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U22 Hong Kong Storm Cup August 30 - September 1, 2024, SCAA Bowling Centre 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Tournament, organised by Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKCTBC) and sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation (ABF), will be conducted in accordance with World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019. Current Frame Scoring System will be used.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Life Members, current paid-up members and youth member of HKCTBC (2024-2025) as well as members of all certified current paid-up Member Federations of ABF and IBF. Participants must be aged 8 or above (born on or before 2015).

3. VENUE

South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre
1/F, Sports Centre, 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

4. DATE

Masters Qualifying - August 30 & 31, 2024.
Semi-Finals and Masters Finals - September 1, 2024.

5. DIVISIONS

There will be 3 Divisions: **U22**, **U18** and **U15** Divisions.

a. U22 (Mixed Boys and Girls Division)

Open to boys and girls to born on or after 2002.

b. U18 (Mixed Boys and Girls Division)

Open to boys and girls born on or after 2006.

c. U15 (Mixed Boys and girls Division)

Open to boys and girls born in 2009 to 2015. The 8 games bowled in U15 division can also be used for competing in either U18 or U22 Master Qualifying. Bowlers **MUST** indicate when they submit their Entry Forms whether they would like to compete in U18 or U22 Division as well. If so their entry fees will be **US\$80 or HKD\$632.**



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6. FORMAT

Master Qualifying: 8 games. The **60** bowlers (39 bowlers from U22 and 21 bowlers from U18) will be qualified for Semi-Finals.

Semi-Finals: Score from Master Qualifying will be carried forward. 4 games will be bowled in Semi-Finals. The top **16** bowlers based on the total scores of 12 games will be qualified for the Master Finals.

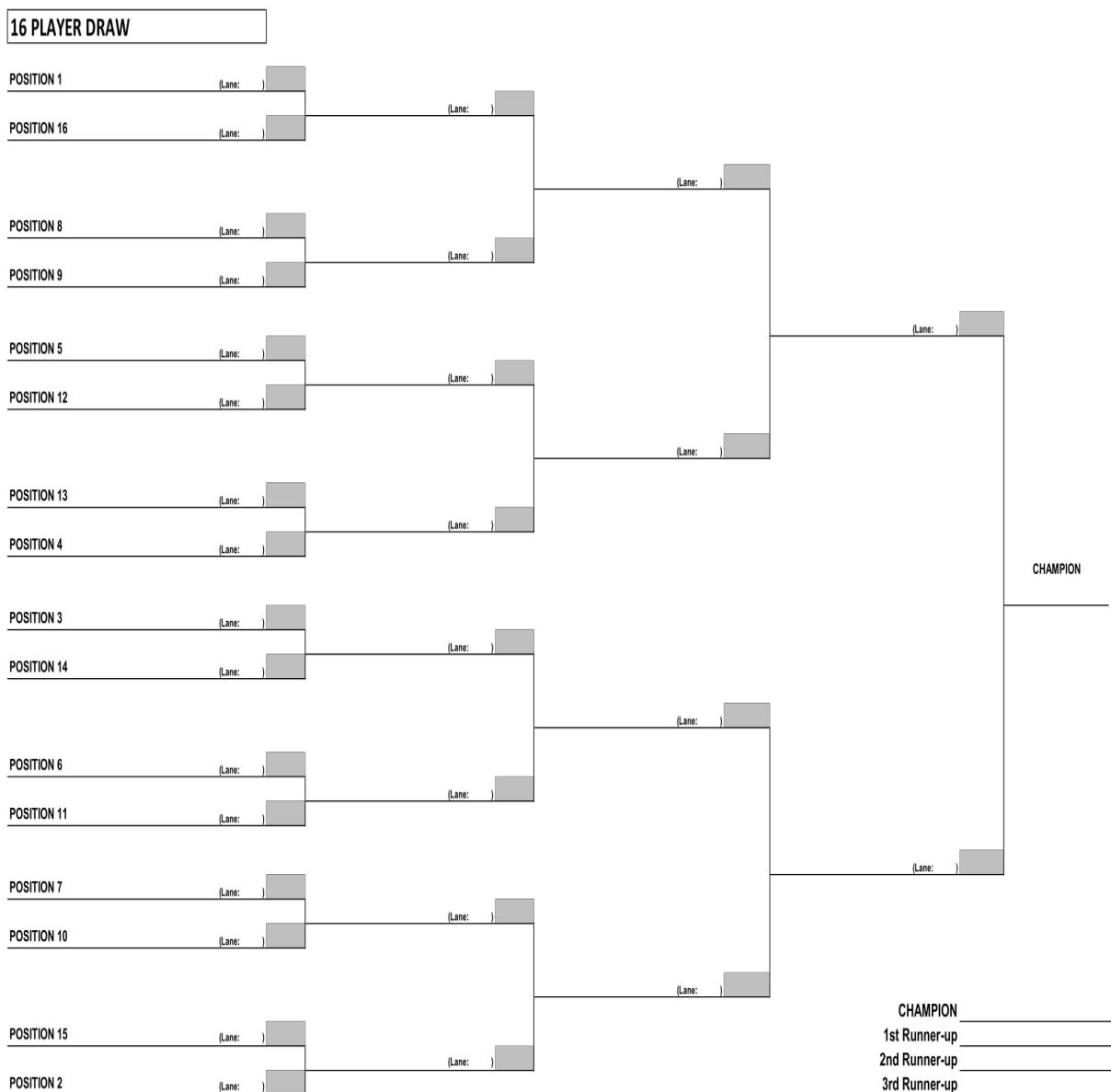
Master Finals:

