

39th MWA Thailand International Open Tenpin Bowling Championship 2013

April 11 – 22, 2013

**S.F. STRIKE BOWL NGAMWONGWAN
NONTHABURI, THAILAND**

Tournament Rules & Regulations.

1. **Organization And Sanction**

This tournament is organized by Thai Tenpin Bowling Association (TTBA) and sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA). It will be conducted in accordance to the WTBA Playing Rules. The Championship is also be the leg of the ABF Tour 2013

2. **Eligibility**

This tournament is open to all current paid up members of association recognized by the TTBA and FIQ WTBA affiliates.

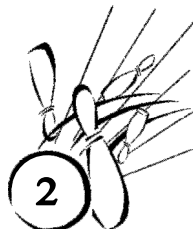
3. **Averages**

Bowlers shall be classified according to the latest TTBA listion of averages. Bowlers with out TTBA average shall get an average certification from their respective associations signed by their President or Secretary, otherwise they will be classified as class “O” bowlers with an average of 196 for men and 186 for women.

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

4. **Classification Average**

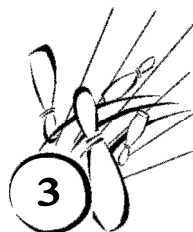
- 4.1 Men’s Open : All male bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.2 Women’s Open : All female bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.3 Men’s Graded A : All male bowlers with average of 195 and below are eligible to play in this division.
- 4.4 Women’s Graded A : All female bowlers with average of 185 and below are eligible to play in this division.



- 4.5 Men's Graded B : All male bowlers with average of 180 and below are eligible to play in this division
- 4.6 Youth Under 21 Division : All boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below as at 1st January 2013 (Born on 1992 or after) are eligible to play in this division.
Youth Division bowler 's will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.
- 4.7 Youth Under 18 Division : All boys and girls who are 18 years of age and below as at 1st January 2013 (Born on 1995 or after) are eligible to play in this division.
Under 18 Division bowler's will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.
- 4.8 Youth Under 15 Division : All boys and girls who are 14 years of age and below as at 1st January 2013 (Born on 1998 or after) are eligible to play in this division.
- 4.9 Senior :

5. Events

- 5.1 Open Division Men & Women.
1. Master Qualifying (Total 6 games best on 2 sets)
 2. Master (2 Stages - 10 games in each stage)
- 5.2 Graded A Division Men & Women.
1. Master Qualifying (Total 6 games best on 2 sets)
 2. Master (10 games)
- 5.3 Graded B Men.
1. Master Qualifying (Total 6 games best on 2 sets)
 2. Master (10 games)
- 5.4 Youth under 21 / Under 18 / Under 15 boys & girls.
1. Master Qualifying (Total 6 games best on 2 sets)
 2. Master (10 games for under 21, 8 games of under 18, 6 games for under 15).
- 5.5 Master Qualifying (MQ).
- 3 games will be bowled in this event. An entrant may bowl as many times as he/she chooses. The best two attempts (Total 6 games) will be listed for ranking into the Masters
- Desperado Squad: One game will be bowled in this event on the last squad. April 20, 2013. For Men's Open / Men's Graded A and B. Entrant must have bowled a least 6 MQ s in his respective category, and the event will only be conducted with a minimum of 8 entries in Men's Open division.



5.6 Men's Open Masters.

- Stage I
1. Defending Champion
 2. 4th – 11st Local qualifiers
 3. 4th - 12th Overseas qualifiers
 4. Top 11 qualifiers from local and overseas pool
 5. Top 4 from “Desperado” Squad
- Total 33 Bowlers to bowl 10 games.

The top 3 qualifiers in the Local Division and the Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Stage II, The rest of the 33 Masters Finalists will bowl a total of 10 games in Stage I. The top 18 bowlers in Stage I together with the 6 seeded bowlers (total 24 bowlers) will play in stage II to bowl another 10 games starting from scratch.

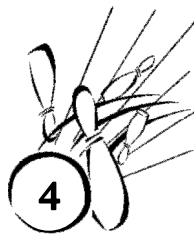
- Stage II
1. Top 18 bowlers from Round 1
 2. 1st - 3rd Local qualifiers
 3. 1st - 3rd Overseas qualifiers
- Total 24 Bowlers to bowl 10 game, starting from scratch.

The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 10 games will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

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

5.7 Women's Open Masters.

- Stage I
1. Defending Champion
 2. 4th - 7th Local qualifiers
 3. 4th - 7th Overseas qualifiers
 4. Top 7 qualifiers from local and overseas pool
- Total 16 Bowlers to bowl 10 games.



The top 3 qualifiers in the Local Division and the Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Stage II, The rest of the 16 Masters Finalists will bowl a total of 10 games in Stage I. The top 6 bowlers from Stage I together with the 6 seeded bowlers (total 12 bowlers) will play in stage II to bowl another 10 games starting from scratch.

- Stage II
1. Top 6 bowlers from Round 1
 2. 1st - 3rd Local qualifiers
 3. 1st - 3rd Overseas qualifiers
- Total 12 Bowlers to bowl 10 game, starting from scratch.

