

11th DIBC OPEN BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2025

Dubai International Bowling Centre, Al Mamzar, Dubai - UAE
17 January – 23 February 2025

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE

This tournament is organized to bring bowlers together in Dubai in the spirit of goodwill and camaraderie while promoting the sport of bowling.

1. Sanction & Playing Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by EBF, ABF, and IBF. Playing rules are in accordance with accepted world standards.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to bowlers in good standing with their federations/associations/clubs.

3. Divisions

The tournament will be played in the following divisions:

- ❖ Open Division: Men, Women, and bowlers from the lower divisions.
- ❖ Open Graded A: Men and women with latest DIBC/KIBC average of 195 and below for UAE residents. Overseas bowlers require an average certificate (195 & below) from their respective Bowling Federations.
- ❖ Graded B: Men, women with latest DIBC/KIBC average of 179 and below (UAE residents only)
- ❖ Graded C: Men, women with latest DIBC/KIBC average of 155 and below (UAE residents only)
- ❖ Seniors Div.: Men & women, minimum 50 years old on 1st January 2025 or earlier
- ❖ Women's Div.: Open to residents and overseas women players.
- ❖ Graded Divisions require minimum 18 games played as of 31 December 2024 in DIBC or KIBC. DIBC averages take precedence over all averages from other bowling centers.
- ❖ The tournament management reserves the right to reclassify UAE Youth bowlers for the Graded Divisions.
- ❖ Ladies Handicaps: 8 pts. per game in the Open & Senior Divisions; 5 points in all other divisions up to the Final Rounds.
- ❖ Players in the higher divisions cannot qualify for the lower divisions, and players in the lower divisions must qualify first in their own division before joining the higher divisions.

4. Format

ROUND 1: QUALIFYING ROUND

- ❖ Participants must bowl a total of 9 games in blocks of 3 games.
- ❖ Each 3-game block will be played on a pair of lanes.
- ❖ Lane assignments will be by draw.
- ❖ Participants may bowl multiple entries with the highest 3 blocks to count towards the 9-game total.
- ❖ Open Division:
 - Top 4 plus next 2 UAE local qualifiers proceed to Round 3.
 - Positions 7-27 + 4 UAE locals + 3 from Desperado Squad advance to Round 2.
- Desperado Squad:
 - Played over 1 game on a pair of lanes with full entry fee (minimum 8 squads played to qualify), no lane dressing.
 - Top 3 bowlers will advance to Round 2.
- ❖ Open Graded Division A:
 - Top 17 qualifiers + 4 UAE Residents + Top 3 from Desperado Squad in the Open Graded A division will advance to the Final Round.

- ❖ **Graded B:**
 - Top 12 after the last qualifying squad +3 from Desperado Squad will advance to the final round.
- ❖ **Graded C:**
 - Top 12 in the last qualifying day for Graded C will serve as the winners' final standings.
- ❖ **Seniors Div.:**
 - Top 8 will advance to the Final Round of 6 games, no stepladder
- ❖ **Women's Div.:**
 - Top 8 will advance to the Final Round of 6 games, no stepladder
- ❖ **LAST QUALIFYING DATES:**
 - Open Division: 22 February 2025, Saturday
 - Open Graded A: 19 February 2025, Wednesday
 - Seniors Div.: 18 February 2025, Tuesday
 - Women's Div.: 18 February 2025, Tuesday
 - Graded B & C: 17 February 2025, Tuesday

