

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2013 [& ABF TOUR, UAE 2013]

Dubai International Bowling Centre, Al Mamzar, Dubai – UAE
18-28 September 2013

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE

This tournament is organized to bring together in Dubai bowlers from around the world in the spirit of goodwill and to promote the bowling sport. This is an Asian ranking tournament.

1. Sanction & Playing Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by EBF, ABF and WTBA, and playing rules will be in accordance with WTBA standards.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all local and international male and female bowlers in good standing with their federations/associations/clubs.

3. Divisions

There will be two divisions as follows:

- ❖ Open: Men, Women & Youth bowlers
- ❖ Youth: Bowlers born 1993 or after
- ❖ Women will receive +8 points per game in all rounds of the Open Division

4. Format

ROUND 1: QUALIFYING ROUND

- ❖ Participants must bowl a total of 9 games in blocks of 3 games.
- ❖ Multiple entries may be bowled with the highest 3 blocks to count towards the 9-game total.
- ❖ Each 3-game block will be played on a pair of lanes.
- ❖ Lane assignments will be by draw.
- ❖ Open Division:
 - Top 3 Qualifiers + best UAE locals outside of the Top 3 will proceed to Round 3.
 - Positions 5-26 + 4 from Desperado Squad advance to Round 2.
- ❖ Youth Division:
 - Top 16 qualifiers advance to the Semi-Final round.

Desperado Squad:

- Played over 1 game with full entry fee, this squad is the last attempt to qualify in Round 1.
- Four (4) bowlers will advance to Round 2.

5. Entry Fees	Open Division	Youth Division
Registration (with 1 MQ Squad):	AED. 500	AED. 250
Entry Fee (per MQ Squad):	AED. 150	AED. 80
S/F & Final Rounds:	AED. 300	AED. 150

- ❖ Entries on first come, first served basis.

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.
 - No cropped pants, sleeveless shirts and hats/caps for men
 - No very short skirts, sleeveless shirts and hats/caps for women
- ❖ Participants may be requested to wear the official tournament T-shirts if any.

8. Tie Breakers

- ❖ Last Qualifying Position:
 - Highest 3-Game Block, second highest 3-game block, third highest 3-game block, then Highest Game, next highest game and so forth in that order. For further ties, a 1-ball roll-off on full set of pins will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Last Semi-Final Round Position & Final Positions 1-5:
 - Highest Game, then next highest game up to the last game of the tied positions (in the round where the tie occurs). For further ties, a 1-ball roll-off on full set of pins will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Final Positions 6th – 30th:
 - For ties in any of the final positions from 6th to 30th, prizes will be combined and divided by the number of winners in the tied positions.

9. Prizes

- ❖ Prizes will be awarded to the following finalists (See separate list for breakdown):
 - Top 30 – Open Division
 - Top 16 – Youth Division

10. Schedule

- ❖ Please refer to separate squad chart.

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 the bowler(s) bowl(s) on the wrong lane(s) and the error is discovered before another bowler has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the bowler(s) will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane(s). 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. Re-surfacing of bowling balls will be allowed only between games, not during the game.

16. Protests:

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

17. 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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SEMI-FINAL & FINAL ROUNDS:

Division	No. of Qualifiers	No. of Games	Date & Time
OPEN	Pos. 5-26 plus 4 from Desperado Squad (26 bowlers) (Cut to Top 12)	8 games	ROUND 2 27 Sep. 2012 (Friday, 3:00pm) Check-in Time: 2.00 – 2.45pm
	Pos. 1-3 plus Top UAE + Top 12 from Round 2 (16 bowlers) (Cut to Top 5)	8 games	ROUND 3 28 Sep. 2013 (Saturday, 1:00pm) Check-in Time: 12.00 – 12.45pm
	Top 5	Match 1: Bowler#3, 4 & 5 Match2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (M1/M2: over 1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (Top Seed is 2x to beat) (4 th & 5 th positions according to scores)	STEPLADDER FINALS 28 Sep. 2013 (Saturday immediately after Round 2)
YOUTH	Top 16	8 games	SEMI-FINALS 25 Sep. 2013 (Wednesday, 3:00pm) Check-in Time: 2.00 – 2.45pm
	Top 5	Match 1: Bowler#3, 4 & 5 Match2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (M1/M2: over 1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (Top Seed is 2x to beat) (4 th & 5 th positions according to scores)	STEPLADDER FINALS 25 Sep. 2013 (Wednesday immediately after Semi-Final)

- ❖ Lane movement: One pair of lanes after every game. Bowlers assigned on the odd-numbered lanes move to the left while bowlers assigned on even-numbered lanes move to the right.