



2017 MACAO CHINA INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules and Formats

1. Rules and Regulations

This Championship, organized by Macao China Bowling Association (MCBA) and sanctioned by World Bowling(WB) and Asian Bowling Federation (ABF), will be conducted in accordance with the WB Playing Rules of January, 2017.

This tournament is an Asian Ranking Tournament.

2. Eligibility

This Tournament is open to all current (2017) members of the Macao China Bowling Association as well as members of overseas Bowling Congresses/Associations that are current paid-up members of World Bowling and Asian Bowling Federation.

3. Venue

Bowling Centre (Avenida da Nave Desportiva, COTAI)

4. Date

16th June – 24th June, 2017

5. Classification

Competition will be divided into Open and Graded Divisions for all categories

i.e. Men, Women, Youth (Mixed)&Senior (Mixed)

a. Men's Open

All male bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.

b. Women's Open

All female bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.

c. Men's Graded

All male bowlers with an average of 190 and below are eligible to play in this division.

d. Women's Graded

All female bowlers with an average of 185 and below are eligible to play in this division.

e. Youth Division

Only open to boys and girls born on 1st Jan, 1997 or after.

f. Senior Division

Only open to bowlers born on 16th June, 1967 or before.



Note:

Overseas bowlers are required to present certification from their respective Bowling Congresses/Associations as proof of their overseas status.

The Men and Women Champions of the Graded (A) Masters of any ABF/WB sanctioned International Open for the year 2014, 2015 and 2016 are not eligible to bowl in Graded Division.

6. Events

Open and Graded divisions will be divided into Men and Women respectively:

a. Open Division

Men	Women
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| i. Singles (3 Games) | i. Singles (3 Games) |
| ii. Masters (8 Games) | ii. Masters (8 Games) |
| Each Block | Each Block |

b. Graded Division

Men	Women
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| i. Singles (3 Games) | i. Singles (3 Games) |
| ii. Masters (8 Games) | ii. Masters (8 Games) |

c. Youth Division (Mixed)

- i. Youth Masters (8 Games) are opened to all boys and girls.
- ii. Girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game for qualifying into the Youth Masters in the Singles Event and in the actual competition of the Masters Event.

d. Senior Division (Mixed)

- i. Senior Masters (8 Games) are opened to all Men and Women.
- ii. Bowlers will be given a handicap per game for qualifying into the Senior Masters in the Masters Qualifying and in the actual competition of the Masters Event. Handicaps are allocated according to the following age categories:

MEN	WOMEN
50-55 years of age : 0 pins	50-55 years of age : 8 pins
56-60 years of age : 6 pins	56-60 years of age : 14 pins
61-65 years of age : 12 pins	61-65 years of age : 20 pins
66 years of age and above: 18 pins	66 years of age and above: 28 pins

e. Macao Cup

Only bowlers with Macao Identity Card are eligible to participate in this event.

Female bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game for qualifying into the Macao Cup Masters and in the actual competition of the Masters Event.



7. Masters Qualifying

Scores obtained by the bowlers in the best two set of Singles in respective division making up a total of 6 game series will be used for the Masters Qualifying.

8. Masters

8.1 Men's Open Masters.

The top 3 qualifiers in the Local Division and Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Block 2. The rest of the 33 Masters Finalists will bowl 8 games in Block 1, the top 18 Bowlers with the highest total pinfall after 8 games will qualify for Block 2. All pinfall then dropped.

The top 18 Bowlers in Block 1 together with the above mentioned 6 seeded bowlers (total 24 bowlers) will bowl 8 games in Block 2, the top 6 Bowlers with the highest total pinfall will qualify for the Step Ladder Finals.