ROUNDS 2 & 3: SEMI-FINAL & FINAL ROUNDS

Division	No. of Qualifiers	No. of Games	Date & Time
OPEN	Top 4 + next 2 UAE locals receive bye & proceed to Rd. 3. Pos. 7-27 + 4 UAE Locals + 3 from D/Squad bowl in Rd. 2. (28 players) (Cut to Top 18)	6 Games	ROUND 2 - (SEMI-FINALS) <u>23 Feb. 2025, Sunday</u> 11:00am
	Top 18 plus Top 4 + 2 UAE locals from Round 1 (24 Players)	8 games (no Stepladder)	ROUND 3 (FINALS) <u>23 Feb. 2025, Sunday</u> 4:00pm
OPEN GRADED A	Top 17 + 4 UAE residents + 3 from Desperado Squad (24 players)	8 Games (no stepladder)	FINALS <u>20 Feb. 2025, Thursday</u> 8:00pm
SENIORS	Top 8	6 games (no stepladder)	<u>19 Feb. 2025, Wednesday</u> 1:00pm
WOMEN	Top 8	6 games (no stepladder)	<u>19 Feb. 2025, Wednesday</u> 1:00pm
GRADED B	Top 12 + 3 from Desperado Squad (15 players)	8 Games (no stepladder)	FINALS <u>18 February 2025, Tuesday</u> 8:00pm

- ❖ Lane movement:
One pair of lanes after every game; bowlers assigned on the left lane move to the left while bowlers assigned on right lane move to the right.

5. Entry Fees

	Open Division	Open Graded A & B	Graded C	Seniors	Women
Registration (with 1 Squad):	AED. 300	AED. 250	AED. 200	AED. 200	AED. 200
Entry Fee (per squad):	AED. 100	AED. 100	AED. 100	AED. 100	AED. 100
Desperado Squad:	AED. 200	AED. 150			
S/F & Final Rounds:	AED. 300	AED. 250			

- Entries on first come, first served basis.
- Players from a lower division pay the corresponding fees to join a higher division.

6. Refund

Entry fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable. Any participant who fails to show up for the scheduled squad will be disqualified and the entry fees forfeited.

7. Dress Code

- ❖ Bowlers are required to be dressed with a sense of decorum and in accordance with accepted standards especially in Rounds 2 & 3 (no short or cropped pants, no blue denim pants, no sleeveless shirts, and no very short skirts/pants).
- ❖ Participants may be requested to wear the official tournament T-shirts if any.

8. Tie Breakers

- ❖ Last Qualifying Position:
 - Any tie will be broken in this order of priority:
 - Higher highest 3-game block, 2nd highest 3-game block, 3rd highest 3-game block in that order
 - Higher highest game, 2nd highest game, 3rd highest game in the 9-game total in that order
 - If a tie still exists, a one-ball roll off on a complete set of pins will be used and repeated to break the tie.
- ❖ Desperado Squad: One-ball roll off on a complete set of pins, repeated until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Last Semi-Final Round Position:
 - One-ball roll off on a complete set of pins will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Final Positions:
 - Positions 1 to 4: One-ball roll off on a complete set of pins, repeated until the tie is broken.
 - For ties in any of final positions from 5th to 24th, prizes will be combined and divided by the number of winners in the tied positions.
- ❖ No handicap will apply in any one-ball roll off.

9. Prizes

- ❖ Prizes will be awarded as per prize schedule.

10. Schedule

- ❖ Please refer to separate Squad Chart.
- ❖ The Tournament Management reserves the right to open additional squads.

11. Pacers

- ❖ No pacers are allowed throughout the Tournament unless appointed by the Tournament Management.

12. Interrupted Game(s)

- ❖ The Tournament Manager or his appointed official(s) on duty may authorize the completion of a game and/or series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes delays the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and/or series, which cannot be completed, must resume from the points of interruption.

13. Bowling on Wrong Lane

- ❖ When a bowler bowls on the wrong lane and the error is discovered before another bowler has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the bowler will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane. If the error is not discovered until the opposing bowler has bowled, the score shall count and the bowler shall be required to bowl his subsequent frame(s) on the correct lane.

14. Loss of Score during Black-outs/Power Failure or Equipment Failure

- ❖ In the event of power failure/TV monitor black out or equipment failure in the progress of the game, and game scores could not be traced after power supply resumes, bowler(s) concerned have to re-bowl that particular game. However, previous games where the score have been duly recorded shall remain unchanged.

15. Protests

- ❖ For protest and appeal procedures, WB Rules 3.9 & 3.10 will be observed.

16. Interpretation Clause

- ❖ In case of various interpretations of these rules, the Tournament Management's interpretation prevails.
- ❖ Matters not covered herein will be decided upon by the Tournament Management in accordance with standard rules, and the decision shall be final.

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