Round 1: 1 game match among **16** qualifiers from Semi-Finals. Bowlers will be assigned to the lanes according to the below tournament bracket.

Round 2: 1 game match among **8** winners from Round 1.

Round 3: 1 game match among **4** winners from Round 2. The 2 winners will go into Champion Match

Champion Match – 1 game match between the **2** winners from Round 3 to determine ‘Storm Hong Kong Cup Champion’.





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7. EVENTS

a. U22 (Mixed Boys and Girls Division)

There is no separate Master Finals for Boys and Girls in U22 Division. Boys and Girls will bowl together. There will be a handicap of 7 pins per game for girls.

- i. Master Qualifying (8 games)
- ii. Semi-Finals (4 games)
- iii. Top 16 from Semi-Finals go into Master Finals -
Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 & Champion match (1 game match each round)

b. U18 (Mixed Boys and Girls Division)

There is no separate Master Finals for Boys and Girls in U18 Division. Boys and Girls will bowl together. There will be a handicap of 7 pins per game for girls.

- i. Master Qualifying (8 games)
- ii. Semi-Finals (4 games)
- iii. Top 16 from Semi-Finals go into Master Finals -
Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 & Champion match (1 game match each round)

c. U15 (Mixed Boys and Girls Division)

Boys and Girls will bowl together a total of 8 games to decide the Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up. There will be a handicap of 7 pins per game for girls.

8. MASTERS FINALS

a. U22 (Mixed Boys and Girls)

The top **39 boys/girls** from the Master Qualifying will enter the Semi-final and a total of 4 games will be bowled with scores carried forward. The top **16 boys/girls** with the highest total pinfall of 12 games after Semi-final will then compete in a knock-out format of 1 game match in Master Finals Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 and Champion Match to decide the winners.

b. U18 Division (Mixed Boys and Girls)

The top **21 boys/girls** from the Qualifying will enter the Semi-finals and a total of 4 games will be bowled with scores carried forward. The top **16 boys/girls** with the highest total pinfall of 12 games after Semi-final will then compete in a knock-out format of 1 game match in Master Finals Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 and Champion Match to decide the winners.

9. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Thursday, 29th August 2024

Arrivals & Unofficial Practice

Friday, 30th August 2024

10:00 – 12:00: Squad A (60 bowlers; 1st block of 4 games)

12:00 – 13:15: Opening Ceremony and Lane Maintenance

13:15 – 15:15: Squad B (60 bowlers; 1st block of 4 games)

15:15 – 16:30: Lane Maintenance

16:30 – 18:30: Squad C (60 bowlers; 1st block of 4 games)



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Saturday, 31st August 2024

10:00 – 12:00: Squad A (60 bowlers; 2nd block of 4 games)
12:00 – 13:15: Lane Maintenance
13:15 – 15:15: Squad B (60 bowlers; 2nd block of 4 games)
15.15 – 16.30: Lane Maintenance
16:30 – 18:30: Squad C (60 bowlers; 2nd block of 4 games)

