

1. Organisation & Sanction

1.1 This International Bowling Championship is organised by the Singapore Bowling Federation and sanctioned by ABF and WTBA. WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations shall apply on matters not covered herein.

1.2 This tournament will be held from **22 May – 2 June 2012** in **Orchid Bowl @ Orchid Country Club**.

2. Eligibility

All current members of SBF Member Clubs of good standing and foreign bowlers accredited by their respective Congress/Federation/Association are eligible to participate in this tournament.

Bowlers will be classified based on their country of citizenship.

3. Averages

3.1 The SBF official average as at **31 December 2011** for local bowlers shall be used for purposes of classification, subject to the bowlers having completed a minimum of 18 games. Bowlers without the minimum requirement of 18 games must submit certified confirmation showing the scores of ALL GAMES bowled in SBF sanctioned leagues and tournaments.

3.2 Overseas bowlers must submit a certification or proof of their averages as attested to by the officials of their respective Congress/Federation/Association.

3.3 Irrespective of average, a bowler who has won a Graded “B” / “A” / Open Masters in a SBF or ABF/WTBA sanctioned tournament in year **2010, 2011 and 2012** is **NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIMILAR GRADED DIVISION** of this tournament **BUT CAN PARTICIPATE IN HIGHER grade. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOWLER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE/SHE IS QUALIFIED TO BOWL IN THE GRADED DIVISIONS UNDER THIS RULE.**

4. Classification

4.1 Men’s Open: All male bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate in this division.

4.2 Women’s Open: All female bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate in this division.

4.3 Men’s Graded “A”: All male bowlers with AN AVERAGE OF 195 AND BELOW are eligible to play in this division.

4.4 Men’s Graded “B”: All male bowlers with AN AVERAGE OF 180 AND BELOW are eligible to play in this division. Bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Final.

4.4 Women’s Graded: All female bowlers with AN AVERAGE OF 185 AND BELOW are eligible to play in this division. Bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Final.

4.5 Senior Division: All male and female bowlers 50 years and above as at **1 Jan 2012** (born in **1962** or before) are eligible to play in this division. Bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Final.

4.7 Youth Division: All boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below as at **1 Jan 2012** (born in **1991** or after) are eligible to play in this division. Bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Final.

4.8 Under 18 Division: All boys and girls who are 18 years of age and below as at **1 Jan 2012** (born in **1994** or after) are eligible to play in this division. Bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Final.

4.9 Under 15 Division: All boys and girls who are 15 years of age and below as at **1 Jan 2012** (born in **1997** or after) are eligible to play in this division. Bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Final.

5. Registration of Entries/ Squad Times

5.1 Registration of entries, duly paid and completed, will be accepted in **Orchid Bowl @ Orchid Country Club**, starting from, **21 May 2012 from 5.30 – 8.00pm**. Entries will be accepted subject to the availability of lanes and squad times. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry, postpone, add/cancel any squad time.

5.2 From **28 May 2012** onwards, priority will be given to overseas bowlers. Local bowlers can only play when vacancies arise. NO reservation by Local bowlers.

5.3 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.

5.4 Desperado Squad (Men’s Open Division & Men’s Graded “A” Division only)
The Desperado squad will comprise of 1 game. Only bowlers who have at least *4 MQ ATTEMPTS in their respective registered categories are eligible to compete in the Desperado Squad.

Top 3 Male Qualifiers from Open Division and the top 4 Male Qualifiers from Graded “A” Division shall qualify for the Masters Final.

When a tie is registered, one throw shall be played and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

6. Participation

A lower grade bowler playing in a higher grade will have his/her score classified according to the grade entered for.

7. Masters Events

7.1 The qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters’ Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) in the respective divisions.

7.2 It is the responsibilities of the qualifiers to confirm their fixtures and/or to check for any changes in the schedule, 24 hours before their Masters Finals roll-off.

7.3 For Men’s & Women’s Open Division - In the event the Defending Champion does not defend the title, the vacancy will go to the Local & Overseas Pool as follows:

(a) In the event a Masters Qualifier from the LOCAL Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Local Pool Reserve list.

(b) In the event that a Masters Qualifier from the OVERSEAS Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Overseas Pool Reserve List.

(c) In the event that a Masters Qualifier from the LOCAL/OVERSEAS Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the LOCAL/OVERSEAS Pool Reserve List.

(d) In the event that a Masters Qualifier from the DESPERADO Squad being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the DESPERADO Squad, next bowler on list (i.e. 5th position in Graded A Division, 4th position in Open Division).

