

Rules & Regulations

<p><b>1. OBJECTIVE</b> The objective of the 51<sup>st</sup> Singapore Nationals &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> National Youth Championships 2021 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship &amp; sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity. It will be held from 29 May 2021 to 12 June 2021 at SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range.</p> <p><b>2. ELIGIBILITY</b> 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.</p> <p><b>3. CLASSIFICATION / FORMAT OF PLAY</b></p> <p><b>3.1 ALL DIVISIONS EXCEPT MIXED SENIORS</b> The tournament will be in the All-Events format of play consisting of Singles Event (6 Games on Oiling A), Doubles Event (6 Games on Oiling B) &amp; Quartet Event (4 Games on Oiling C), with 4 bowlers to a team, within each division.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>SINGLES:</b> 6 games will be bowled in this event on Oiling Pattern A</li> <li>➤ <b>DOUBLES:</b> Shall consist of 2 bowlers in the registered team bowling 6 games each on Oiling Pattern B. The combined pin-falls of these 2 bowlers shall determine the total pin-falls for the doubles event.</li> <li>➤ <b>QUARTET:</b> Shall consist of 4 bowlers in the registered team bowling 4 games each. The combined pin-falls of these 4 bowlers shall determine the total pin-falls for the team event.</li> <li>➤ <b>ALL-EVENTS:</b> The total pin-falls bowled by an individual bowler in the Singles, Doubles, Quartet events (total of 16 games) will determine the final positions in the All-Events</li> </ul> <p><b>3.2 GENDER SPECIFIC DIVISIONS - OPEN / YOUTH / UNDER 18 / UNDER 15 / UNDER 12</b> The team shall comprise of 4 bowlers of the same gender, based on the classifications of the respective divisions as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Open:</b> All male and female bowlers, regardless of age or average, are eligible to participate in this division.</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth:</b> All boys and girls who are born in the year 2000 and after.</li> <li>➤ <b>Under 18:</b> All boys and girls who are born in the year 2003 and after.</li> <li>➤ <b>Under 15:</b> All boys and girls who are born in the year 2006 and after.</li> <li>➤ <b>Under 12:</b> All boys and girls who are born in the year 2009 and after.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.3 MIXED GRADED DIVISION</b> The team shall comprise of 4 bowlers which can be of same or mixed gender, based on the following classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All Male &amp; Female bowlers, regardless of age who are:</li> <li>➤ Non-National Bowlers between 2017 – 2021, and</li> <li>➤ Have not been in Top 3 final positions in any of the Graded/Graded 'A'/Open divisions of any SBF or ABF organised tournaments between 2018 – 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Female bowlers will receive ten (10) pin handicap per game throughout the whole tournament.</p> <p><b>3.4 MIXED SENIORS DIVISION (SINGLES FORMAT)</b> The tournament will be played in Singles format, with 6 games on Oiling A (Event A), 6 games on Oiling B (Event B), and 4 games on Oiling C (Event C). Seniors classification will be for all male &amp; female bowlers born in 1971 and before. One (1) pin handicap will be given to bowlers born in year 1966 and before and thereafter, one (1) pin for 1-year age ascending. Female bowlers will receive additional fifteen (15) pins per game throughout the whole tournament. *Please refer to the handicap chart.</p>	<p><b>4. REGISTRATION &amp; ENTRY FEES &amp; SQUAD TIMES</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>DIVISION</th> <th>REGISTRATION FEE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Under 12</td> <td>\$880 per Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 15</td> <td>\$880 per Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 18</td> <td>\$880 per Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth (Under 21)</td> <td>\$960 per Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Seniors (Singles)</td> <td>\$260 per Bowler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mixed Graded</td> <td>\$1,120 per Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Open</td> <td>\$1,200 per Team</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>4.1</b> A lower division bowler playing in a higher division will have his/her score classified according to the division entered for.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> All entries will be based on first-come, first-served basis and must be submitted to us via email to <a href="mailto:events@singaporebowling.org.sg">events@singaporebowling.org.sg</a> by 20 May 2021, 2359hrs.</p> <p><b>4.3</b> Mode of payment will be via e-NETS QR / PayNow QR only. The QR code will be furnished upon submission of registration form. Payment MUST be made within a day upon submission of Registration form to secure the slot.</p> <p><b>4.4</b> No refunds will be made after an entry has been paid, registered and accepted.</p> <p><b>4.5</b> The tournament director reserves the right to reallocate squad times or mix divisions into an available squad. (Refer to Schedule).</p> <p><b>5. ORDER OF BOWLING</b> After a game has started, no changes shall be made in order of play during such series. Once a player is removed from a game, he/she is not allowed to return to bowl in the same game.</p> <p><b>6. COVID-19 BOWLSAFE MEASURES</b> 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"> <li>➤ No mingling across lanes.</li> <li>➤ Ensure that a face mask is properly worn, covering the nose and mouth with an effective seal, at all times when bowling.</li> <li>➤ Scan the Safe Entry QR codes to check-in/check-out at the respective bowling centres</li> <li>➤ Ensure temperature is taken, seek medical help if you unwell and refrain from bowling</li> <li>➤ Maintain safe distancing with another bowler</li> <li>➤ Practice good hygiene, frequent use of hand sanitizer</li> <li>➤ Avoid all forms of physical contact, e.g. high fives, fist bumps, cheering etc.</li> </ul> <p>The Organiser have the right to refuse entry if bowlers are found to display any of the Covid-19 symptoms (coughing, sneezing, difficulty in breathing). <b>Due to capacity restrictions, NO SPECTATORS will be allowed entry into the tournament venue. STRICTLY ONLY ONE ADULT COMPANION (Coach / Parent / Guardian) WILL BE ALLOWED entry for each team. NO COMPANION WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY FOR MIXED SENIORS DIVISION. Parent / Guardian adult companion must be above 18 years old.</b></p> <p>While we seek for all participants &amp; their adult companion's cooperation in adhering to the BowlSafe measures, penalties will be imposed to the bowler or the adult companion's bowler, in case of any violation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>1st Violation:</b> Verbal Warning</li> <li>➤ <b>2nd / Repeated Violation:</b> The bowler / adult companion's bowler(s) will receive a penalty of minus 20 pinfalls to his / her score in the event where the violation occurred.</li> <li>➤ <b>3rd / Repeated Violation:</b> The bowler / adult companion's bowler(s) shall be disqualified and the team will not be allowed to call for replacement.</li> </ul>	DIVISION	REGISTRATION FEE	Under 12	\$880 per Team	Under 15	\$880 per Team	Under 18	\$880 per Team	Youth (Under 21)	\$960 per Team	Mixed Seniors (Singles)	\$260 per Bowler	Mixed Graded	\$1,120 per Team	Open	\$1,200 per Team
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**7. SUBSTITUTION**

