

### 1. Organisation & Sanction

- 1.1 The objective of the 50<sup>th</sup> Singapore Nationals & 5<sup>th</sup> National Youth Championships 2019 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity.
- 1.2 This tournament will be held from 6 - 16 November 2019 at SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range.

### 2. Eligibility

This Tournament is open to all Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents who are members of Clubs affiliated to the Singapore Bowling Federation and whose membership is current for the duration of the Championship.

**It is the bowler's responsibility to check the status of eligibility.**

- 2.1 The SBF official average as at 30 June 2019 shall be used for purposes of classification, subject to the bowlers having completed a minimum of 18 games. Bowlers without the minimum requirement of 18 games must submit certified confirmation showing the scores of ALL GAMES bowled in SBF sanctioned leagues and tournaments.
- 2.2 Irrespective of average, a bowler who has won in a Graded 'B' / 'A' Masters in an SBF or ABF/World Bowling sanctioned tournament in year 2017, 2018 and 2019 is not allowed to participate in a similar and/or lower graded division of this tournament but can participate in a higher grade.  
**It is the responsibility of the bowler to ascertain whether he/she is qualified to bowl in the graded divisions under this rule.**

### 3. Classification/Format of play

- 3.1 The format of play for the Men's Open, Women's Open & Men's Graded 'A' Division will consist of Singles Event (6 Games), Doubles Event (6 Games) & Quartet Event (3 Games), within each division. Bowlers may purchase MQs for practice and/or qualification through MQ. For MQ scores to be eligible, the bowler must complete All Events consisting of 15 games in total.

- Men's Open: All male bowlers, regardless of age or average, are eligible to participate in this division.
- Women's Open: All female bowlers, regardless of age or average, are eligible to participate in this division.
- Men's Graded 'A': All male bowlers with an average of 199 and below are eligible to play in this division

Note:

Men's Graded 'A' bowlers who also wish to register for Men's Open, will need to register for Men's Open Classic first, and after completing their all events of 15 Games in this division, may attempt to qualify for the Men's Graded 'A' division through MQs.

- 3.2 The format of play for the following divisions will be the Masters Qualifying (MQ) format.
- 3.3 Mixed Graded Division: All male & female bowlers with an average of **185 and below** are eligible to play in this division. **Five (5) pin handicap** per game will be given to female bowlers throughout the whole tournament.
- 3.4 Mixed Seniors: All male and female bowlers born in year 1969 and before.  
**One (1) pin handicap** will be given to bowlers born in year 1964 and before and thereafter one (1) pin for 1-year age ascending. Additional fifteen (15) pins per game for female bowlers. **\*Please refer to the handicap chart.**  
The handicap given to each bowler will be used throughout the whole championship.
- 3.5 Youth: All boys and girls who are born in year 1998 and after.
- 3.6 Under 18: All boys and girls who are born in year 2001 and after.
- 3.7 Under 15: All boys and girls who are born in year 2004 and after.
- 3.8 Under 12: All boys and girls who are born in year 2007 and after.

### 4. Participation

A lower grade bowler playing in a higher grade will have his/her score classified according to the grade entered for.

### 5. Registration & Entry Fees

Division	Classic Fee	*MQ Fee	Masters Final Fee
Men's Open	\$280	\$40	
Women's Open	\$280	\$40	
Men's Graded "A"	\$250	\$40	
Division	Registration Fee	MQ Fee	Masters Final Fee
Mixed Graded	\$60	\$30	\$80
Senior	\$60	\$30	\$60
Youth	\$60	\$30	\$60
Under 18	\$60	\$30	\$60
Under 15	\$60	\$30	\$60
Under 12	\$60	\$30	\$60
Desperado			
Men's Open		\$120	
Women's Open		\$100	
Men's Graded A		\$100	
Mixed Graded		\$80	
Youth		\$60	

- 5.1 No refunds will be made after an entry has been paid, registered and accepted.
- 5.2 In the event of tardy bowlers (except during Masters Event), the bowler may be permitted to join in at the frame of the game that the opponent bowler is bowling, in the respective lane. Should the bowler arrive after the 1<sup>st</sup> game is completed by the opponent in the respective lane, the bowler will be disqualified from the squad with no refunds/returns/substitutions allowed.