7.4 No. Of Finalists in the Masters:

Men’s Open Masters:

Defending Champion, Top 13 Local qualifiers, Top 13 Overseas qualifiers, Top 12 Qualifiers from Local & Overseas Pool, Top 3 Qualifiers from Desperado Squad. **Total 42 Finalists**

Women’s Open Masters:

Defending Champion, Top 10 Local qualifiers, Top 10 Overseas qualifiers, Top 9 Qualifiers from Local & Overseas Pool. **Total 30 Finalists**

Graded “A” Masters:

Top 24 Male Qualifiers
(Top 20 from Masters Qualifying, Top 4 Male from Desperado Squad)

Graded “B” Masters: Top 20 Male Qualifiers

Women’s Graded Masters: Top 16 Female Qualifiers

Senior Masters: Top 20 Male Qualifiers, Top 8 Female Qualifiers

Youth Masters: Top 24 Boys Qualifiers, Top 12 Girls Qualifiers

Under 18 Masters: Top 16 Boys Qualifiers, Top 8 Girls Qualifiers

Under 15 Masters: Top 16 Boys Qualifiers, Top 8 Girls Qualifiers

All the above top qualifiers based on the Masters Qualifying score, will be listed in the Championships Result Board from the start of the qualifying rounds till the end of last squad.

7.5 Men's Open Masters Finals

The 42 Masters Finalists will play 16 games
(10 games in Round 1 & 6 games in Round 2).
Top 4 bowlers after 16 games will qualify for Step Ladder Grand Finals in Round 3.

Round 1 - 42 bowlers will bowl 10 games.

Round 2 - 42 bowlers will bowl another 6 games. The score for Round 1 will be carried forward. At the end of Round 2 based on 16 games total, top 4 bowlers will qualify for Round 3.

Round 3 - The 4th, 3rd and 2nd placed bowlers will bowl one game each. The winner with the highest score will qualify to meet 1st placed bowler in the stepladder grand finals.

In the event the 1st placed bowler wins the 1st game, he will be declared the Champion. If the 1st placed bowler loses the 1st game, there shall be a one game roll off on scratch to decide the Champion.

Bowlers who lose in 1st match of the Step Ladder Grand Finals can only move up or down one position from their original rank prior to their respective match (For example, a bowler who came in second and loses the 1st match will drop to third position).

7.6 Women's Open Masters Finals

The 30 Masters Finalists will play 16 games scratch. Format of play of the Masters Finals will be the same as for the Men's Open Masters.

7.7 Graded "A" Masters Finals

Top 24 male finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7.8 Graded "B" Masters Finals

Top 20 male finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7.9 Women's Graded Masters Finals

Top 16 female finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7.10 Senior Masters Finals

Top 20 male finalists and top 8 female finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7.11 Youth Masters Finals

Top 24 boy finalists and top 12 girl finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7.12 Under 18 Masters Finals

The top 16 boy finalists and top 8 girl finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7.13 Under 15 Masters Finals

Top 16 boy finalists and top 8 girl finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

8. Check-in time (Masters Finals)

All Masters Qualifiers must check-in at the Tournament Desk AT LEAST THIRTY (30) MINUTES before the scheduled time for the Masters Finals, failing which they shall be disqualified and the reserve(s) shall be called. The centre clock shall be the official timepiece of the tournament.

9. Registration & Fees

A fee of \$60.00 is payable by all participants as Registration Fee. This will entitle a registrant to a souvenir of the tournament and an invitation to the Victory Banquet.

MQ Fee: \$50.00 per person for Open & Graded "A" Division
\$50.00 per person for Women's Graded Division
\$40.00 per person for Graded "B", Senior & Youth Division
\$30.00 per person for Under 18 & Under 15 Division

Desperado Squad: \$120.00 (Open Division & Graded "A" Division only)

Open Masters \$200.00 for men \$160.00 for women
Men Graded "A" Masters \$160.00
Men Graded "B" Masters \$100.00
Women's Graded Masters \$100.00
Senior Masters \$100.00 for male \$80.00 for female
Youth Masters \$100.00 for boys \$80.00 for girls
Under 18 Masters \$60.00 for boys \$50.00 for girls
Under 15 Masters \$60.00 for boys \$50.00 for girls

10. 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.

11. Refund

11.1 No refund shall be made after an entry has been registered and accepted.

11.2 A participant who fails to show up and/or is late for the scheduled squad shall be disqualified from participation in that squad and the entry fee forfeited.

12. Tie – Breaking Procedures

12.1 When a tie is registered in the Masters' Qualifying event, the player with the highest high game, in the qualifying series, shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

12.2 When a tie is registered in the Masters Final of all Divisions, the player with the highest game shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

12.3 When a tie is registered in the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

13. Bowler's Attire

13.1 Bowlers are required to be properly and appropriately dressed for bowling. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director a bowler is not appropriately dressed, he/she may not be permitted to bowl. **MALE BOWLERS MUST WEAR PANTS OR SLACKS AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR SLEEVELESS SHIRTS AND/OR SHORTS, BERMUDAS OR JEANS;** female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts.