Substitution will not be allowed throughout the tournament.

**8. MASTERS EVENT**

8.1 Based on the total pin-falls from All-Events, the Top 50% of participants in the respective division (rounded up to the nearest even number) or as per stated below, whichever is lower, will qualify for the Masters Event.

Division	Defending Champion	Male	Female	Mixed	Total
Men's Open	1	27	-	-	42
Women's Open	1	-	13	-	
Mixed Graded	-	Top 10	Top 10	16	36
Mixed Senior	-	Top 6	Top 6	12	24
Youth Boys	1	23	-	-	24
Youth Girls	1	23	-	-	24
Under 18	-	24	24	-	48
Under 15	-	24	24	-	48
Under 12	-	24	24	-	48

**8.2 Men's & Women's Open Masters / Youth Masters**

The finalists and the Defending Champion will bowl 10 games scratch. The total 10 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 5th placing onwards, and the Top 4 bowlers will then proceed to the Step Ladder Event.

**8.3 Mixed Graded Masters / Mixed Seniors Masters**

The finalists will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 8 games combined pinfalls (with handicap for female bowlers) will determine the final positions for 5th placing onwards, and the Top 4 bowlers will then proceed to the Step Ladder Event.

**8.4 Under 12 / 16 / 18**

The finalists will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 10 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 5th placing onwards, and the Top 4 bowlers will then proceed to the Step Ladder Event.

**8.5 OILING PATTERN**

The oiling pattern for the respective division's Masters Event will be determined based on the highest average of the 3 Oiling Patterns played in the division.

**8.6 MASTERS EVENT FORMAT OF PLAY**

The Masters Event will be played in 2 blocks of 4 games (5 games for Open & Youth) on single lane, with no crossing of lanes and NO LANE CHANGE within each block. A lane draw will be done for each block, ensuring that the finalists will be playing on both the left & right halves of the lanes.

