



**Eligibility** - This tournament is open to all TBA Silver members in good standing and all non resident bowlers who are a member of an affiliated federation who have attained the age of 18 years or above prior to participating in the Championship. Australian residents must show their current TBA membership cards and affiliated federation members must show their proof of federation membership at check-in. To be eligible to compete in the final, every bowler (including the Defending and State/Territory Champions) must have lodged and completed an "All Events" entry in the Championship and lodged at least two qualifying attempts. There will be a male and female division and all rules apply to both divisions.

**Qualifying** - Qualifying will be over 6 games, using the highest nominated two x three (3) game singles or doubles attempts bowled during the 2012 Australian Adult Championship until completion of the 11.30am squad on Friday 26th October. Any Singles or Doubles attempt used for qualifying will cost \$35 and incur an additional qualifying fee of \$20.00 (Twenty dollars) which must be paid in the Tournament Room immediately prior to the squad in which the bowler is participating. This applies to Defending Champion and State/Territory Champions\*\* as well. Maximum of 40 qualifiers per Division will compete in the final. The Defending Champion and the State/Territory Masters Champions\*\* cannot be eliminated from Qualifying.

**Seedings** - All bowlers will be seeded for Round One of the Finals from the total of their two best 3 game qualifying scores from the TBA National Championships. No pinfall will carry over in any of the Final Rounds.

**Ties** - In the event of a tie for 4<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 40<sup>th</sup> qualifying positions, 12<sup>th</sup> position after Rounds 1 or 2, 8<sup>th</sup> position after Round 3, or any match in Rounds 4 to 6, a one game playoff will be played, scratch pinfall to decide the winner. If the tie continues, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame will be bowled until the tie is broken. Ties in the top 8 list will be decided by last game high pinfall in Round 3.

For TBA Ranking points, a tie between any bowlers who have been eliminated in Rounds 1 to 3 will be decided by the highest last game in the last 6 game block. If the tie still exists, the highest second to last game will be used and so on until the tie is broken.

#### **Final – Round 1**

The final field will be made up of the Defending Champions, the various State/Territory Masters Champions\*\* and the balance based on the highest placed Men and Women qualifiers according to their qualifying score. Bowlers seeded positions 1 through 4 will receive a double round bye to Round 3. Bowlers seeded positions 5 through 16 will receive a single round bye to Round 2. Bowlers filling qualifying positions 17 through 40 will bowl 6 games scratch, changing lanes after each game, evens two lanes to the right, odd 2 lanes to the left. One male and one female per lane. The top 12 bowlers on total pinfall move into Round 2. The bottom 12 bowlers are eliminated and will receive prize payouts for positions 29th to 40th.

#### **Final – Round 2**

Bowlers seeded positions 5 through 16 will join the top 12 bowlers from Round 1. These 24 bowlers will then play 6 games scratch, changing lanes after each game, evens two lanes to the right, odd 2 lanes to the left. The top 12 bowlers on total pinfall move into Round 3. The bottom 12 bowlers in each are eliminated and will receive prize payouts for positions 17th to 28th.

#### **Final – Round 3**

Bowlers seeded positions 1 through 4 will join the top 12 bowlers from Round 2. These 16 bowlers will then play 6 games scratch, changing lanes after each game, evens two lanes to the right, odd 2 lanes to the left. The top 8 bowlers on total pinfall move into Round 4. The bottom 8 bowlers are eliminated and will receive prize payouts for positions 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. One bowler per lane.

#### **Final – Round 4**

The top 8 bowlers from Round 3 will compete in a single elimination format as shown in the finals chart, seeded by their Round 3 pinfall. Each match will be the best of 3 games (first to win 2 games). The winning 4 bowlers will move into Round 5. The losing 4 bowlers are eliminated and will receive prize payouts for positions 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* If the State/Territory champion is not able to attend, the position can be taken by the State/Territory Runner-

up. If that bowler is not able to attend, the final spot will revert back to the field of qualifiers.

**Final – Round 5**

Winners from Round 4 will compete in a single elimination format. Each match will be the best of 3 games (first to win 2 games). The winning 2 bowlers will move into Round 6. The losing 2 bowlers are eliminated and will receive prize payouts for positions 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Final – Round 6**

Winners from Round 5 will compete in a single elimination format. Each match will be the best of 3 games (first to win 2 games). The Winners will be declared the 2012 AMF Australian Masters Champions and receive the winners trophies. First, Second and Third will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions respectively. The winners will also get free entry into the 2013 event. (Entry Fees only)

**Check-in Times Final**

**Friday 26th:** ALL bowlers are required to Check-in in person by 2.30pm, including those receiving a bye to Round 2 or 3. All finalists will be introduced and receive a finalists medallion.

**Saturday 27th:** Lanes on at 8.25am for warm-up. Round 3 commences at 8.30am

If a player fails to check-in for the Finals, the highest available non-qualifier will be invited to replace the absent player. The replacement bowler will be added into the final in seeding order based on qualifying score. Once the Finals start, no further replacements will be permitted. Non-appearance will result in forfeiture of the games missed. From the completion of Round 3, non-appearance will result in the player present bowling without opposition, and advancing to the next round.

**Finals Entry Fees**

Fees for Finalists will be \$220.00 per Qualifier. The Defending Champions will not be required to pay the Finals Entry fee.



**Finals Chart**