The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 10 games will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

5.8 Men's Grade A Master.

1. Top 16 Qualifiers and 4 Desperado.

The top 16 qualifiers in the Men's Grade A Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 10 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.9 Women's Grade Master.

1. Top 12 Qualifiers.

The top 12 qualifiers in the Women's Grade A Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 10 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.10 Youth Under 21 Masters (boys and girls).

1. Top 6 Local qualifiers.
2. Top 6 Overseas qualifiers.
3. Top 6 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 18 qualifiers in the Youth Under 21 will bowl a total of 10 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

Handicap for girls a points per game

Youth O : 9 points per game

5.11 Youth Under 18 Masters.

1. Top 5 Local qualifiers.
2. Top 5 Overseas qualifiers.
3. Top 6 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 16 qualifiers in the Youth Under 18 will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.



5.12 Youth Under 15.

1. Top 4 Local qualifiers.
2. Top 4 Overseas qualifiers.
3. Top 4 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 12 qualifiers in the Youth Under 15 will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

Handicap for : Girls and boys (per game)

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
8 year of age	20	30
9 year of age	18	26
10 year of age	16	24
11 year of age	14	22
12 year of age	10	16
13 year of age	5	14
14 year of age	-	12
15 year of age	-	9

5.13 Men's Grade B Master.

The top 12 qualifiers and 4 from Desperado will bowl a total of 10 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.14 Senior Master.

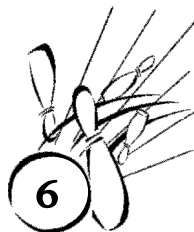
This event is open to both male and female qualifiers who are at least 50 years old as of January 2013. The top 12 qualifiers shall play 8 games series with lane movement, Total pin-fall to decide the winners.

Handicap for MQ and Master/per game.

Senior Masters Qualifying = Top 12 Qualified

Handicap for MQ : Men

50 – 55 years of age	:	0
56 – 60 years of age	:	3
61 – 70 years of age	:	6 points per game (pinfalls) shall be added to total pinfalls.
71 – 79 years of age	:	12 points per game (pinfalls) shall be added to total pinfalls.
80 years of age and above	:	30 points per game (pinfalls) shall be added to total pinfalls.



Handicap for : Women

50 – 55 years of age	:	8 per game
56 – 61 years of age	:	10 per game
61 – 70 years of age	:	14 per game
71 – 79 years of age	:	20 per game
80 years of age and above	:	60 per game

6. Squad Times.

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Directors or their Assistants reserve the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion. The tournament Directors reserve the right to open additional squad.

7. Check-in Time.

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 following squad booking). 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 next pre booking reserved bowler. In the Men and Women Open Masters, there will be check-in for the 2nd stage. Any vacancy resulting from failure to check-in by any of the stages II's finalists will be allocated to the next reserved player(s).

8. Registration and Fees.

Registration Fee for Men and Women's Open Division is Baht 1,500- per person, for all other divisions Baht 1,200- per person, and Baht 900- for Youth. Registration fee, which is inclusive Victory banquet. Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first event.

A. Master Qualify	Baht 900 (3 games)
B. Youth Qualify	Baht 700 (3 games)
C. Senior Qualify	Baht 700 (3 games)

Master Final

A. Men's Open (2 Stages, each Stage – 10 games)	Baht 2,500/stage/person
B. Women's Open (2 Stages, each Stage – 10 games)	Baht 2,000/stage/person
C. Men's Graded (10 games)	Baht 2,000
D. Women's Graded (10 games)	Baht 2,000
E. Men's Grade-B (10 games)	Baht 2,000
F. Youth Under 21 (10 games)	Baht 1,000



G.	Youth Under 18 (8 games)	Baht 1,000
H.	Youth Under 15 (6 games)	Baht 1,000
I.	Senior (8 games)	Baht 1,200
	Desperado Squad Men open	Baht 1,500 (1 game)
	Desperado Squad Men Grade A	Baht 1,500 (1 game)
	Desperado Squad Men grade B	Baht 1,500 (1 game)

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 bought 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 complete must resume from the point of interruption.

10.2 In The event of score of any game is lost/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 mull and void and a fresh series 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 FBI Disciplinary Committee 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 the surface of bowling balls is allowed in a designated area during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round. A player may not alter the surface of the bowling ball during the block.

13. Tie-Breaking Procedure:

13.1 In case of a tie in qualifying for last position for Masters Events, a one shot roll-off shall be held. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee. If a tie still exists, a repeat of the one shot roll-off shall be played and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

13.2 If a tie occurs in the last position after Round 1 of the Open Masters, bowler with the highest last game in Round 1 will make it to Round 2. If the last game is still a tie, the 2nd last game will decide. This will continue until the tie is broken. Same tie breaker will apply to Round 2.

13.3 If a tie occurs in the Step-Ladder Grand Final, a one shot roll-off shall be used and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

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 Thai Tenpin 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 short, singlet, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans and Cap will not be allowed to bowl.

Women Bowlers in singlet, sleeveless T-shirt, jeans and Cap also will 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.**

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

- 16.1 They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left.
- 16.2 They may give right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 16.3 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.

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.