### 6. Registration of Entries/Squad Times

The following will apply for all entries:

- Must be duly paid and slotted in
- We only accept Cash/PayNow/eNETS-QR
- No reservations will be entertained without paid chit submission
- No refunds for No-Show
- No refunds once chits are sold
- Changes for MQ time-slots will be permitted provided lanes have not been drawn for the time-slot requested and if there are vacancies for the preferred time-slot (applies to all participants)
- Entries will be accepted subject to the availability of lanes and squad times. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept, reject, postpone, add or cancel an entry or any squad time.
- If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion.

#### 6.1 Classic Entries for Open & Men's Graded 'A' Divisions

Please submit the completed registration forms (as a team) via email to [events@singaporebowling.org.sg](mailto:events@singaporebowling.org.sg) and we will provide the QR code for online payment. Alternatively, you may submit the forms and payment in person at our office (address as per footer) during office hours only. Registration closes 2 November 2019.

#### 6.2 Advance Purchase of Registration & MQ Chits (Pre-Sale Day)

To reduce waiting time during the Squad Booking Day, you may purchase the Registration & MQ chits in advance on:

- Day/Date : 25 & 26 Oct 2019 (Friday & Saturday)
- Time : From 11am to 5pm only
- Venue : SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range  
131 Rifle Range Road, #04-01 Temasek Club  
Singapore 588406

#### 6.3 Squad Pre-Booking Days

Pre-booking of Squad(s) can only be made in the following venue (no calls/texts will be entertained) on:

- Day/Date : 1 & 2 Nov 2019 (Friday & Saturday)
- Time : From 11am to 5pm only
- Venue : SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range  
131 Rifle Range Road, #04-01 Temasek Club  
Singapore 588406

## 7. Masters Events

### 7.1 No. of Qualifiers for the Masters Event

Division (All-Events/MQ)	Defending Champion	All-Events	MQ	Desperado	Total	
Men's Open	1	16	8	3	28	
Women's Open	1	8	3	2	14	
Men's Graded "A"	-	15	3	2	20	
Division (MQ only)	Defending Champion	Male	Female	Mixed	Desperado	Total
Mixed Graded	-	-	-	28	4	32
Mixed Senior <sup>A</sup>	-	Top 6	Top 6	12	-	24
Youth Boys	1	23	-	-	4	28
Youth Girls	1	19	-	-	4	24
Under 18	-	24	20	-	-	44
Under 15	-	24	20	-	-	44
Under 12	-	24	20	-	-	44

<sup>A</sup>1st to 6th Men's qualifiers (6), 1st to 6th Women's qualifiers (6), Top 12 Qualifiers from mixed gender pool (12). Total 24 Finalists will bowl 8 games.

### 7.2 Desperado Squad

(Only applicable for Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Graded 'A', Mixed Graded & Youth Divisions)

The Desperado squad will comprise of 1 game. Only bowlers who have made a minimum of \*4 MQ attempts in their respective registered divisions are eligible to compete in the Desperado Squad. [There must be a minimum of 6 registered entries in each division in order to proceed with the Desperado Squad.]

The following shows the number of top qualifiers from this squad who shall qualify for their respective divisions' Masters.

Division	No. of qualifiers
Men's Open	Top 3 qualifier
Women's Open	Top 2 qualifier
Men's Graded 'A'	Top 2 qualifier
Mixed Graded	Top 4 qualifier
Youth Boys	Top 4 qualifier
Youth Girls	Top 4 qualifier

In the event if the Desperado qualifier being absent or are disqualified, the vacancy will go to the next bowler on the respective division's list (i.e 4th position in MO, 3rd position in WO/MGA, 5th position for MGB/YB/YG).

When a tie is registered, one-ball roll off on a full set of pins shall be played and repeated until the tie is broken.

### 7.3 Men's Open, Women's Open & Men's Graded 'A'

The qualifying scores will be based on the all events score (total of 15 games) from the Singles Event, Doubles Event & Quartet Event in the respective division.

Bowlers who do not qualify through All Events, may then attempt via MQ where the qualifying scores will be based on the best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the MQs (3 games per qualifying attempt) in the respective division.

### 7.4 Men's & Women's Open Masters

The finalists and the Defending Champion will bowl 10 games scratch.

