



SARAWAK INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. ORGANISATION & SANCTION

1.1 The Sarawak International Open Tenpin Bowling Championship 2024 is organized by Amateur Bowling (Tenpin) Association of Sarawak (ABAS) and sanctioned by Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress (MTBC), Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and International Bowling Federation (IBF). International Bowling Federation (IBF) Universal Playing Rules and Regulations shall apply on matters not covered herein.

1.2 This championship will be held from 10 to 15 June, 2024 at Megalanes Sarawak @Emart Batu Kawa, Kuching, Sarawak.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 This Tournament is open to all current paid up members of ABAS, MTBC, ABF & IBF affiliates. All local participants must show proof by producing their membership cards or receipts for examination.

2.2 All overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations or Congress.

3. AVERAGES

3.1 Only official average of MTBC will be used. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Association or Congress. Any bowler unable to obtain an official average from their association/congress will be deemed as 205 average.



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4. CLASSIFICATIONS

4.1. Main Division

4.1.1 **Open** - Open to all bowlers.

4.1.2 **Classified** - Open to all bowlers whom are currently not an Elite of any National Team or are a professional bowler effective 1st January, 2021 or before.

4.1.3 **U-25** - All male and female bowlers who were born in the year of 1999 and after are eligible to participate in this division.

4.2 Sub division

4.2.1 **Boys 2022** - All male bowlers who were born between the year of 2002 to 2004 are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.2 **Girls 2022** - All female bowlers who were born between the year of 2002 to 2004 are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.3 **Boys 1719** - All male bowlers who were born between the year of 2005 to 2007 are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.4 **Girls 1719** - All female bowlers who were born between the year of 2005 to 2007 are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.5 **Boys 1416** - All male bowlers who were born between the year of 2008 to 2010 are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.6 **Girls 1416** - All female bowlers who were born between the year of 2008 to 2010 are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.7 **Boys Under-13** - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 2011 and after are eligible for prizes in this sub division.

4.2.8 **Girls Under-13** - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 2011 and after are eligible for prizes in this division.

4.2.8 **Men's Senior** - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1974 and before regardless of average are eligible for prizes in this division.

4.2.9 **Women's Senior** - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1974 and before regardless of average are eligible for prizes in this division.

4.3 All sub-division position for prizes will be based on the pinfalls **after** the completion of the 2-days of qualifying squads.



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5. REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES / SQUAD TIMES

5.1 All fully paid entries must be submitted to the secretariat by 3rd June 2024 by 8.00 p.m. (Malaysian local time).

5.2 No refunds will be entertained.

5.3 Entries will be accepted subject to the availability of lanes and squad time. The Championship Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry, postpone, add/cancel any squad time.

6. CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL OILING PATTERN

6.1 All Masters Qualifying, Finals and Stepladder shall be played on *S/OTBC24* Official Championships Oiling pattern. **There shall be only 1 oiling pattern used throughout the Championships.**

7. MASTERS QUALIFYING

7.1 Open

7.1.1 Bowlers will bowl 8 games in the qualifying rounds, divided over 2 blocks of 4 games each, on the Official Championships Oiling pattern over 2 days.

7.1.2 Top 60 bowlers from the qualifying stages will proceed to the Open Masters Finals.

7.2 Classified

7.2.1 Bowlers will bowl 8 games in the qualifying rounds, divided over 2 blocks of 4 games each, on the Official Championships Oiling pattern over 2 days.

7.2.2 Top 60 bowlers from the qualifying stages will proceed to the Graded Masters Finals.



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7 MASTER QUALIFYING

7.3 Under-25

7.3.1 Bowlers will bowl 8 games in the qualifying rounds, divided over 2 blocks of 4 games each, on the Official Championship Oiling pattern over 2 days.

7.3.2 Top 60 bowlers from the qualifying stages will proceed to the Under-25 Masters Finals.

7.4 JOKER SQUAD

7.4.1 After the end of each day's Masters Qualifying Squad, a Joker Squad will be opened for registration. For registration and roll-off time for the Joker Squad please refer to the Championship Schedule.

7.4.2 The Joker Squad will consist of 1 game. If the game in the Joker Squad is higher it will replace the lower game of that day's Masters Qualifying.

8. MASTERS FINAL

8.1 Open Masters Final

8.1.1 Finalist will bowl a total of 8 games. Top 4 bowlers with the highest pin fall including handicap shall proceed to the **"Last Man Standing Round"**.

8.1.2 **"Last Man Standing" Game 1** - Top 4 seeds will bowl in a 1-game-roll-off (Scratch for Men / +7 for Women) where the bowler with the lowest score will be eliminated and be placed as 4th in the overall standings. The 3 survivors will proceed to the "Last Man Standing" Game 2.

8.1.3 **"Last Man Standing" Game 2** - The remaining 3 bowlers will bowl in a 1 game roll-off (Scratch for Men / +7 for Women) where the bowler with the lowest score will be eliminated and be placed as 3rd in the overall standing. The 2 survivors will proceed to the "Last Man Standing" Final.

8.1.4 **"Last Man Standing" Game 3** - The remaining 2 bowlers will bowl in a 1-game-roll-off (Scratch for Men / +7 for Women) where the bowler with the highest score including handicap will be declared as the **CHAMPION of the SARAWAK INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING 2024 CHAMPION** in the **OPEN division**. Hence the losing finalist will be placed as 2nd in the overall standing.



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8.2 Classified Masters Final

8.2.1 Finalist will bowl a total of 9 games.

8.2.2 Bowlers will bowl 4 blocks of 2 games and the final 9th game will be the positioning round. Bowlers will bowl on the pre-assigned lanes according to their position after 8 games.

