

## 7<sup>th</sup> Guam International Tenpin Bowling Open 2008 Rules and Regulations

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### 1. Organization and Sanction

This International Bowling Championship is organized by the Guam Bowling Congress (GBC) and sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation. GBC and FIQ-WTBA playing rules and regulations shall apply to matters not covered herein. This tournament is a ranking tournament in Asia toward the **World Ranking Masters (WRB)**. Open division bowlers who wish to qualify for the world ranking points shall have to pay \$10.00 (USD) prior to bowling their All-Events.

### 2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all current paid members of congresses or associations duly recognized by the GBC, **ABF** and WTBA subject to Rule 204 in the WTBA playing rules and regulations.

### 3. Averages

Bowlers shall be classified according to the latest GBC listing of averages. Bowlers without GBC averages shall remit an average certification from their respective associations signed by their President or Secretary, otherwise they will be classified as Class O bowlers as stated in the ABF guidelines.

### 4. Classification

This tournament shall consist of the Open Championship, Graded Championship and Youth Championship.

### 5. Registration of Entries

Registration of entries, duly accomplished and with the corresponding payments, shall be accepted at the venue, Central Lanes Bowling Center starting on October 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Entries shall be accepted subject to lane availability and squad time. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, postpone, add or cancel any squad times.

### 6. Refund

No refund shall be made after an entry has been registered. In cases, where the participant(s) do not show up for their scheduled squad time, all fees for this particular entry shall automatically be forfeited. The Tournament Committee or its appointed official on duty reserves the rights to sell, allocate, or re-assign such forfeited entries.

### 7. Replacement and Changes

Only the following changes shall be accepted upon payment of \$20.00 and made not later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the designated squad times.

- Changes and/or replacement in Trios or Doubles line-up.
- Individual replacement in the Singles/Qualifying Event.

### 8. Check-In Time

All participants must check-in at the tournament counter at least fifteen (15) minutes before the schedule squad time. Central Lanes Bowling Center time shall be the official time of the tournament.

### 9. Playing Uniforms

Participants should wear uniforms reflective of their Congress/Federation, association, club or sponsor. All participants shall observe proper dress code when playing. Sleeveless and collarless T-shirts are not allowed. Short pants are not allowed for male participants.

### 10. Bowling Balls

It is the bowler's responsibility that all weights and specifications of their bowling balls conform to FIQ regulations. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to examine balls used by participants. Use of an illegal ball is a ground for disqualification and forfeiture of games, prizes and standings, aside from penalties that may be imposed if such usage is proven to be deliberate.

### 11. Playing Area

Other than the players and official individual/team coaches, only tournament officials including scorers and bowling center personnel shall be allowed to enter the playing area. When leaving the playing area during competition, the bowler is required to ask permission from the lanes marshal or Tournament official.

### 12. Fouls

The automatic foul device shall be used to determine if a foul is committed and no appeal shall be allowed unless there is a preponderance of evidence that the machine malfunctioned and no foul had really been committed. In the later case, a marshal shall be called to observe and determine whether the foul device is functioning properly or not. If the automatic foul device is found to be inoperative, the official scorers shall be assigned to call the fouls. Any appeal shall be directed to the officials. Spectators shall not be allowed to interfere with the call made by the duly designated official.

### 13. Events

All Events (AE) – An All-Events fee must be paid before bowling any of the events. Failure to do so will disqualify his/her All Event score. A bowler's first attempt in Singles, Doubles and Trios shall count toward his/her All-Events score. An All-Events champion and two runners-up shall be declared for each division.

To qualify for any award and to compete in any Masters finals, a bowler must complete his/her All-Events.

Singles/Qualifying Event (S/Q) – One (1) male or one (1) female bowler to play four (4) games on one pair of lanes. The Singles event score is automatically considered as Masters qualifying score. Each bowler is entitled to only one Singles prize.

Doubles Event (D) – The doubles event shall consist of two (2) bowlers (male or female) playing a two (2) game series each on one pair of lanes.

Trios Event (T) – The team event shall consist of three (3) bowlers (male or female) each playing a two (2) game

series on one pair of lanes.

For singles, doubles and team events, total pin falls shall determine the winners. Highest three (3) scores shall be declared Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up.

A bowler may play unlimited number of attempts, but only the highest series shall be considered.

Female bowlers shall receive handicap for the Singles Event, Doubles Event, Trios Event and All Events per game as follows:

- 190 average and above = five (5) pins handicap
- 180 to 189 average = seven (7) pins handicap
- 170 average and below = ten (10) pins handicap

### 14. Masters Finals

Budweiser Men's Open Masters – The composition of the Men's Open Masters finals shall be 8 overseas bowlers, 8 local bowlers and 8 local and overseas bowlers. The Masters Events will be bowled over two (2) days. Bowlers will bowl ten (10) games on the first day of the Masters event with the top 8 bowlers advancing to the second day of the Masters Finals Elimination Round.

