

Rules & Regulations

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Novice Primary & Secondary Schools Bowling Challenge 2022 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst Novice bowlers.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Novice Primary / Secondary Bowling Challenge is open to all Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents and foreign students CURRENTLY STUDYING IN THE PRIMARY LEVEL (Primary 1 to 6 students) OR SECONDARY LEVEL (Secondary 1 to 5 students) or its equivalents, each of which must individually and collectively qualify under the Rules and Regulations of this tournament (International Bowling Federation General Playing Rules as guide).
- 2.2 It is the bowler's responsibility to check the status of qualification.
- 2.3 As this tournament is specially catered for Novice bowlers, participants who attained either of the below Point A to E achievements for the respective Level, will not be eligible to participate in this tournament. They will not be eligible to bowl in the upper division as well.

| | Primary | Secondary |
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| A. | Attained top 3 positions in the Masters Event of previous Novice Primary Bowling Challenges will not be eligible to participate in this tournament in addition to the eligibility criteria as listed below. They are not eligible to bowl in the upper division as well. | Attained top 3 positions in the Masters Event of previous Novice Secondary Bowling Challenges will not be eligible to participate in this tournament in addition to the eligibility criteria as listed below. They are not eligible to bowl in the upper division as well. |
| B. | Current National Development Squad, National Training Squad & National Squad. | |
| C. | Top 10 positions in the SPSSC Bowling National Junior & Senior Division 2022 All-Events Category (Boys & Girls) | Top 10 positions in the SSSC Bowling National B & C Division 2022 All-Events Category (Boys & Girls) |
| D. | Top 12 positions in National Age Group Championship 2022 Under 12 Division & Above Division (Boys & Girls) All-Events Category | Top 12 positions in National Age Group Championship 2022 Under 16 Division & Above Division (Boys & Girls) All-Events Category. |
| E. | Top 16 positions from Under 12 Division & Above Division for the Masters Event at the 7 th National Youth Championship 2022 | Top 16 positions from Under 16 Division & Above Division for the Masters Event at the 7 th National Youth Championship 2022 |

3. TOURNAMENT FEE

| Primary | Secondary |
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| \$150 /- | \$200 /- |

4. TARDY PLAYERS

- 4.1 In the event of tardy bowlers (except during Masters Event), the bowler may be permitted to join in at the frame of the 1st 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.

5. STARTING TIME AND DURATION OF THIS TOURNAMENT

| SQUAD | 13 Aug (Sat) | 14 Aug (Sun) | 20 Aug (Sat) | 21 Aug (Sun) | 28 Aug (Sun) |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| 10 am – 1 pm | A (Pri - Singles) | B (Pri - Doubles) | C (Sec - Singles) | D (Sec - Doubles) | Primary MASTERS Check in BEFORE 9am Roll off: 9.30am |
| 2 pm – 5 pm | B (Pri - Singles) | A (Pri - Doubles) | D (Sec - Singles) | C (Sec - Doubles) | Secondary MASTERS Check in BEFORE 1.30pm Roll off: 2pm |

Registration closes **7 August 2022 (Sunday), 2359hrs.**

Teams will be notified of changes (if any), latest by **8 August (Monday), 12pm.** Otherwise, bowlers will then bowl as per rostered in the schedule.

6. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 6.1 Each team shall consist of 2 bowlers of the same gender and division. Should the team consist of bowlers from different divisions, the team's entry shall be for the Upper Division only.
- 6.2 The tournament will comprise of gender specific divisions as follow, with the respective events to be played listed below:

| Lower Primary Division (Primary 1 - 3) | | Lower Secondary Division (Secondary 1 - 2) | |
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| Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| Upper Primary Division (Primary 4 - 6) | | Upper Secondary Division (Secondary 3 - 5) | |
| Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |

| A. SINGLES EVENT | A. SINGLES EVENT |
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| Each bowler shall bowl 6 games scratch. | Each bowler shall bowl 8 games scratch. |
| B. DOUBLES EVENT | B. DOUBLES EVENT |
| Consist of 2 bowlers in a team bowling 6 games each. Combined pinfalls of these 2 bowlers shall determine the total pinfalls for the doubles event | Consist of 2 bowlers in a team bowling 8 games each. Combined pinfalls of these 2 bowlers shall determine the total pinfalls for the doubles event |
| C. MASTERS EVENT | C. MASTERS EVENT |
| The top 12 boys & 12 girls in each division based on the total pinfalls bowled by an Individual bowler in the Singles and Doubles Event (total of 12 games) will qualify for the Masters Event. They will bowl a total of 6 games from scratch. The bowler with the highest total pin-fall after the Masters Event will be crowned Champion in their respective category and division. | The top 12 boys & 12 girls in each division based on the total pinfalls bowled by an Individual bowler in the Singles and Doubles Event (total of 16 games) will qualify for the Masters Event. They will bowl a total of 8 games from scratch. The bowler with the highest total pin-fall after the Masters Event will be crowned Champion in their respective category and division. |

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

7. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE – MASTERS EVENTS

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.

8. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

In the event of a tie, the bowler with the highest high game shall win the tie-breaker. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be used and this will continue until the tie is broken. The games played during each category (i.e. Singles, Doubles & Masters Event) will be used to determine the respective category's tie-breaker.

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:

- Reduce mingling across lanes/zones and congregation/crowding.
- Ensure that a face mask is properly worn, covering the nose and mouth with an effective seal, at all times when bowling.
- Seek medical help if you are unwell and refrain from bowling
- Practice good hygiene, frequent use of hand sanitizer
- Avoid all forms of physical contact, e.g. high fives, fist bumps, cheering etc.

The Organiser has 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). While we seek for everyone's cooperation in adhering to the BowlSafe measures, penalties will be imposed to a bowler, in case of any violation, directly or indirectly.

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

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.

12.1 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:

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in clause 18, 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.

13. BOWLING ON WRONG LANE

When the lead-off bowler bowls on the wrong lane and the error is discovered before another bowler has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the bowler will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane. When more than one bowler has bowled on the wrong lane, the game shall be completed without adjustments and the next game shall be started on the scheduled lane.

14. ORDER OF BOWLING

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. A tardy player who is allowed to bowl will be placed LAST in his/her team's line up.

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.

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17. PRIZES & AWARDS

Prizes in the form of trophies/merchandise etc, will be awarded to the winners of the tournament. There shall be no perfect game award. Bowling Center House Awards do not apply throughout the Tournament.

18. DISABILITY, INJURY OR EMERGENCY

In the event a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or emergency, the team of which he/she is a member of, shall count his/her actual score from the frames bowled including handicap in the game or be given a blind score, whichever is higher.

19. ERROR

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.

20. PROTEST

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. The use of any live stream videos for purpose of protest will not be entertained.

20.1 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 Match Play Event. Protest involving the Match Play Event must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee on the spot.

No protests will be entertained after the presentation of prizes.

20.2 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.

20.3 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.

20.4 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.

21. 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 LIST – PRIMARY DIVISION

| PRIMARY DIVISION - LOWER BOYS | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

| PRIMARY DIVISION - LOWER GIRLS | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

| PRIMARY DIVISION - UPPER BOYS | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

| PRIMARY DIVISION - UPPER GIRLS | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

PRIZE LIST – SECONDARY DIVISION

| SECONDARY DIVISION - LOWER BOYS | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

| SECONDARY DIVISION - LOWER GIRLS | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

| SECONDARY DIVISION - UPPER BOYS | | | |
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| POSITION | SINGLES | DOUBLES | MASTERS |
| 1ST | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 2ND | Medal | Medal | Trophy |
| 3RD | Medal | Medal | Trophy |

| SECONDARY DIVISION - UPPER GIRLS | | | |
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