The Step-Ladder Finals will be played in 3 Steps. In Step 1, the 4th, 5th & 6th position bowlers will bowl one game starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will continue in Step 2. The bowler with the second high score will be declared as 5th position and the bowler with the lowest score will be declared as 6th position. In Step 2, the winner from Step 1 will meet the 2nd and 3rd position bowlers for another one game competition starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will continue in Step 3. The bowler with the second high score will be declared as 3rd position and the bowler with the lowest score will be declared as 4th position. In Step 3, the winner from Step 2 will meet the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match starting from scratch. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the 1st game, he will be declared as Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the first game, there will be one more roll-off game starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

i. Defending Champion	1
ii. National Team Representative	4
iii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	6
iv. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	10
v. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	18
Total	39



8.2 Women's Open Masters

The top 3 qualifiers in the Local Division and Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Block 2. The rest of 24 Masters Finalists will bowl 8 games in Block 1, the top 12 Bowlers with the highest total pinfall after 8 games will qualify for Block 2. All pinfall then dropped.

The top 12 Bowlers in Block 1 together with the above mentioned 6 seeded bowlers (total 18 bowlers) will bowl 8 games in Block 2, the top 6 Bowlers with the highest total pinfall will qualify for the Step Ladder Finals.

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i. Defending Champion	1
ii. National Team Representatives	3
iii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	4
iv. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	7
v. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	15
Total	30

8.3 Graded Masters

Men's Graded

Top 24 Men Qualifiers in the Graded Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.

Women's Graded

Top 16 Women Qualifiers in the Graded Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.



8.4 Youth Masters

Youth (Mixed)

Top 24 Youth Qualifiers in the Youth Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.

i. National Team Representatives	3
ii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	5
iii. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	8
iv. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	8
Total	24

8.5 Senior Masters

Senior (Mixed)

Top 12 Senior Qualifiers in the Senior Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.

** In the event that there are less than 6 participants, The Masters Event will be cancelled. Trophies will then be awarded to the top 3 positions in the Masters Qualifying.

8.6 Macao Cup

The top position of the 6 respective Divisions together with top 12 local bowlers that qualified in 16th and 17th of June, 2017 will enter the Masters Final. A total of 6 games will be bowled.

9. Attempts

No limit of attempts is imposed. A bowler must attempt at least 2 sets of Singles (total of 6 games)

10. Fees

10.1 Registration Fee for Open Division is MOP\$280.00 per person and Mop\$200.00 per person for all other divisions. Registration fee which include the entrance of Victory Banquet must be paid before commencing the first attempt

I. Singles (Open and Graded)	MOP\$220.00/Person
II. Singles (Youth and Senior)	MOP\$170.00/Person

10.1.1 The Tournament Director reserves the right to reallocate squad times and the schedule at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible. Change of bowlers or squad time is accepted provided that an amendment fee of MOP\$100.00 per bowler per time is to be paid 10 minutes



before the closing of check-in time.

10.1.2 Any changes will be accepted. This will require an amendment fee of MOP\$100.00 per bowler per time.

10.1.3 The Singles Fee for local bowlers on the first 2 days (means June 16 and 17) is MOP\$100/person. All Registration Fees are remain unchanged.

10.2 Masters

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| i. Men's & Women's Open | MOP\$600.00/Person (Each Block) |
| ii. Men's and Women's Graded | MOP\$800.00/Person |
| iii. Youth (Mixed) | MOP\$550.00/Person |
| iv. Senior (Mixed) | MOP\$550.00/Person |
| v. Macao Cup (Mixed) | MOP\$350.00/Person |

Note: Appropriate entry-forms are available for purchase at the reception counter, except all Masters Event of 10.2 . Fees will be collected at the time of check-in.

11. Entries

Registration Fee must be paid before any entry will be accepted. ENTRY FORM(S) must be purchased and fully filled before making any entry. Such FORM(S) will be available for purchase at the Macao China Bowling Association office.