On the second day of competition, the top eight (8) bowlers from day 1 will compete in a match play format as follows:



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Round 1: Top seed through fourth seed will receive a bye round. This round shall be a best two of three games with the bowler from each match winning two of three games advancing to Round 2.

5<sup>th</sup> seed vs. 8<sup>th</sup> seed                      6<sup>th</sup> seed vs. 7<sup>th</sup> seed

Round 2: Top seed and second seed will receive a bye round. This round shall be a best two of three games with the bowler from each match winning two of three games advancing to the Semi-Final Round.

3<sup>rd</sup> seed vs. winner of 5<sup>th</sup> seed vs. 8<sup>th</sup> seed  
4<sup>th</sup> seed vs. winner of 6<sup>th</sup> seed vs. 7<sup>th</sup> seed

Round 3: The semi-final round will be a best two of three games set as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> seed vs. lower seeded winner  
2<sup>nd</sup> seed vs. higher seeded winner

Championship match shall be contested between the winners of each match from round 3 in a best 3 of 5 games.

Final positions of bowlers from 3<sup>rd</sup> place to 8<sup>th</sup> place will be based on the following:

Round 1 non winners: Higher seed 7<sup>th</sup> place; Lower seed 8<sup>th</sup> place  
Round 2 non winners: Higher seed 5<sup>th</sup> place; Lower seed 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Round 3 non winners: Higher seed 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Lower seed 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Bud Light Women's Open Masters - The composition of the Women's Open Masters finals shall be 4 overseas bowlers, 4 local bowlers and 4 local and overseas bowlers. The Masters Events will be bowled over two (2) days. Bowlers will bowl ten (10) games on the first day of the Masters event with the top 6 bowlers advancing to the second day of the Masters Finals Elimination Round as scheduled:

Round 1: Top seed and second seed will receive a bye round. The round shall be a best two of three games set with the winner advancing to round 2 as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> seed vs. 6<sup>th</sup> seed                      4<sup>th</sup> seed vs. 5<sup>th</sup> seed

Round 2: The semi-final round will be a best two of three games set as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> seed vs. lower seeded winner  
2<sup>nd</sup> seed vs. higher seeded winner

Championship match shall be contested between the winners of each match from round 2 in a best 3 of 5 games.

Final positions of bowlers from 3<sup>rd</sup> place to 6<sup>th</sup> place will be based on the following:

Round 1 non winners: Higher seed 5<sup>th</sup> place; Lower seed 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Round 2 non winners: Higher seed 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Lower seed 4<sup>th</sup> place

In instances where slots for foreign bowlers are not filled up, local bowlers can vie for the said slots. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of slots depending on the participation of local and foreign bowlers.

Squad schedules for October 8-10, 2008 will be allotted to overseas bowlers only. In cases, where the slots are not filled up, local bowlers can avail of these slots on a first come, first served basis.

Graded Masters Event – The composition of this event shall be a total of 16 bowlers from the Singles qualifier. Each bowler shall bowl an eight game series with handicap based on the table provided. The bowlers with the highest totals including handicaps will be declared Champion, Runner Up and third place.

Handicap Table for Graded and Youth Masters Event:

185 average and above = 0 handicap  
180-184 average = 2 handicap per game  
175-179 average = 5 handicap per game  
170-174 average = 7 handicap per game  
165-169 average = 10 handicap per game  
160-164 average = 12 handicap per game  
159 average and below = 15 handicap per game

Youth Masters Event – This event shall be open for bowlers 22 years of age and below. The top 10 bowlers from the Singles qualifier will compete in this event. Each bowler shall bowl an eight (8) game series with the bowlers with the higher total including handicap declared Champion, Runner Up and third place.

### 15. Tie-Breaking Procedures

When a tie occurs in the qualifying events, the bowler with the least difference between the highest and lowest game of the series shall be considered in the higher position.

When a tie occurs for any of the first three (3) positions in the Singles, Doubles or Trios Events, the bowler(s) with the least difference between the highest and lowest game of the series shall win the higher position.

When a tie occurs in the Open Masters for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places, a one (1) game roll-off shall be played. In case of another tie, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame shall be played and repeated until the tie is broken.

### 16. Score Sheet

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 score sheet of each event. Once signed, the score shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee.

Errors in scoring or calculation in tournament play must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error. Questionable errors shall be declared/decided by the tournament committee.

Any bowler who deliberately tampers with his/her score sheet shall be disqualified immediately from further participation in the tournament.