13.2 In the event of TV coverage for the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, 13.1 applies. Bowler may choose to wear his/her own shirt or accept an offer from the host to use a sponsor shirt or badge from the host sponsor.

14. Bowling Balls

14.1 It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that all bowling balls used during the tournament are verified for correctness of weight and other specifications, conforming to WTBA Rules and Regulations. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to examine the balls used by the participants. Use of an illegal ball is grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of games, prizes and standings aside from any other penalties that may be imposed.

14.2 Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game IS NOT ALLOWED (i.e. only after completion/before commencement of each game), provided they are made at designated area and it must not delay the bowler's and next turn.

15. Prizes and Awards

15.1 Prizes in the form of Cash Vouchers, Gifts, Medallions, etc. will be awarded to the winners of the various categories. Bowling Center House Awards do not apply.

15.2 Perfect Game Awards:

Masters Qualifying

\$5000.00 will be shared equally amongst the bowlers who attain perfect game during each **pre-designated squads** of Masters Qualifying Round. Bowler/s who attained perfect game during masters qualifying rounds outside pre-designated squad is/are not entitled to any perfect game award.

Masters Finals

\$5000.00 will be shared equally amongst the bowlers who attain perfect game during Masters Finals for all divisions.

Step Ladder Grand Final

\$5000.00 will be shared equally amongst the bowlers who attain perfect game during the Step Ladder Grand Final.

Cash Award shall be presented to the bowler who attains the Perfect Game.

FOREIGN BOWLER IS LIABLE FOR WITHOLDING TAX ON ALL PRIZE MONIES RECEIVED.

16. Slow Bowling

Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

16.1 They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach on preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.

16.2 They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.

16.3 They shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lanes immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear.

16.4 A player is given 30 seconds from the moment the previous bowler steps down from the approach to the time the ball leaves the hand of the bowler. Lane marshals will be given stop watches to randomly check the timing of the bowlers in their delivery.

16.5 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in 17.1, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows:

- (a) A white card for the first offence (no penalty)
- (b) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
- (c) Red card for the third and succeeding offence in any block of games, penalty shall be zero pinfalls for the frame.

17. Verification of Scores

It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that the correct score for each game bowled is recorded in the official score sheet by signing in the official score sheet, which will be used as the official score record. Once signed, the scores shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director. If the official score sheet is not signed for any reason, the Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse acceptance of the score sheet

18. Interrupted Game(s)

18.1 The Tournament Director may authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the lanes would delay the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and series that cannot be completed must resume from the point of interruption.

18.2 In the event of the score of any game is lost/erased and cannot be recalled and/or traced due to power or equipment failure, the bowler concerned will be required to re-bowl a new game when the power supply resumes or equipment is repaired. However, all scores of completed games that have been recorded in the official score sheet shall remain unchanged.

19. Protest

19.1 Eligibility

Protest involving eligibility must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or his appointed official on duty.

19.2 All Other Protests

Protest involving the Masters Qualifying event must be lodged with the Tournament Director in writing, not later than 2 hours after the completion of the squad in which the protest has arisen.

When a protest involves the Masters Finals of the Open Division (Men & Women), such a protest must be lodged with the Tournament Director on the spot, in any case before the commencement of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals.

Protest involving the Step-Ladder Grand Finals must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director on the spot.

No protests will be entertained after the presentation of prizes.

19.3 Withholding Of Prizes

When a protest is lodged involving the final positions in any event and pending the decision of appeals to, either SBF or ABF/WTBA, the Tournament Director reserves the right to withhold presentation of prizes for the event pending the outcome of the appeal.

19.4 Error in Scoring

The Tournament Officials immediately upon discovery of such errors will correct errors in scoring or calculation. Protests involving errors in scoring will only be entertained if such protests are brought to the attention of the Tournament Director or his appointed official on duty on the spot.

19.5 Fouls

Protest involving fouls must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the delivery of the next ball.

No protest will be entertained after the bowler has made his/her second delivery of the frame.

20. Interpretation Clause

20.1 The Tournament Director, or, in his absence, his appointed official on duty, reserves the right to accept or reject any entry as he deems fit.

20.2 Any matters arising that are not covered in these Tournament Rules and Regulations, will be decided upon by the Tournament Director (through adoption of the WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations). The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final subject only to appeal to SBF, which must be made in writing within **one-week** of the decision.

21. ABF Adjudication

Notwithstanding Rule #20, an appeal may be submitted in writing to the Asian Bowling Federation through SBF within 30 days of SBF's decision for final adjudication.