

China International Open Tenpin Bowling Championship 2016

October 1 – 12, 2016

Hao's Bowling Centre, Luwan Sport Center, Shanghai, China

1. Tournament Rules & Regulations.

This tournament is organized by Chinese Bowling Association (CBA) and sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and World Bowling (WB). It will be conducted in accordance to the World Bowling Playing Rules. The Championship is also the qualifying leg for the ABF Tour – China 2016.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all current paid up members of association recognized by the CBA and World Bowling affiliates.

3. Averages

Overseas bowlers must submit a certification and proof of their averages from their respective associations or Congress.

4. Classification Average

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
• Open	196 & above	186 & above
• Grade A	195 & below	185 & below
• Grade B	185 & below	
• Youth Under-22 Boys & Girls who were born in the year of January 1, 1994 or after are eligible to play in this division.		
• Youth Under-18 Boys & Girls who were born in the year of January 1, 1998 or after are eligible to play in this division.		
• Senior Division males & females who were born in the year of January 1, 1966 or before are eligible to play in this division.		

5. Events

5.1 Men's Open Division

1. Master Qualifying: Total 15 games 3 days qualifying (1 day 5 games).

The Top 42 bowlers will qualify for the Masters as follows:

- Top 5 local bowlers
 - Top 5 overseas bowlers
 - Mixed Pool 32 bowlers
- All pinfalls are dropped.

2. Masters (3 Rounds)

Round 1: Qualifiers from Master Qualifying (mixed pool 32 bowlers) will bowl 6 games. Top 20 bowlers will advance to Round 2.

Round 2: Top 5 local bowlers and Top 5 overseas bowlers and 20 bowlers from Round 1 will bowl 6 games. Top 6 bowlers will advance to Round 3.

Round 3: Stepladder Finals

Step 1: Positions 4-5-6 will play 1 game.

Step 2: Positions 2 and 3 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 2 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should he lose his first match.

5.2 Women's Open Division

1. Master Qualifying: Total 15 games 3 days qualifying (1 day 5 games).

The Top 30 bowlers will qualify for the Masters as follows:

- Top 3 local bowlers
- Top 3 overseas bowlers
- Mixed Pool 24 bowlers
- All pinfalls are dropped.

2. Masters (3 Rounds)

Round 1: Qualifiers from Master Qualifying (mixed pool 24 bowlers) will bowl 6 games. Top 12 bowlers will advance to Round 2.

Round 2: Top 3 local bowlers and Top 3 overseas bowlers and 12 bowlers from Round 1 will bowl 6 games. Top 6 bowlers will advance to Round 3.

Round 3: Stepladder Finals

Step 1: Positions 4-5-6 will play 1 game.

Step 2: Positions 2 and 3 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 2 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should she lose her first match.

5.3 Men's Grade A Division

1. Master Qualifying: Total 12 games 2 day qualifying (1 day 6 games).

The Top 30 bowlers will qualify for the Masters.

All pinfalls are dropped.

2. Masters (3 Rounds)

Round 1: Qualifiers from Master Qualifying, Bowlers from 7th to 30th will bowl 6 games, Top 14 bowlers will advance to Round 2.

Round 2: Top 6 from Master Qualifying and 14 bowlers from Round 1 will bowl 6 games. Top 6 bowlers will advance to Round 3.

Round 3: Stepladder Finals

Step 1: Positions 4-5-6 will play 1 game.

Step 2: Positions 2-3 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 2 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should he lose his first match.

5.4 Women Grade A Division

All bowlers will bowl 12 games in two days. Top 3 bowlers will advance to stepladder.

Step 1: Positions 2-3 will play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should she lose her first match.

5.5 Men Grade B Division

All bowlers will bowl 8 games in 1 Block. Top 3 bowlers will advance to stepladder.

Step 1: Positions 2-3 will play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should he lose his first match.

5.6 Youth Division (Uuder-22)

All boys and girls will bowl 8 games in 1 Block. Top 3 bowlers will advance to stepladder.

Step 1: Positions 2-3 will play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should he/she lose his/her first match.

Handicap for Girls is 6 pins per game.

5.7 Youth Division (Uuder-18)

All boys and girls will bowl 8 games in 2 Blocks. Top 3 bowlers will advance to stepladder.

Step 1: Positions 2-3 will play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should he/she lose his/her first match.

Handicap for Girls and Boys (per game):

<u>Years of age</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Girl</u>
18	0	6
17	2	8
16	4	10
15	6	12
14	8	14
13	10	16
12	12	18
11	14	21
10	16	24
9	18	27
8	20	30

5.8 Senior Division

All males and females will bowl 8 games in 2 Blocks. Top 3 bowlers will advance to stepladder.

Step 1: Positions 2-3 will play 1 game.

Final Match: Position 1 + winner from Step 1 play 1 game. The first position has the right of re-challenge should he/she lose his/her first match.

Handicap for Males and Females (per game):

Years of age	Male	Female	Date of Birth
50-54	0	6	1961.1.1 to 1965.12.31
55	0.5	6.5	1960.1.1 to 1960.12.31
56	1	7	1959.1.1 to 1959.12.31

and so on

6. Registration and Fees (RMB:Yuan)

6.1 Open Divisions Men and Women

Registration Fee: Registration Fee for overseas bowlers is RMB 300 which is including the transportation and victory banquet. Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first event.