### 17. Missing or Down Pin(s)

On frames with missing pin(s), once the ball is rolled, it shall be treated as a good ball. On frames with fallen or down pin(s) on the pin deck, the frame must be rebowled. All bowlers are entrusted to monitor and abide by this rule. Bowlers are not allowed to reset the pins; only lane men, tournament officials and official scorers are allowed.

### 18. Lane Assignment

Games shall be played in a pair of lanes immediately adjacent to each other as determined by the drawing of lots.

### 19. Lane Breakdown

If a single or pair of lanes becomes unusable for more than twenty (20) minutes, before or during the game (Singles/Qualifying, Doubles or Trios), the Tournament Committee reserves the right to transfer the game to any available lanes provided by the bowling center or wait for the next available squad. An interrupted game or series must resume from the point (frame) of interruption. No shadow bowling will be allowed.

In the event that the scores of game(s) is erased and cannot be recalled or traced due to power failure or computer breakdown, the bowler concerned shall be required to bowl a new game. However, all scores of completed games that have been recorded on the official score sheet shall remain unchanged.

During the Masters Finals, in the event of unexpected machine breakdown in any of the assigned lanes, which may take time to repair, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to assign the affected bowlers to a pair of reserves lanes to avoid delay.

### 20. Pacer

During the Masters Finals, whenever a player chooses to discontinue his/her game, a marshal may designate a pacer when so requested by the remaining player.

But for Singles/Qualifying, Doubles or Trios events, no pacer shall be allowed.

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**21. Slow Bowling**

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 to their left.

They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and should not delay to go onto the approach if the lanes immediately adjacent to them on the left and right side are clear.

Penalty shall be imposed to bowler(s) who is/are four (4) frames (Singles/Qualifying, Doubles and Masters finals), and two (2) frames (Trios Event) slower from the leader not counting the end pair of lanes. The penalty will be forfeiture of the score in the next frame.

**22. Oiling**

Uniform oiling shall be used throughout the entire tournament.

**23. Protest**

Scores: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee within 12 hours of the event, and in the case of elimination round, before the next round. In the case of the last match of the Grand Finals of the Masters event, such protest, if any, should be addressed to the Tournament Committee before prize presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.

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

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

**24. Interpretation of Rules and Regulations**

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

**25. Masters Finals Schedule**

**Budweiser Men and Women's Masters**

Saturday, October 11, 2008 (10 games)  
Registration Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
Call On Reserves: 9:45 a.m. Roll Off Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Budweiser Men and Women's Masters Eliminations**

Sunday, October 12, 2008  
Registration Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
Call On Reserves: 9:45 a.m.  
Match 1 will start at 10:00 a.m.

**Graded Masters Finals**

Friday, October 10, 2008  
Registration Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
Call On Reserves: 1:45 p.m. Roll Off Time: 2:00 p.m.

**Youth Masters Finals**

Friday, October 10, 2008  
Registration Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
Call On Reserves: 9:45 a.m. Roll Off Time: 10:00 a.m.

**26. Fees**

Events	Price (USD)
World Ranking	\$10.00 Per Person Mandatory
All Events	\$30.00 Per Person Mandatory
Singles/Qualifying	\$30.00 Per Person/Attempt
Doubles	\$25.00 Per Person/Attempt
Trios	\$25.00 Per Person/Attempt
Masters Finals Event	
Budweiser Men's Open Masters	\$150.00 Per Person
Budweiser Women's Open Masters	\$100.00 Per Person
Graded Open Masters	\$75.00 Per Person
Youth Open Masters	\$50.00 Per Person

**27. Tournament Management**

Executive Director	Gordon T. C. Chu, President GBC
Tournament Manager	Joey C. Miranda III, Sec.-Gen.
Contact Number:	1-671-646-9081
For additional information log on to our website at:	
Fax Number:	1-671-646-5986
E-mail:	<a href="http://www.udcguam.com/bowling@udcguam.com">http://www.udcguam.com/bowling@udcguam.com</a>

**28. Awards**

Event & Position	Price (USD)
<b>Budweiser Men's Open Masters Event</b>	
Champion	\$4,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$2,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$1,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 500.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 400.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 300.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 200.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 150.00
<b>Budweiser Women's Open Masters Event</b>	
Champion	\$2,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$1,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 500.00
<b>Graded Masters Event</b>	
Champion	\$ 500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 250.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 125.00
<b>Youth Masters Event (Bank Vouchers)</b>	
Champion	\$ 200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 50.00
<b>Budweiser Singles Event</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$ 250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 150.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 100.00
<b>Budweiser Doubles Event</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$ 250.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 150.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 100.00
<b>Budweiser Trios Event</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$ 300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 225.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 150.00
<b>Budweiser All Events</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$ 150.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 50.00
<b>Perfect Game Awards</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Perfect Game in Qualifying Rounds	\$ 250.00
Each succeeding perfect Game	\$ 100.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Perfect Game in Masters Open Event	\$ 500.00
Each succeeding perfect Game	\$ 250.00

