



2009中國澳門國際保齡球公開賽
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RULES AND FORMATS

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Championship, organised by **Macau China Bowling Association (MCBA)** and sanctioned by **Asian Bowling Federation (ABF)**, will be conducted in accordance with the 2009 WTBA Playing Rules.

This tournament is an Asian Ranking Tournament towards the World Ranking Masters.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This Tournament is open to all members of the Macau China Bowling Association as well as members of overseas Bowling Congresses/ Associations under WTBA.

3. VENUE

Complexo Desportivo Internacional do COTAI – Bowling Center. Macau

4. DATE

August 26 – September 5, 2009

5. CLASSIFICATION

Competition will be divided into Open and Graded divisions for all categories i.e. Men, Women, Youth (Mixed)

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| 5.1 | Men's Open | All male bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division. |
| 5.2 | Women's Open | All female bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division. |
| 5.3 | Men's Graded | All male bowlers with an average of 195 and below are qualified to play in this division. |
| 5.4 | Women's Graded | All female bowlers with an average of 185 and below are qualified to play in this division. |
| 5.5 | Youth Masters | All boys and girls who are 22 years of age and below as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1987 or after) are eligible to play in this division. |

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Note : Overseas bowlers will be required to produce certification from their respective Bowling Congresses/Associations as proof of their overseas status.

The Man and Woman Champion of the Graded (A) Masters of any International Open for the year 2007, 2008 or 2009 are not eligible to bowl in Graded Division.

6. EVENTS

Open and Graded division will be divided into Men & Women Respectively:

6.1 Open Division

MEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Masters (refer to rules)

WOMEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Masters (refer to rules)

6.2 Graded Division

MEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Masters (8 games)

WOMEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Masters (8 games)

6.3 Youth Division (Mixed)

Youth (Mixed)

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Masters (8 games)

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7. MASTERS QUALIFYING

Scores obtained by the bowlers in the **best two set** of Singles in respective division making up a total of 6 games series will be used for the Masters Qualifying.

8. MASTERS

8.1 Men's Open Masters

Round 1. The 40 Masters Finalists (as listed below) will bowl a total of 8 games. The top 16

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- bowlers will be qualified for Round 2.
- Round 2 The top 4 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games starting from scratch will be qualified for the Step-Ladder Finals.
- Step-Ladder In the Step-Ladder Finals, the 3rd and 4th placed bowlers will bowl a one game playoff. The bowler with the higher score will meet the 2nd placed bowler for another one game playoff. The bowler with the higher score will meet the 1st placed bowler in a one plus one game playoff. In the event that the 1st placed bowler wins the 1st game, he will be declared the Champion. If the 1st placed bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off to decide the Champion.

i. National Team Representative	4
ii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	6
iii. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	12
iv. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	18

Total 40

8.2 Women's Open Masters

- Round 1. The 30 Masters Finalists (as listed below) will bowl total of 8 games. The top 16 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls will enter Round 2.
- Round 2 The top 4 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games starting from scratch will be qualified for the Step-Ladder Finals.
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i. National Team Representative	3
ii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	3
iii. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	10
iv. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	14

Total 30

8.3 Graded Masters

Men's Graded

Top 24 bowlers Qualifiers in the Graded Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.

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Women's Graded

Top 16 bowlers Qualifiers in the Graded Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.

8.4 Youth Masters

Youth (Mixed)

Top 20 bowlers Qualifiers in the Youth Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled.

i. National Team Representative	2
ii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	3
iii. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	5
iv. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	10
	Total 20

9. ATTEMPTS

No limit of attempts is imposed. A bowler must attempt at least 2 sets of single (total of 6 games)

10. FEES

10.1 Registration Fee for Open Division is **MOP\$280.00** per person and **MOP\$200.00** per person for Graded Division & Youth Division. Registration fee which is inclusive of Victory Banquet must be paid before commencing the first attempt

i. Singles (Open and Graded)	MOP\$200.00/person
ii. Youth Singles	MOP\$150.00/person

Note: (1) The Tournament Director reserves the right to reallocate squad time and the schedule at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible. Change of bowlers is accepted provided that an amendment fee of **HK\$100.00** per bowler is paid 10 minutes before the close of the check-in time.
(2) Change or upgrade event will be accepted. This will require an amendment fee of **HK\$80.00** per bowler.

10.2 Masters

i. Men's Open.....	MOP\$800.00/person
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ii. Women's Open	MOP\$800.00/person
iii. Men and Women Graded	MOP\$600.00/person
iv. Youth	MOP\$400.00/person

Note: Appropriate entry-forms are available for purchase at the reception counter, except all Masters events of 10.2 which will be paid at the time of check-in.

11. ENTRIES

Registration Fee must be paid before any entry will be accepted. **ENTRY FORM(S)** must be purchased and fully filled before making any entry. Such **FORM(S)** will be available for purchase at Macau China Bowling Association office.

12. AWARDS

Open and Graded Divisions

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the prize list in the various Masters Events.

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME

In both the Men and Women Section for the open divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective division **excluding Masters Events**. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers for the score, all will be awarded.

In the Youth Division, medal will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game **excluding Master's Events**. Handicap is excluded for this award.

13. TIE SCORE

13.1 Whenever a tie occurs in any of the first three positions in the Singles Events, players with equal scores will share the prize between them.

13.2 In the case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for the Masters Events, a one game roll-off shall be held. If a tie still exists, repeat a 9th & 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

13.3 If a tie occurs in the Men's and Women's Open Masters Final (Round 2) for the 1st, 2nd and 4th position, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, repeat a 9th & 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken.





14. CHECK-IN

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 the following squad bookings). 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 the next pre-booked reserved bowler.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 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 Association shall then solve the problem.

15.2 Protests - Eligibility - General Playing Rules

Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred.

15.3 Protests - Errors

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

16. REGISTRATION OF BOWLING BALLS, ILLEGALITY AND DISQUALIFICATION

All bowling balls used in the Championships must be registered by the ball-examiner prior to competition. 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. Bowling balls used by the participants may be subject to random check.

If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and fees paid will not be refunded. 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 MCBA Disciplinary Committee/or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to the Tournament Director any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

17. VERIFICATION OF SCORES





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

18. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Men Bowlers in shorts, singlet's, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Women Bowlers in singlet's, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans also will not be allowed to bowl. Short and skirt will be allowed. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt) now we are allowing crew neck T shirt. and 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.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to request bowlers participating in the Step-Ladder Finals of the Open Men and Women Masters to wear bowling shirts provided by the Organizer.

19. SMOKING AND DRINKING

The bowlers must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or alcoholic drink while in competition, i.e. during the entries 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 and all fees paid will not be refunded.

20. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matter arising during the Championships 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 MCBA within thirty days of the decision of the Tournament Committee. If dissatisfied, the last and final court of appeal shall be the Asian Bowling Federation, but such appeal should be made through MCBA in writing and within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the WTBA Playing Rules.

*** In case there is different interpretation in the Chinese translation of the rules, the ENGLISH version of 2009 WTBA Playing Rules shall apply.**

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