In the event that the Defending Champion, or any of the Masters finalists being absent or are disqualified, the vacancy will go to the bowlers on the respective reserve listing.

i.e Absent/Disqualified:-

- All-Events finalist, vacancy goes to All-Events reserve listing
- Defending Champion or MQ finalist, vacancy goes to MQ reserve listing
- Desperado finalist, refer to Point 7.2

Should the Defending Champion choose to take part & qualify through the All-Events, his/her defending champion vacancy shall go the All-Events reserve listing.

The top 3 Men & Women based on total pinfalls shall advance to the Step-Ladder Grand Finals.

### 7.5 Youth Masters

The finalists and the Defending Champion will bowl 10 games scratch.

In the event that the Defending Champion, or any of the Masters finalists being absent or are disqualified, the vacancy will go to the bowlers on the respective reserve listing.

i.e Absent/Disqualified:-

- Defending Champion or MQ finalist, vacancy goes to MQ reserve listing
- Desperado finalist, refer to Point 4.5

The top 3 Boys & Girls based on total pinfalls shall advance to the Step-Ladder Grand Finals.

### 7.6 Step-Ladder Grand Finals (Open & Youth Divisions)

**Match 1:** The 2nd and 3rd placed bowler shall play a one-game roll-off, scratch. The winner shall proceed to Match 2.

**Match 2:** The winner of Match 1 shall play against the 1st placed bowler over a one-game roll-off scratch. If the 1st placed bowler wins the first game, he/she shall be declared the Champion. If the 1st placed bowler loses, a second one game roll-off scratch will be bowled. The winner of this game shall be declared the Champion.

### 7.7 Men's Graded "A"

All 20 finalists will bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

### 7.8 Mixed Graded

All 32 finalists will bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls (with handicap for Women bowlers) to decide the winners.

### 7.9 Senior

All 24 finalists will bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls with handicap to decide the winners.

### 7.10 Under 12 / 15 / 18

All 44 finalists shall bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the respective division winners.

## 8. Tie-Breaking Procedures

**8.1** When a tie is registered in the **Singles/Doubles/Quartet/Masters Qualifying** event, the player with the highest game, in the qualifying series, shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

**8.2** When a tie is registered in the **Masters Event** of all divisions, the player with the highest game shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

**8.3** When a tie is registered in the **Step-Ladder Grand Finals**, a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off shall be used, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

## 9. Check-in Procedure – Masters Event

All Finalists are to check-in at **least 30 minutes before the scheduled time for the Masters Event**, failing which he/she shall be disqualified and the respective reserve(s) shall be called. Masters finalists are to report/check-in by themselves and are not allowed to authorize anyone to stand-in on his/her behalf.

**Calls will be made as follows:**

- **1st Call:** 3 minutes prior to Check-in time
- **2nd Call:** 2 minutes prior to Check-in time
- **3rd Call:** 1 minute prior to Check-in time

**The clock in the bowling center will be the official timepiece**

## 10. Substitution

Substitutions will not be allowed throughout the tournament.

## 11. Bowler's Attire

**11.1** Bowlers are required to be properly and appropriately dressed for bowling. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director a bowler is not appropriately dressed, he/she may not be permitted to bowl. Male bowlers must wear pants or slacks and are not allowed to wear sleeveless shirts and/or shorts, Bermuda's; female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts.

**ALL BOWLERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR JEANS.**

In the event of TV coverage, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Manager to stipulate the attire to be worn.

**11.2** In the event of TV coverage for the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, 11.1 still applies. However, the bowler may choose to wear his/her own shirt or accept an offer from the host to use a sponsor shirt or badge from the host sponsor.

## 12. Bowling On Wrong Lane

A ball shall be declared dead and the player(s) required re-bowling on the correct lane if no more than a total of 4 frames have been bowled on a pair of lanes by the players. Should it exceed 4 frames, that game will be completed without adjustment. Any succeeding game must be started on the correct lane.

In the event of bowling on wrong lane happening during the Step Ladders Finals, a dead ball shall be declared and the player required re-bowling on the correct lane, provided the error was discovered before the opposing player has made a delivery. Otherwise, the score stands as bowled, and subsequent frames to be bowled on the correct lanes.

#### 14. Bowling Balls

- 14.1 It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that all bowling balls used during the tournament are verified for correctness of weight and other specifications conforming to World Bowling Rules and Regulations. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to examine the balls used by the participants. Use of an illegal ball is grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of all games, prizes and standings aside from any other penalties that may be imposed.
- 14.2 Altering the surface of the bowling ball is ONLY ALLOWED BEFORE COMMENCEMENT/AFTER COMPLETION OF EACH GAME, provided they are made at the designated area and it must not delay the bowlers and the progress of the game.

#### 15. Slow Bowling

Slow bowling is strictly not allowed and bowlers must bowl when it is their turn to do so. Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

- 15.1 They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach on preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.
- 15.2 They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 15.3 They shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lanes immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear.
- 15.4 A player is given 30 seconds from the moment the previous bowler steps down from the approach to the time the ball leaves the hand of the bowler. Lane marshals will be given stop watches to randomly check the timing of the bowlers in their delivery.
- 15.5 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in clause 16, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows:
- A white card for the first offence (no penalty)
  - A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
  - Red card for the third and succeeding offence in any block of games, penalty shall be zero pinfalls for the frame.

#### 16. Interrupted Games

- 16.1 The 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 series. An interrupted game and series that cannot be completed must resume from the point of interruption.
- 16.2 In the event of the score of any game is lost and/or erased and cannot be recall 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 shall remain unchanged.

#### 17. Lane Breakdown

- 17.1 If a pair of lanes becomes unusable or unplayable before or during the squad games as determined by the Tournament Committee, any available pair of lanes provided by the bowling centre shall be assigned to affected participant(s) or shall wait for the next available squad. In case of machine breakdown during the Masters, vacant lanes shall be assigned to affected finalists. Any interrupted game(s) or series must resume from the point (frame) of interruption. Practice throws (if any) shall be given at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In the event that a next available squad is offered in place, participants will be given the same amount of practice time as accorded to the rest of the squad.
- In the event where the wait for rectification is more than 15 minutes on the same lanes, the affected bowler(s) will be entitled to 1 warm up shot on each lane once the fault is resolved. Should a change of lane be required, the affected bowler(s) will be entitled to 2 practice throws on each lane.

#### 18. Verification of Scores

It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that the correct score for each game bowled is recorded and signed on the official score sheet, which will be used as the official score record. Once signed, the scores shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director. If the official score sheet is not signed for any reason, the Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse acceptance of the score sheet.

#### 19. Awards

Prizes in the form of cash vouchers, Gifts, Medallions, etc. will be presented to the winners of the various categories. Bowling Center House Awards DO NOT APPLY throughout the championship.

#### 20. High Series Award

Bowlers who achieve the highest series (without handicap) during each designated squad will be awarded the allocated voucher/product. A bowler can only receive the high series award once throughout the duration of the championship. Designated Squads will be drawn at the start of each bowling day during the Masters Qualifying rounds.

Only MQ Squads are eligible for a High Series Award (one squad per day).

#### 21. Protest

##### 21.1 Eligibility

Protest involving eligibility or general playing rules must be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before prize presentation, whichever is sooner. If no written protest is filed prior to the expiration period as stated above, the game or games shall stand as bowled. Each protest under this rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

##### 21.2 All Other Protests

Protest involving the Masters Qualifying event must be lodged with the Tournament Committee in writing, not later than 2 hours after the completion of the squad in which the protest has arisen. When a protest involves the Masters Event of the Open Division (Men & Women), such a protest must be lodged with the Tournament Committee on the spot, in any case before the commencement of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals. Protest involving the Step-Ladder Grand Finals must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee on the spot.

No protests will be entertained after the presentation of prizes.

##### 21.3 Withholding of Prizes

When a protest is lodged involving the final positions in any event and pending the decisions of appeals to either SBF or ANF/World Bowling, the Tournament Director reserves the right to withhold presentation of prizes for the event pending the outcome of the appeal.

##### 21.4 Error in Scoring

The Tournament Officials immediately upon discovery of such errors will correct errors in scoring or calculation. Protests involving errors in scoring will only be entertained if such protests are brought to the attention of the Tournament Director or his appointed official on duty on the spot.

##### 21.5 Fouls

Protest involving fouls must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshal before the delivery of the next ball. No protest will be entertained after the bowler has made his/her second delivery of the frame.

#### 22. Errors

Error in scoring or in calculation must be corrected by a responsible tournament official immediately, upon discovery. The Tournament director shall decide questionable errors. The time limit for registering protests on scoring errors shall be one hour from the end of the squad for each day of the tournament. Each protest under this rule must be specific in it and shall not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

#### 23. Matters Not Provided For

The Tournament Committee whose decision shall be governed by World Bowling General Rules & Regulations, shall decide on any matter arising, which is not covered in these Rules & Regulations. Such a decision shall be final, subject only to an appeal to be made in writing to Singapore Bowling Federation General Council within 24 hours of the decision of the Tournament Committee.

#### 24. Interpretation Clause

- 24.1 The Tournament Committee, reserves the right to accept or reject any entry as they deem fit.
- 24.2 Any matters arising that are not covered in these Tournament Rules & Regulations, will be decided upon by the Tournament Committee (through adoption of the World Bowling Playing Rules and Regulations). The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final subject only to appeal to SBF, which must be made in writing within one-week of the decision.

### Senior Division Handicap Chart

Birth Year	Age	Men	Ladies
1965 to 1969	50 - 54	0	0 + 15
1964	55	1	1 + 15
1963	56	2	2 + 15
1962	57	3	3 + 15
1961	58	4	4 + 15
1960	59	5	5 + 15
1959	60	6	6 + 15
1958	61	7	7 + 15
1957	62	8	8 + 15
1956	63	9	9 + 15
1955	64	10	10 + 15
1954	65	11	11 + 15
1953	66	12	12 + 15
1952	67	13	13 + 15
1951	68	14	14 + 15
1950	69	15	15 + 15
1949	70	16	16 + 15
1948	71	17	17 + 15
1947	72	18	18 + 15
1946	73	19	19 + 15
1945	74	20	20 + 15
1944	75	21	21 + 15
1943	76	22	22 + 15
1942	77	23	23 + 15
1941	78	24	24 + 15
1940	79	25	25 + 15
1939	80	26	26 + 15
1938	81	27	27 + 15
1937	82	28	28 + 15
1936	83	29	29 + 15
1935	84	30	30 + 15
1934	85	31	31 + 15

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What does the Classic Fee include?**

The Classic fee includes Registration as well as Masters Final Fee (if they qualify). There will be no refunds should the participant not qualify for Masters.

**2. Can I register for MO/WO/MGA and also in other divisions? How should I go about it?**

Yes, you may. However, do register for the Classic MO/WO/MGA first before you do so for the other division.

- Scenario 1: Taking part in MGA & MO – participant will need to register for MO first and complete All Events for MO, then purchase MQs for MGA. No additional Registration fee required.
- Scenario 2: Taking part in Youth & Open – participant will need to register for Open first, then purchase MQs for Youth. Participant do not need to pay additional registration fee if they have registered for any of the Classic division(s). However, if you have paid for the normal registration fee of \$60, then decide to take part in any of the classic division(s), there shall be no refund of registration made.

**3. Can I take part in multiple divisions?**

Yes, bowlers are allowed to take part in multiple divisions, so long as they meet the eligibilities & schedules. Do ensure that the correct division is clearly indicated on the respective MQ chits as no changes for divisions will be allowed after the respective squad commences.

**4. Do I need to pay multiple registration fees for Registrations?**

Participants will only need to pay a one-time registration fee of \$60, that allows them to take part in multiple divisions. However, should participant have paid for the normal registration fee of \$60, then decide to take part in any of the classic division(s), there shall be no refund of registration made.

**5. I have insufficient team members? / I am looking for team members. Who can help?**

Should you need help to form teams, please email to [events@singaporebowling.org.sg](mailto:events@singaporebowling.org.sg) indicating your preferred Squad & division. We will match bowlers according to the info provided. However, should the team/bowler reject the other party due to reasons apart from Squad/Division differences, there will not be a second match made.

**6. How do I register for the tournament**

For Classic Divisions (MO/WO/MGA), please fill up this [form](#) and email the completed form to [events@singaporebowling.org.sg](mailto:events@singaporebowling.org.sg) **BEFORE 2 NOVEMBER 2019**. We will get back to you within a day to provide you with Payment Options (Cash/eNETS QR/PayNow only).

Pre-Submission of registration & pre-booking of MQ Squads is only available on 1 & 2 November 2019, between 11am – 5pm at SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range. If you miss this pre-submission/pre-booking date, you may still walk in during tournament days to submit & book squads. All squad bookings are subject to availability at time of booking.

Pre-Purchase the Registration & MQ chits will be on 25 & 26 October 2019 between 11am – 5pm at SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range.