

## Rules & Regulations

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the SBF Masters 2022 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity. It will be held on 27 February, 5 & 6 March 2022 at SingaporeBowling @ Rifle Range.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY / CLASSIFICATION

Bowlers must be **FULLY VACCINATED**, and meet the requirement of the below classifications for the respective divisions.

#### 2.1 EX-NATIONAL BOWLERS DIVISION (COMBINED)

- All male and female bowlers, regardless of age or average
- Bowlers must have been in Singapore Tenpin Bowling Congress / Singapore Bowling Federation's National Team (including those in Youth Development Programme) from year 2021 & before.
- Bowlers who are in the current National Programme 2022 are not eligible.

#### ➤ Handicap for Female Bowlers – 8 pins per game

#### 2.2 PAST FINALISTS – YOUTH DIVISION (GENDER SPECIFIC)

- All Male & female bowlers, regardless of age or average
- Have placed within the Top 12 Masters Final Position of the National Youth Championships (Youth Division) between 2017 – 2021.

#### 2.3 PAST FINALISTS – OPEN DIVISION (GENDER SPECIFIC)

- All Male & female bowlers, regardless of age or average
- Have placed within the Top 12 Masters Final Position of the Singapore National Championships (Open Division) between 2017 – 2021.
- Have placed within the Top 12 Local Pool Masters Qualifiers of the Singapore International Open between 2017 – 2019.

### 3. REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES & SQUAD TIMES

| DATE<br>(check-in by 9.30am)      | DIVISION               | REGISTRATION FEE |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 27 Feb 2022 (Sun),<br>10am – 6pm  | EX-NATIONAL BOWLERS    | \$150 per bowler |
| 5 March 2022 (Sat),<br>10am – 6pm | PAST FINALISTS – YOUTH | \$120 per bowler |
| 6 March 2022 (Sun),<br>10am – 6pm | PAST FINALISTS – OPEN  | \$150 per bowler |

- 3.1 All entries & payment will be based on first-come, first-served basis and must be submitted to us via [GOOGLE FORM](#) by **23 February 2022, 2000hrs.**
- 3.2 Mode of payment will be via e-NETS QR / PayNow QR only. **The QR code will be furnished after submission of registration form & organiser's confirmation of slot availability.**
- 3.3 No refunds will be made after an entry has been paid, registered and accepted.
- 3.4 The tournament director reserves the right to reallocate squad times or mix divisions into an available squad (Refer to Schedule).

### 4. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

All participants are required to check-in personally at the tournament desk **BEFORE 9.30AM** for the SBF Masters Event, failing which he/she will be disqualified.

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 SafeEntry check-ins at the tournament venue and the bowling centre.**

### 5. FORMAT OF PLAY

Participants will bowl 5 blocks of 2 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.

### 6. LANE MOVEMENT

- The Event will be played on single lane, with no cross lanes and no lane change within each block.
- The lane numbers (administered via backend lane draw) for the respective blocks will be published on our website and via Telegram, by 10am on the morning of the respective division's schedule.
- After completion of each block, we seek cooperation for all participants to clear the bowler's area, so that the centre's staff can proceed to sanitize the area before lane change and commencement of the next block.
- Bowlers are to only move to their next lanes after announcement is made as sanitization of the bowlers area is compulsory. Thereafter, all bowlers shall continue from their games, with no additional practice throw after each lane change.

### 7. STEP LADDER EVENTS

- **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 two games each. The Winner with the higher score of the 2-games combined, will be declared the Champion, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized at 2nd.

### 8. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

- 8.1 When a tie is registered in the round of 10 games, the least difference between the highest and lowest pin-falls bowled shall be the deciding factor. If this still ends in a tie, the bowler with the highest game (with handicap) shall advance.
- 8.2 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

### 9. COVID-19 BOWLSAFE MEASURES

The tournament shall be carried out with safe distancing measures as outlined in the BowlSafe Guidelines approved by Sport Singapore.

Bowlers are also reminded to:

- No mingling across lanes/zones and no congregation/crowding.
- 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 bowling centre. Seek medical help if you are 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.

The organiser have the right to refuse entry or terminate a bowler's game if bowlers are found to display any of the covid-19 symptoms (coughing, sneezing, difficulty in breathing).

Due to capacity restrictions, no spectators or coaches will be allowed entry into the tournament venue.

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.

- **1st Violation:** Verbal Warning
- **2nd / Repeated Violation:** The bowler(s) will receive a penalty of minus 20 pinfalls to his / her score in the event where the violation occurred.
- **3rd / Repeated Violation:** The bowler(s) shall be disqualified for the rest of the tournament.

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### 10. 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.

### 11. BOWLING BALLS

- 11.1** 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.
- 11.2** 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.
- 11.3** The specification eliminating the use of balance holes will be in effect for this tournament.

### 12. PRIZES/TROPHIES

- 12.1** Prizes in the form of Cash Vouchers/ Products and trophies/medals will be awarded to the winners of the various divisions/gender from the Masters Event and/or Step Ladder Event, and cannot be exchanged.
- 12.2** 'Minus 2 rule' will apply if the number of participants is not more than the number of Prized Positions (e.g If there are 8 Prized Positions and there are only 8 Participants, there will be no prizes won for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> placed bowlers).
- 12.3** There shall be no SBF Perfect Games / High Game awards throughout the Tournament. Bowling Centre House Awards DO NOT APPLY as well.

### 13. 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:

- 13.1** 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.
- 13.2** They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 13.3** 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.
- 13.4** 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.
- 13.5** 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.

### 14. 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.

### 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. 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.

#### 17.1 All Other Protests

Protest involving the Qualifying Event(s) 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, 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.

#### 17.2 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.

#### 17.3 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.

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**17.1 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.

**18. 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.

**19. 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.

**PRIZE TABLE**

'Minus 2 rule' will apply if the number of participants is not more than the number of Prized Positions. See 12.2 for details

| EX-NATIONAL BOWELRS DIVISION<br>27 FEBRUARY 2022 |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| POSITION   | COMBINED DIVISION |
| CHAMPION   | \$1,250 + Trophy  |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup>                                  | \$800 + Trophy    |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup>                                  | \$600 + Trophy    |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup>                                  | \$500             |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup>                                  | \$350             |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup>                                  | \$300             |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup>                                  | \$250             |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup>                                  | \$200             |
| 9 <sup>TH</sup>                                  | \$150             |
| 10 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$150             |

| PAST FINALISTS - YOUTH DIVISION<br>5 MARCH 2022 |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| POSITION  | BOYS           | GIRLS          |
| CHAMPION  | \$800 + Trophy | \$800 + Trophy |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup>                                 | \$550 + Trophy | \$550 + Trophy |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup>                                 | \$400 + Trophy | \$400 + Trophy |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$300          | \$300          |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$250          | \$250          |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$200          | \$200          |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$200          | \$200          |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$150          | \$150          |
| 9 <sup>TH</sup>                                 | \$120          | \$120          |
| 10 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$120          | \$120          |

| PAST FINALISTS - OPEN DIVISION<br>6 MARCH 2022 |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| POSITION                                       | MEN              | WOMEN            |
| CHAMPION                                       | \$1,250 + Trophy | \$1,250 + Trophy |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup>                                | \$800 + Trophy   | \$800 + Trophy   |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup>                                | \$600 + Trophy   | \$600 + Trophy   |
| 4 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$500            | \$500            |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$350            | \$350            |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$300            | \$300            |
| 7 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$250            | \$250            |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$200            | \$200            |
| 9 <sup>TH</sup>                                | \$150            | \$150            |
| 10 <sup>TH</sup>                               | \$150            | \$150            |

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