Sunday, 1st September 2024

Top 60 bowlers qualify for Semi-Final (39 bowlers from U22 and 21 bowlers from U18); to bowl another 4 games with scores carried forward

09:30 – 11:30: Semi-Final - the 60 bowlers (39 bowlers from U22 and 21 bowlers from U18)
11:30 – 13:00: Lane Maintenance
13:00 – 13:20: Round 1 for top 16 (1 ball tie-breaker)
13:20 – 13:40: Round 2 for top 8
13:40 – 14:10: Lane Maintenance
14:10 – 14:30: Round 3 for top 4
14:30 – 14:50: Champion Match
15:00: Prize Presentation

Monday, 2nd September 2024

All Departures

***Lucky Draw** will be conducted 3 times per squad.

10. FEES

US\$80 or HKD\$632 per person for U18 and U22 divisions.

US\$60 or HKD\$474 per person for U15 division. If U15 bowlers would like to compete in either U18 or U22 Division as well, then their entry fees will be **US\$80 or HKD\$632**.

Please be noted that all fees **MUST** be paid when the bowler check-in for Qualifying.

11. AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the top four positions after Champion Match of U22 and U18 Divisions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List.

Medals will be awarded to the top three positions of U15 Divisions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List.

12. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Reservations form must be submitted directly to the hotel. One night room charge guarantee of all the rooms reserved **MUST** be made before booking would be confirmed by hotel. The payment methods of the guarantee will be stated in the Official Hotel's reservation form. Deadline for reservation is **July 29, 2024. Deadline for room cancellation is August 10, 2024. Forfeiture of the first night deposit of the booked rooms charges applied** if cancellation is made after the deadline or for no show.



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Transportation will be provided free of charge to and from airport upon arrival and departure for those stay in the Official Hotel. Transportation will be provided for bowlers from Regal Hongkong Hotel to SCAA Bowling Centre if the Typhoon No. 3 signal is hoisted and /or there is heavy rain or the Amber Signal for rain and thunderstorm is hoisted.

All bookings are on a first-come-first-serve basis, reservations made after the deadline will be subject to availability of rooms at the Official Hotel and room rates may not be the same.

Regal Hongkong Hotel

Distance to bowling centre is within 8 minutes by walk.

Single/Twin (Deluxe room only)	HK\$ 1,100 net (approx. US\$142)
Room with 1 Buffet Breakfast	HK\$ 1,220 net (approx. US\$156)
Room with 2 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$ 1,340 net (approx. US\$172)
Triple (Deluxe room only)	HK\$ 1,300 net (approx. US\$167)
Room with 3 Buffet Breakfasts	HK\$ 1,660 net (approx. US\$213)

Room rates are inclusive of the followings:

1. Unlimited free use of in-room Wi-Fi access
2. Filtered Drinking Water in Guest Rooms
3. Complimentary access to Topform gymnasium
4. Complimentary use of Rooftop Outdoor Swimming Pool

Number of rooms available: 60 in total

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Telephone : +852 2837 1786
Fax : +852 2577 9912
Email : rhk.salesamc@regalhotel.com
Website : www.regalhotel.com

Contact person: Mr. Daniel Cheung +852 6117 9701

13. ENTRY PERIOD

Entries start from June 25 to August 20, 2024. Overseas bowlers can book their squads by fax: +852 2575 2145 or by email: hktbc@netvigator.com. Entry form/s can be submitted in person at Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress office at 2/F, Room 2004, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay or by mail provided that entry form/s and cheque/s for entry fees are enclosed. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 10:00 -18:00 (Lunch break 13:00-14:00). **Cheque please make payable to "Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited"**

14. TIE SCORE

When a tie occurs on the cut-off from Semi-final to Masters Final:

- a. The highest position should be the one with the least difference in the 4-game Semi-final.
- b. In case a tie still exists, the highest position should be the one with the least difference between the highest and the lowest game of the 12 games he/she bowled after the Semi-



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- final.
- c. In case a tie still exists, the highest position should be the one with highest game bowled in the Semi-final.
 - d. In case a tie still exists, the highest position should be the one with highest last game bowled in the Semi-final.
 - e. In case a tie still exists, one shot roll-off will be bowled until the tie breaks.