Entry Fee:	Men	Women
Masters Qualifying	2200	1300
Masters	800	700

6.2 Grade A Men and Women

Entry Fee:	Men	Women
Master Qualifying	1000	500
Masters	500	500

6.3 Grade B Men

Entry Fee: 500

6.4 Youth Division (Under-22)

Entry Fee: 500

6.5 Youth Division (Under-18)

Local Bowlers free

Overseas Bowlers Entry Fee: 300

6.6 Senior Division

Entry Fee: 300

7. Entry and Reserves

7.1 Squad number of all the division:

Open (Men and Women): 4 squads * 48 players each squad = 192 players in total. (100 overseas players reserved)

Grade A (Men and Women): 4 squads * 48 players per squad = 192 players in total. (50 overseas players reserved)

Grade B (Men and Women): 3 squads * 48 players per squad = 144 players in total.

Youth (Under 22) (Men and Women): 2 squads * 48 players per squad = 96 players in total.

Youth (Under 18) (Men and Women): 2 squads * 48 players per squad = 96 players in total.

Senior (Man and Women): 4 squads * 48 players per squad = 192 players in total.

7.2 Reserves

Players could make the reservation of the squad and the division. The lanes will be decided by draw lots. When there are short for players, the Tournament Committee has the right to reduce the numbers of the squads or combine the squads.

7.3 Fees

Local players make the prepayment to reserve the squad through the official website and will be registered after the payments are confirmed. The registration fee is not refundable if any players cannot attend the match by any special reasons. But The Tournament Committee and the players themselves can coordinate the transfer of the places.

Overseas players make the reservation to reserve the squad. Each association can make the reservation without paying fees. Individual players need to make the payments before registration.

The registration fee is not refundable if any players cannot attend the match by any special reasons. But The Tournament Committee and the players themselves can coordinate the transfer of the places.

8. Check-in

Players' roll call will start 30 mins before the game. Qualifying players must wait to collect the appointed lanes 30 mins before the game. The semi-final players must report at collecting desk 30 mins before. The players will be disqualified who are late for roll call and the next player will replace.

9. Verification of Scores

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of each game bowled by signing on the official entry 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.

10. Interrupted Games

10.1 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 lanes. An interrupted game and series that cannot be completed must resume from the point of interruption.

10.2 In The event of score of any game is lost or 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 remain unchanged.

10.3 If more than one game cannot be recalled, the series shall be declared null and void and a fresh series shall be rescheduled.

10.4 If only one frame is missing, the bowler shall continue from the last frame bowled.

11. Registration of Bowling Ball, Illegality and Disqualification.

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. The onus is on the bowler to ensure that all balls he/she uses are certified legal as above.

If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball even if previously certified legal by the Tournament Office, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and 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 Disciplinary Committee of Chinese Bowling Association or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to one of the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

12. Altering Bowling Ball Surface

Altering bowling ball surface during the tournament between games and between squads is permitted.

13. Tie-Breaking Procedure

If a tie occurs, all players who have the same score will bowl a one-ball roll-off. The player who strikes first will win the game. If there is no player who bowl a strike, the game will be continued until a player strikes and the other do not strike.

14. Cheating

Any bowler found guilty of cheating scores, averages eligibility or in any other counts will be immediately disqualified from the entire tournament and reported to the Disciplinary Committee of Chinese Bowling Association and the Asian Bowling Federation for further action. He/she will also be stripped of his/her winnings positions standing and be asked to return to the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her. When in doubt, bowlers are reminded to consult the Tournament Directors on any issues.

15. Bowlers Attire

Men Bowlers in shorts, singlet, sleeveless, jeans and cap will not be allowed to bowl. Women Bowlers in singlet, sleeveless, jeans and cap will also not be allowed to bowl. Short and skirt will be allowed for women bowlers. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be 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 then being played and all fees paid will not be refunded.

16. Slow Bowling

16.1 Bowlers, who are in readiness to step on the approach to deliver a ball, shall have the following rights and obligations:

They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left.

They may give right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.

Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and should not delay to go to the approach, when the lanes immediately adjacent to them on the left and right sides are clear.

16.2 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in paragraphs 16.1, it shall 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) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games, the penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame.

17. Protest

17.1 Scores: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the event. In the case of the last match of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals of the Master event, such protest, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prize presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.

17.2 Foul: Must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made after the 2nd ball has been bowled shall be entertained.

17.3 Eligibility: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or of their Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation or whichever is earlier.

18. Smoking and Drinking

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

Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed provided they not consumed in the player's area. During the championships alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in the player's area or the spectator's area.

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 and spectator's area.

19. Special Notes

19.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.

19.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.

19.3 Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non-sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject, to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.

19.4 The tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.

19.5 Any matters arising and not covered in these Tournament Rules will be decided by the Tournament Chairman, the Tournament Directors or the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to an appeal to the FBI. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 48 hours of the decision by any of the above.