12. Awards

Open and Graded Division

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions, and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the prize list of the various Masters Events. In addition, if the winners of the Men/Women Open Masters are overseas bowlers, he/she will be awarded a return air-ticket (Economy Class) from the country which he/she represented to Macao with 4-nights hotel accommodation to defend his/her title in the Macao China International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships of the following year. The game fees for the Masters Event will be waived. In the case of the winner being a local bowler, he/she will receive a return air-ticket (Economy Class) to either Taipei or Bangkok valid until December 31, 2017. The game fees for the Masters Event will also be waived.

Youth and Senior Division

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the prize list of the various Masters Events.

Macao Cup

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the prize list of the various Masters Events.

Individual High Game



In both the Men and Women Section for the Open & Graded Divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective divisions excluding Masters Events. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers for the score, all will be awarded. Youth and Senior divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective divisions excluding Masters Events. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers for the score, all will be awarded. Handicap is excluded for this award.

300 Perfect Game award MOP5,000 (each game)

13. Tie Score

13.1 Whenever a tie occurs in any of the first three positions in the Singles Events, players with equal scores will share the prize between them.

13.2 In the case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for the Masters Events, a one game roll-off shall be held. If a tie still exists, repeat a 9th & 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

13.3 If a tie occurs in the Men's and Women's Open Masters Final (Block 2) for the 1st, 3rd & 6th position, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, another 9th and 10th frame roll off will be held until the tie is broken.

14. Check-In

Check-in will open one hour and close 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in every event unless otherwise stated (bowlers must inform the check-in counter if they have consecutive squad booking in order to exempt the check-in procedure for the following squad bookings). For those who fail to check-in personally at the prescribed time, their placing as well as the fees will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to the next pre-booked reserved bowler.

15. Protests

15.1 Protests – Foul or Legality of Pinfall

A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the competitor. The Tournament Committee and the official representatives of the Association shall then solve the problems.

15.2 Protests – Eligibility – General Playing Rules

Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before the Prize Presentation.

15.3 Protests – Errors



The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be one hour from the end of the event.

16. Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification

All bowling balls used in the Championships must be registered by the ball-examiner prior to competition. All participants are advised to check that their bowling balls used in the Tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. Bowling balls used by the participants may be subject to random check.

If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and fees paid will not be refunded. 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 MCBA Disciplinary Committee/or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to the Tournament Director any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

17. Verification of Scores

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of scores of each game bowled by signing on the official score sheet. Once signed, the score shall stand. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be brought against it.

18. Bowlers' Attire

Men Bowlers in shorts, singlet's, sleeveless T-shirts and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Women Bowlers in singlet's, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans also will not be allowed to bowl. Shorts and skirts are allowed for women bowlers. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Crew neck T-shirt is allowed during competition. 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 than being played and all fees paid will not be refunded.

19. Smoking and Drinking

19.1 Smoking and using tobacco products

19.1.1 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's or spectator's areas

19.1.2 Players and their coach(es) must not smoke, use tobacco products or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition; i.e. during the entire period



of a block of games.

19.1.3 If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game

19.1.4 For the second offence by the same player, the player will be excluded from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee.

19.1.5 If a coach is caught smoking during a game

a) the first penalty is suspension from the block of games where he violated the rule

b) in case of a second violation the penalty is suspension from the rest of the Championship

19.2 Drinking alcohol

19.2.1 Players must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.

19.2.2 In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played..

Remarks: All fees paid will not be refunded.

20. Special Note

The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matter arising during the Championship which is not covered in the aforesaid information, rules and formats will be dealt with by the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee and their decision in all cases shall be final. Meanwhile, all fees paid will not be refunded. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal may still be lodged with MCBA within thirty days of the decision of the Tournament Committee. If dissatisfied, the last and final court of appeal shall be the Asian Bowling Federation, but such appeal should be made through MCBA in writing and within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the 2017 World Bowling Playing Rules.

* In case there is different interpretation in the Chinese translation of the rules, the ENGLISH version of the Rules and Regulations and WTBA Playing Rules shall apply