In case of a tie in any match of Masters Final Rounds, a **one-shot** roll-off will be bowled until the tie is broken.

15. CHECK-IN (According to the official clock)

Check-in will open **1 hour** and close **30 minutes** before the scheduled squad time in Masters Qualifying, Semi-Finals and Masters Finals unless otherwise stated. Failure to check in **personally** for the Semi-Finals, his/her placing will be allocated to the reserve/s who has checked in.

Bowlers must inform the check-in counter if they have consecutive squad bookings to exempt them from the check-in procedure for the following squad. For those who fail to check-in personally at the prescribed time, their placings as well as the fees paid will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to the next pre-booked reserved bowler.

16. PROTESTS

a. **Protests - Foul or Legality of Pinfall**

A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the competitor. Tournament Committee and the official representatives of the Congress shall then solve the problem.

b. **Protests - Eligibility - General Playing Rules**

Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be made in writing to a responsible tournament official no later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred.

c. **Protests – Scoring Errors**

The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be one hour from the end of the event or before the prize presentation.

17. VERIFICATION OF SCORES

It is the responsibility of each bowler to verify the correctness of scores of each game bowled by signing on the official score sheet. The score shall stand once the score sheet has been signed. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be made.

18. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case Typhoon Signal No. 8 is hoisted 3 hours before the scheduled time of the competition or Black Rainstorm Warning is hoisted 2 hours before the scheduled time of the competition, the competition will be postponed to the next day or until the Typhoon Signal No. 8 or Black Rain Signal is lowered.



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19. SMOKING AND DRINKING

Bowlers 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 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. All fees paid will be forfeited.

If a bowler is caught smoking during a game, he/she will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he/she will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game.

20. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Only proper bowling attire (Polo shirt or crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowler in shorts, singlet, sleeveless T-shirt, jeans and any kind of hats will not be allowed to bowl. Shorts and skirts will be allowed for women bowlers. Trousers/pants for men must be of ankle-length.

In those instances where it is established that a bowler is in breach of this rule, he/she will be suspended by the Tournament Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played and all fees paid will be forfeited.

21. DRILLING SPECIFICATIONS

According to the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September, 2019 on balance hole. Since August, 2020, **no balance holes are allowed**. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

A maximum of five gripping holes are allowed in a bowling ball. Any gripping hole that does not have the thumb or fingers inserted into it throughout the approach would be classified as a balance hole, which is not allowed.

22. HEALTH CONDITION

All participants must fully understand and agree that he/she is healthy, physically fit and suitable to participate in this tournament. The Organizer and Co-organizer shall not be responsible for all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damages, injury or death arising out of, or as a result of the participant's acts due to his/her negligence. The participant undertakes to indemnify The Organizer and Co-Organizer against all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damages, injury or death arising out of, or as a result of the participant's acts due to his/her negligence.

23. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-allocate squad time and assigned lanes at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible.



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A bowler failing to observe a rule(s) may be disqualified from the tournament immediately. All fees paid will be forfeited. If the offence is very serious, other penalty may be imposed on the bowler by the Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matters arising during the Tournament which are not covered in the aforesaid information, rules and formats will be dealt with by the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee and their decision in all cases shall be final. Meanwhile, all fees paid will not be refunded. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal may still be lodged with HKCTBC within thirty days of the decision of the Tournament Committee. If dissatisfied, the last and final court of appeal shall be Asian Bowling Federation, but such appeal should be made through HKCTBC in writing and a fee of US\$100 within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September, 2019. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned. Otherwise, it will be forfeited.

UPDATE ON APPROVED BOWLING BALLS

Please take note that the following 2 bowling balls are now removed from the USBC Ball list and therefore, would not be approved to be used in any tournaments organized by Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKCTBC).

- i. **2016-2017 Purple Hammer** - identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7" (bowl.com)
- ii. **Storm Spectre**

The 6 Storm balls listed below are approved to be used in World and Asian Championships, Multi-Sports Games in Asia, all PBA tournaments and tournaments organized by HKCTBC.

- i. Storm Phaze 4
- ii. Storm Electrify Solid
- iii. Storm Trend 2
- iv. 900 Global Altered Reality
- v. 900 Global Wolverine
- vi. Roto Grip UFO Alert

***HKCTBC reserves the final rights on all matters without prior notice.**