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### 29. Official Information

#### OFFICIAL HOTEL

The official hotel for this championship is the Fiesta Resort Guam. The Fiesta Resort Guam is situated in the Tumon Bay hotel area, this contemporary hotel is two miles from Two Lovers Point and three miles from the airport. Standard ocean view guestrooms feature two twin (single) beds, balcony with ocean view, glass desk with chair, in-room safe, high-speed Internet access, voice mail, cable/satellite TV with pay movies, refrigerator, coffee/tea maker, complimentary bottled water, hair dryer, shower/tub combination with handheld shower, slippers, trouser press, and air conditioning. A variety of recreational amenities exist on site including tennis courts and an outdoor pool with water volleyball and basketball nets.

The rate for single and twin room occupancy is US\$90.00 inclusive of tax and breakfast.

Each additional pax is US\$45.00.

#### Address:

Fiesta Resort Guam  
801 Pale San Vitores Road  
Tumon, Guam 96913  
Tel.: 1-671-646-5881  
Website: [www.fiestaresortguam.com](http://www.fiestaresortguam.com)

Deadline for booking: Please take note that we have no rooms at our disposal after October 1, 2008.

The deadline for reservations via the 7<sup>th</sup> Guam International Tenpin Bowling Open Organizing Committee is therefore October 1, 2008. All bookings must be made through us, and payments to be made directly to the hotel.

#### FACILITIES AND SERVICES

**Transportation Services** - Transfers is available to and from the official hotel and official venue on a fixed schedule for VIPs, participants and officials. Shuttle Buses are also available for shopping from the convenience of the hotel. Duty Free Shopper's Bus is free of charge and departs the hotel every hour. Trolleys are available at \$15.00 per week per person for other shopping outlets and transportation to the hotel row. The hotel will provide a travel agent whom will assist you in purchasing the weeklong passes.

For those who do not stay in the official hotel, they will have to make their own transportation arrangements. Transportation for arrival and departure to/from the airport will be provided.

**Reception** - To help you during your stay, a reception center will be set up at the official hotel during arrival and departures. The staff will be able to assist you in all your special needs.

**Result Services** - Once each game is played, results will be available on print for team managers and coaches in a designated pigeonhole provided in the bowling counter area. At the same time, scores will be directly uploaded to the official championship website.

**The Official Website** - Information on the 7<sup>th</sup> Guam Open 2008 can be found at [www.udcguam.com](http://www.udcguam.com). The official website address will be made known at subsequent bulletins. Before the championship begins, it will be used to provide you with all information needed to assist you in your preparations.

**Bulletins and Information** - From now until the championship commences, regular bulletins will be sent out to all bowling federations as well as being featured in the official website.

**Victory Banquet** - The Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 2000 hours. Entry to the Victory Banquet is free to accredited officials and participants. For non-accredited officials (supporters, spouses and parents), payment of an entrance fee of US\$30.00 per person would include the Victory Banquet.

**Internet Services** - Internet Services are available in the Fiesta Resort Guam as well as the official venue. Wireless connection is also available at the official venue.

#### TRAVELING TO GUAM

##### (Information and Visa Application)

Arrival to Guam is through the A. B. Won Pat Guam International Airport, which is approximately 5 minutes to the bowling center and 10 minutes to the official hotel.

Please be advised that entry into Guam requires a United States of America visa. Kindly check with the United States of America Embassies or consulates with information on the waiver programs and necessary documents needed to comply with the immigration and naturalization regulations as Guam is a territory of the United States of America. Information is available on the United States of America Immigration and Naturalization Services website at <http://www.state.gov>.

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) enables citizens of certain countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. The following is a list of Visa Waiver Program and Guam Only Visa Waiver Program of Participating Countries:

Australia	Chinese Taipei	Japan
Hong Kong	South Korea	Malaysia New
Zealand	Saipan	Singapore

The following guidelines are published for member organizations wishing to participate in the captioned event who require assistance in applying for Visas.

1. Set an appointment with the United States of America Embassy in your country.
2. Fill out all necessary documents.
3. Submit the following information to the Tournament Secretariat of the 7<sup>th</sup> Guam International Bowling Open by email or fax at the soonest time:
  - a. Complete Name of Individual seeking assistance, (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name and Suffix)
  - b. Complete Mailing Address and Residential Address of Individual seeking assistance
  - c. Date of birth
  - d. Complete Mailing Address of Bowling Federation
  - e. Copy of Passport, which includes validity of 3 months or more as of 1 October 2008.
  - f. Date of Interview at the U.S. Embassy
  - g. City and Address of U.S. Embassy where application is being processed.