We seek cooperation for all finalists to clear the bowler's area after finish playing each block, so that the centre's staff can proceed to wipe down the area before commence of the next block.

**9. DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (OPEN & YOUTH ONLY)**

The Defending Champions for Open & Youth divisions shall have a guaranteed spot for their respective Masters event even if they don't play in the qualifying event(s). Should the Defending Champion:

- qualify through All-Events, his/her Defending Champion vacancy shall go to the respective reserve listing.
- not qualify through All-Events, his/her Defending Champion spot shall be retained for him/her to defend their title.
- choose not take part in the tournament, his/her Defending Champion spot shall be retained for him/her to defend their title
- be absent or disqualified for the Masters Event, the vacancy shall go to the bowlers on the respective reserve listing.

**10. STEP LADDER EVENTS**

The Step Ladder Event will be live streamed on our Facebook page. The Oiling Pattern for the Step Ladder Event shall be the same as the respective division's Masters Event.

Handicap for female bowlers in Mixed Seniors & Mixed Graded division will be applicable for the Step Ladder Event.

- **Quarter Final** - #4 vs #3. Bowlers will bowl one game each. The Winner with the higher score will advance to Semi Final, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized at 4th.
- **Semi Final** – Winner of Quarter Final vs #2. Bowlers will bowl one game each. The Winner with the higher score will advance to Grand Final, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized at 3rd.
- **Grand Final** – Winner of Semi Final vs #1. Bowlers will bowl one game each. The Winner with the higher score will be declared the Champion, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized at 2nd.

**11. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE**

- 11.1 When a tie is registered in the Singles/Doubles/Quartet/All Events, the player with the highest game (with handicap, if any), 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
- 11.2 When a tie is registered in the Masters Event, the player with the highest game (with handicap, if any), in the Masters Event 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.
- 11.3 When a tie is registered in the Step Ladder Event, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used, and/or repeated until the tie is broken

**12. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE – MASTERS EVENT**

**All Masters finalists are to check-in personally at the tournament desk at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time for the Masters Event, failing which he/she will be disqualified and the respective reserve(s) will be called.**

Calls will be made at 3 minutes, 2 minutes and 1 minute prior to check-in time. **The clock in the bowling centre will be the official timepiece.**

**Please buffer extra time for temperature screenings / SafeEntry check-ins.**

**13. TARDY BOWLERS**

13.1 In the event of tardy bowlers (except during Masters Event), the bowler may be permitted to join in at the frame of the 1<sup>st</sup> game that the opponent bowler is bowling, in the respective lane. This is only applicable within the first game of the opponent bowler. Should the tardy bowler still be absent after the opponent bowler has commenced his/her second game of the event, the tardy bowler will be deemed as no show for the event.

13.2 A tardy player who is allowed to bowl will be placed LAST in his/her team's line up, commencing at the frame of the game that the opponent bowler is bowling, in the respective lane.

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### 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. BOWLING BALLS

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** 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.
- 15.3** The specification eliminating the use of balance holes will be in effect for this tournament.

### 16. PRIZES/TROPHIES

- 16.1** Prizes in the form of Cash Vouchers/Cheques/Products and trophies will be awarded to the winners of the various divisions/gender from the Masters Event and/or Step Ladder Event, and cannot be exchanged.
- 16.2** There shall be no SBF Perfect Games / High Game awards throughout the Tournament. Bowling Centre House Awards DO NOT APPLY as well.

### 17. 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:

- 17.1** 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.
- 17.2** They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 17.3** 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.
- 17.4** 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. Officials will be using stop watches to randomly check the timing of the bowlers in their delivery.
- 17.5** If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in clause 14, 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.

### 18. 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.

### 19. INTERRUPTED GAME(S)

- 19.1** 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.
- 19.2** 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

### 20. LANE BREAKDOWN

- 20.1** 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.
- 20.2** 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.
- 20.3** Should a change of lane be required, the affected bowler(s) will be entitled to 2 practice throws on the lane.

### 21. PROTESTS

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.

#### 21.1 All Other Protests

Protest involving the Singles/Doubles/Quartet Events 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.

#### 21.2 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 ABF/IBF, the Tournament Director reserves the right to withhold presentation of prizes for the event pending the outcome of the appeal.

#### 21.3 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.

#### 21.4 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.

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### 22. ERRORS

Errors 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 director whose decision shall be governed by International Bowling Federation 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 director.