8.2.3 The bowler with the highest total including handicap after the positioning round shall be declared as the **SARAWAK INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING 2024 CLASSIFIED CHAMPION.**

8.3 Under-25 Masters Final

8.3.1 Finalist will bowl a total of 8 games.

8.3.2 Top 3 bowlers with the highest pin falls including handicap shall proceed to the Stepladder Rounds.

8.3.3 The 2nd seed and 3rd seed shall bowl a 1-game-roll-off in the Stepladder Semi-finals. The bowler with the highest pin fall including handicap (Scratch for Male / +7 for Female) shall be declared as winner and move on to the Stepladder Final as the Challenger.

8.3.4 The Stepladder Final will be played on a 1+1 "*Repechage*" format. Handicap will still be given to eligible bowlers (Scratch for Men / +7 for Women). If the 1st seed wins the first match, he/she will be declared as the Champion. If the Challenger wins the first game, then there will be a sudden death game to determine the Champion of the **SARAWAK INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING 2024 U25 CHAMPION.**



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9. HANDICAP

9.1 OPEN DIVISION

AVERAGE	HANDICAP
• 205 & Above	0
• 185 - 204	5
• 184 and below	10

CATEGORIES FOR ADDITIONAL HANDICAP

• Women	+5
• OKU – Physically Challenged	+5
• Senior 50 and above (born on or before 1974)	+5

ADDITIONAL HANDICAP FOR SENIORS

• Senior 51 to 55 (born 1969 to 1973)	+2
• Senior 56 to 60 (born from 1964 to 1968)	+2
• Senior 61 to 65 (born from 1963 to 1959)	+2
• Senior 66 & above (born from 1958 & before)	+2

9.2 CLASSIFIED DIVISION

AVERAGE	HANDICAP
• 205 & Above	0
• 185 - 204	5
• 184 and below	10

CATEGORIES FOR ADDITIONAL HANDICAP

• Women	+5
• OKU – Physically Challenged	+5
• Senior 50 and above (born on or before 1974)	+5

ADDITIONAL HANDICAP FOR SENIORS

• Senior 51 to 55 (born 1969 to 1973)	+2
• Senior 56 to 60 (born from 1964 to 1968)	+2
• Senior 61 to 65 (born from 1963 to 1959)	+2
• Senior 66 & above (born from 1958 & before)	+2

9.3 U-25 DIVISION

AVERAGE	HANDICAP
• 195 and above	0
• 185 - 194	5
• 184 and below	10

CATEGORIES FOR ADDITIONAL HANDICAP

• Women	+5
• Born 2012 & After	+10
• OKU – Physically Challenged	+5

TPB 2 - From ability to recognize the shape*

TPB 3 - From visual acuity of above 2/60 up to visual acuity of 6/60 and/or a visual field of more than 5 degrees and less than 20 degrees

TPB 9 - Standing bowlers with lower limb disability

TPB 10 - Standing bowlers with upper limb disability



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10. QUALIFYING, FINAL, JOKER SQUAD FEES

10.1 THE ENTRY FEES FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS ARE AS FOLLOWS

- a. **RM 1,200.00** OPEN DIVISION ONLY
- b. **RM 1,200.00** CLASSIFIED DIVISION ONLY
- c. **RM 1,000.00** U-25 DIVISION ONLY
- d. **RM 1,400.00** CLASSIFIED AND OPEN DIVISION
- e. **RM 1,400.00** U-25 AND CLASSIFIED DIVISION
- f. **RM 1,400.00** U-25 AND OPEN DIVISION
- g. **RM 1,500.00** U-25, CLASSIFIED AND OPEN DIVISION

10.2 THE MASTERS FINAL FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS

- a. **RM 350.00** OPEN DIVISION
- b. **RM 350.00** CLASSIFIED DIVISION
- c. **RM 250.00** U-25 DIVISION

10.3 THE JOKER SQUAD FEE IS

RM 200.00

11 PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

11.1 Please refer to "Prize Distribution" schedule.



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12 TIE BREAKING RULES

12.1 Any tie for Top 3 positions will be decided by a 1-Ball-Roll-Off until tie is broken.

12.2 Any tie for qualification to the next round of play will be decided by a 1-Ball-Roll-Off until the tie is broken.

12.3 Any tie for money positions will be decided by the highest last game. If a tie still occurs on the last game then the highest second last game will be the tie-breaker and so on till tie is broken.

13 GENERAL PLAYING RULES

13.1 No **Jeans** allowed for male and female bowlers throughout the tournament.

13.2 No sleeveless shirt and shorts for male bowlers throughout the tournament.

13.3 No objections to the final results will be entertained after the prize presentation.

13.4 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry as they deem fit. Any matters arising that is not covered in the Tournament Rules, will be decided by the Tournament Committee whose decision is final, subject only to an appeal to ABAS. Such an appeal must be made in writing within 24 hours of the decision of the Tournament Committee.

13.5 Should the appeal involve position standings in any event of the Tournament, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Committee to withhold presentation of prizes for that event until the determination of the outcome of the appeal.



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13.6 Slow bowling / Lane Courtesy

13.6.1 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery when the pairs immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear (one (1) pair lane courtesy).

13.6.2 Competitors must observe one (1) pair lane courtesy at all times. Competitors on the same pair may not bowl consecutive deliveries without allowing one (1) competitor from the pair to the right and one (1) competitor from the pair to the left have made a delivery, unless those competitors are not ready to bowl or they give way.

13.6.3 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in paragraphs 12.7.1 and 12.7.2, it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows: