

Rules & Regulations

<p>1. TOURNAMENT NAME This league, organized by the Singapore Bowling Federation (SBF), shall be known as the Seniors Singles League 2021.</p> <p>2. ELIGIBILITY The Seniors Singles Bowling League is open to all Singapore Residents aged 50 & above (born in year 1971 or before).</p> <p>3. FORMAT OF PLAY 3.1 The League shall be played based on a Round Robin System according to the number of participants e.g. 50 participants = 50 points system, 24 participants = 23 points system, etc. 3.2 Each week, each participant will bowl a 5-game series; 3.3 Round robin points will be awarded based on the participant's total series score i.e. assuming 24 participants, the bowler with the highest series score will get 24 points and the bowler with the lowest series score will get 1 point.</p> <p>4. PLAYING RULES 4.1 This League shall be played in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. This is a <u>Singles League</u> tournament which may consist of both genders, and no substitution is allowed. Should a bowler be absent or forfeits his/her game, 0 pinfalls will be accorded to the game and the bowler shall receive 1 point for the affected week's league point.</p> <p>5. HANDICAP SYSTEM All bowlers will start on fresh handicap. Handicap will be calculated on the formula, $(180 - \text{Average}) \times 50\%$ for men, and $(190 - \text{Average}) \times 50\%$ for women, after the first 5 games are bowled, AND to be added into the games after calculation. Maximum handicap for men is 20 pin-falls & women shall be 30 pin-falls.</p> <p>6. LEAGUE MASTERS 6.1 The top 50% of participants (rounded up to the nearest even number), or Top 24 positions (whichever is lower), based on average, shall qualify for the League Masters. (Average shall be based on a minimum REQUIREMENT of 15 games to qualify for the league masters) 6.2 Each bowler shall bowl a 8-game series, scratch. 6.3 All Finalists for the League Masters Event are to check-in at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time for the League Masters; failing which he/she will be disqualified and the respective reserve will be called. The clock in the bowling centre will be the official timepiece. Please buffer extra time for temperature screenings/Safe Entry check-ins.</p> <p>Masters' Fee: \$60 per bowler</p> <p>7. STARTING TIME AND DURATION OF LEAGUE All scheduled weekly leagues will start on each Sunday or Saturday promptly at:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="113 1597 759 1711"> <thead> <tr> <th>11 Apr (Sunday)</th> <th>18 Apr (Sunday)</th> <th>25 Apr (Sunday)</th> <th>1 May (Saturday)</th> <th>2 May (Sunday)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10am – 1pm</td> <td>10am – 1pm</td> <td>10am – 1pm</td> <td>10am – 1pm</td> <td>MASTERS 10am – 2pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*subject to change The league will commence from <u>11 April 2021 and will consist of 4 weeks.</u> Masters roll-off will be on 02 May 2021, Sunday, 10am.</p> <p>7.1 The tournament will only proceed if there are at least 30 participants registered. 7.2 Bowlers will be assigned to lanes via a lane draw done onsite, in the presence of any 2 participants of the league as witness.</p>	11 Apr (Sunday)	18 Apr (Sunday)	25 Apr (Sunday)	1 May (Saturday)	2 May (Sunday)	10am – 1pm	10am – 1pm	10am – 1pm	10am – 1pm	MASTERS 10am – 2pm	<p>8. LEAGUE FEES Game fees for each participant: \$120.00 per bowler (for 4 weeks, 5 games per week) Masters' Fee: \$60 per bowler</p> <p>9. WEEKLY Group Event There will be 2 weekly awards given to: 9.1 High Series with handicap (i.e. Total pin-falls in the 5-game series with handicap). 9.2 High Game with handicap (i.e. Highest pin-falls in a game with handicap). 9.3 Bowlers who have won the award in earlier week(s) will not be able to win the same award again in the subsequent week(s).</p> <p>10. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE 10.1 In the event of a tie for the weekly league position, the bowler with the highest high game for that week shall win the tie-breaker. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be used. 10.2 In the event of a tie for the final league position, the highest total accumulated pin-falls with handicap throughout the league shall be used. If this still ends in a tie, the least difference between the highest and lowest pin-falls with handicap in the last three game series bowled shall be the deciding factor. 10.3 In the event of a tie for the Masters position, the least difference between the highest and lowest pin-falls with handicap in the games bowling during the Masters event, shall be the deciding factor.</p> <p>11. TARDY PLAYERS A bowler who arrives late during the league will be allowed to bowl the first game only if the last opposing bowler has not finished his/her third frame of the 1st game. A bowler will not be allowed to join in the third game if he/she should miss the first two games. All tardy bowlers shall begin bowling from the first frame without the benefit of a warm up.</p> <p>12. COVID-19 BOWLSAFE MEASURES The tournament shall be carried out with safe distancing measures as outlined in the BowlSafe Guidelines approved by Sport Singapore.</p> <p>Bowlers are also reminded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No mingling across lanes. ➤ Ensure that a face mask is properly worn, covering the nose and mouth with an effective seal, at all times when bowling. ➤ Scan the Safe Entry QR codes to check-in/check-out at the respective bowling centres ➤ Ensure temperature is taken, seek medical help if you unwell and refrain from bowling ➤ Maintain safe distancing with another bowler ➤ Practice good hygiene, frequent use of hand sanitizer ➤ Avoid all forms of physical contact, e.g. high fives, fist bumps, cheering etc. <p>The organisers have the right to refuse entry if bowlers are found to display any of the Covid-19 symptoms (coughing, sneezing, difficulty in breathing). Due to capacity restrictions, NO SPECTATORS will be allowed entry into the tournament venue.</p> <p>While we seek for all participants cooperation in adhering to the BowlSafe measures, penalties will be imposed to the bowler, in case of any violation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1st Violation: Verbal Warning ➤ 2nd / Repeated Violation: The bowler will receive a penalty of minus 20 pinfalls to his / her score in the game when the violation occurred. ➤ 3rd / Repeated Violation: The bowler shall be disqualified and the team will not be allowed to call for replacement.
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13. OBVIOUS ERROR

Scoring and/or calculation errors in League play must be brought to the attention of the SBF Tournament Staff before the commencement of the next League match. Any protest received after the commencement of the next League match will not be entertained. The SBF Tournament Committee shall decide upon questionable errors.

The Captain or his/her Representative shall be responsible for the legibility and accuracy of the score sheet.

14. BOWLER'S ATTIRE

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. MALE AND FEMALE 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.

15. INTERRUPTED GAME(S)

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

16. LANE BREAKDOWN

16.1 If a pair of lanes becomes unusable or unplayable before or during the squad games as determined by the tournament director or its assigned official, 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. 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 Participating Centre Manager. 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.

16.2 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 the lane once the fault is resolved.

16.3 Should a change of lane be required, the affected bowler(s) will be entitled to 2 practice throws on the lane.

17. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

SBF Tournament Committee shall rule upon any matters not provided for in these Rules. Such action will be governed by a majority vote, subject only to appeal to SBF Tournament Committee.

18. PROTEST

Any protests affecting eligibility of general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the SBF Tournament Committee not later than **twenty-four (24) hours** after the series in which the infraction occurred. Any protests resulting out of competition on the concluding day of a league's schedule must be filed **immediately** thereafter.

Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule **shall** not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

19. FORFEITURE

Games shall be declared forfeited under the following conditions:

19.1 When a bowler fails to appear to bowl when scheduled;

19.2 A bowler, when present, declines to bowl scheduled game.

20. SLOW BOWLING

Slow bowling is 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:

20.1 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.

20.2 They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.

20.3 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.

20.4 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.

21. BOWLING BALLS

21.1 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 International Bowling Federation Rules and Regulations. The Tournament/Technical 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.

21.2 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.

21.3 The specification eliminating the use of balance holes will be in effect for this tournament.

22. INTERRUPTED GAME

The tournament director may authorize the completion of a game and series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the game.

23. ROLL-OFF

23.1 There shall be no roll-off in this league except under special circumstances and conditions duly approved by the SBF Tournament Committee, appealed in writing.

23.2 Any roll-off must be completed before the affected week's league day and the SBF Tournament Staff must be informed in advance of any individual team roll-off to ensure lane availability.

23.3 Such teams shall not be entitled to all awards.

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PRIZE LIST

OVERALL LEAGUE POSITION AWARD	
Champion	Trophy + \$500
2 nd Position	Trophy + \$350
3 rd Position	Trophy + \$250
4 th Position	Medal + \$200
5 th Position	Medal + \$150

MASTERS POSITION	CASH PRIZE
Champion	Trophy + \$700
2 nd Position	Trophy + \$500
3 rd Position	Trophy + \$350
4 th Position	Medal + \$250
5 th Position	Medal + \$150
6 th Position	Medal + \$80
7 th Position	Medal + \$80
8 th Position	Medal + \$80
9 th Position	Medal + \$80
10 th Position	Medal + \$80

WEEKLY AWARDS	HIGH GAME (with handicap)	HIGH SERIES (with handicap)
WEEK 1	\$50	\$50
WEEK 2	\$50	\$50
WEEK 3	\$50	\$50
WEEK 4	\$50	\$50