40,000	10,000	3,000	3,000
9 th Place	30,000	9,000		
10 th Place	30,000	8,000		
11 th Place	30,000	7,000		
12 th Place	25,000	6,000		
13 th Place	25,000			
14 th Place	25,000			
15 th Place	25,000			

16 th Place	20,000			
17 th Place	20,000			
18 th Place	20,000			
19 th Place	20,000			
20 th Place	20,000			
21 st Place	15,000			
22 nd Place	15,000			
23 rd Place	15,000			
24 th Place	15,000			

RANK	Ladies OPEN	Ladies GRADED	Ladies ASSOCIATE	Ladies SENIOR
Champion	200,000	50,000	25,000	35,000
1 st Runner-up	100,000	25,000	13,000	17,500
2 nd Runner-up	50,000	13,000	7,000	8,500
4 th Place	40,000			
5 th Place	30,000			
6 th Place	25,000			
7 th Place	20,000			
8 th Place	20,000			
9 th Place	15,000			
10 th Place	15,000			
11 th Place	15,000			
12 th Place	15,000			

RANK	Boys OPEN	Girls OPEN	Boys 16 & UNDER	Girls 16 & UNDER
Champion	50,000	35,000	15,000	10,000
1 st Runner-up	25,000	20,000	8,000	5,000
2 nd Runner-up	13,000	10,000	4,000	3,000

Plus trophy to the top 3 winners.

19. PBF Corporate Cup (by Invitation)

Format:

- Scheduled on the opening day of the PBF International Open on May 13, 2017. Check in at 11:00 am.
- This is a team of four of any combination. Each team is allowed one class O bowler (male or female).
- Teams will play three game series. Standings will be based on total pinfalls plus handicap.
- The top three (3) teams will be declared winners.
- In case of tie, total pinfalls will be used to break the tie.
- Entry Fee is 10,000.00 per team.
- Prizes:

Champion	30,000 plus Cup
1 st Runner-up	20,000
2 nd Runner-up	10,000

- Handicap will be as follows:

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>	
196 & above	0	186 & above	8	
181 – 195	8	171 – 185	16	
166 – 180	16	156 – 170	24	
165 & below	24	155 & below	32	