

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the 53rd Singapore Nationals & 8th National Youth Championships 2023 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity. It will be held from **11 – 25 November 2023** 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.

3. CLASSIFICATION / FORMAT OF PLAY

Bowlers must meet the requirement of the below classifications for the respective divisions. Each division will require a minimum of 24 participants in order to proceed.

3.1 GENDER SPECIFIC DIVISIONS - OPEN / YOUTH / UNDER 18 / UNDER 16 / UNDER 12

- **Open:** All male and female bowlers, regardless of age or average, are eligible to participate in this division.
- **Youth:** All boys and girls who are born in the year 2002 and after.
- **Under 18:** All boys and girls who are born in the year 2005 and after.
- **Under 16:** All boys and girls who are born in the year 2007 and after.
- **Under 12:** All boys and girls who are born in the year 2011 and after.

3.2 MIXED GRADED DIVISION

- All Male & female bowlers, regardless of age or average
- Have not been in the SBF National Programme between 2020 – 2023, and
- 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 2020 – 2023.

Handicap: Female bowlers will receive ten (10) pin handicap per game throughout the whole tournament.

3.3 MIXED SENIORS DIVISION

All Male & female bowlers born in 1973 and before.

Handicap: One (1) pin handicap will be given to bowlers born in year 1968 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.

3.4 FORMAT OF PLAY & LANE MOVEMENT

The tournament will be played in Classic format, with 2 blocks of 6 games (total of 12 games), played over 2 days, for the qualifying round. The games will be played on cross lanes, with up to 5 bowlers per pair of lanes. There will be a 5 minutes practice throw at the start of each block of 6 games.

Lane change will be after every 2 games, with those on odd numbered lanes moving 2 pairs of lanes to the left, and those even numbered lanes moving 2 pairs of lanes to the right.

The total 12 games combined pinfalls from the 2 blocks (with respective handicap for Mixed Graded & Mixed Senior Divisions) will then determine the Masters Qualifying Positions and the respective division's finalist shall proceed to their respective Masters Event.

For number of Masters Qualifiers of the respective division, please refer to Point 7.

4. SUBSTITUTION

Substitution is not allowed throughout the tournament.

5. REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES & SQUAD TIMES

DIVISION	REGISTRATION FEE
Under 12	\$210 per bowler
Under 16	\$210 per bowler
Under 18	\$210 per bowler
Youth (Under 21)	\$220 per bowler
Mixed Seniors (Singles)	\$240 per bowler
Mixed Graded	\$260 per bowler
Open	\$280 per bowler

- 5.1 A lower division bowler playing in a higher division will have his/her score classified according to the division entered for.
- 5.2 All entries will be based on first-come, first-served basis and must be submitted to us via GOOGLE FORM **by 1 November 2023, 2359hrs.**
- 5.3 Mode of payment will be via e-NETS QR / PayNow QR only. **The QR code will be furnished latest by 30 October 2023, once the division is confirmed to proceed, subject to the Covid Measures nearer to date & minimum participants required.**
- 5.4 No refunds will be made after an entry has been paid, registered and accepted.
- 5.5 The tournament director reserves the right to reallocate squad times or mix divisions into an available squad (Refer to Schedule).

6. OILING PATTERNS

Two oiling patterns will be used for this tournament. The Open and Youth divisions will be playing on Pattern A only, while all other division will be playing on Pattern B only during the tournament.

7. MASTERS EVENT QUALIFIERS

- 7.1 Based on the total 12 games combined pinfalls, 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	29	-	-	45
Women's Open	1	-	14	-	
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 16	-	24	24	-	48
Under 12	-	24	24	-	48

8. DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (OPEN & YOUTH ONLY)

The Defending Champions for Open & Youth (provided age eligibility is met) divisions shall have a guaranteed spot for their respective Masters event but will be required to play in the qualifying round.

The Defending Champion, through participating in the Qualifying Round + the number of qualifiers stated in Point 7 will qualify for the Masters. Should the Defending Champion, **NOT** take part in the tournament, be absent or disqualified from the Masters Event, the vacancy shall go to the bowlers on the respective reserve listing.

9 MASTERS EVENT FORMAT**9.1 Men's & Women's Open Masters / Youth Masters**

The finalists and the Defending Champion will bowl 8 games scratch.

The total 8 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.

9.2 Mixed Graded Masters / Mixed Seniors Masters

The finalists will bowl 8 games scratch.

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

9.3 Under 12 / 16 / 18

The finalists will bowl 8 games scratch.

The total 8 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.

9.4 Format of Play and Lane Change

The Masters Event will be played on cross lanes, with lane change after every game. Bowlers on the odd numbered lanes will move 1 pair of lanes to the left, and bowlers on the even numbered lanes will move 1 pair of lanes to the right.

10 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.**

11 TARDY BOWLERS

11.1 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.

11.2 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.

12 TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

12.1 When a tie is registered in the Qualifying Events, the player with the highest game (with handicap, if any), in the respective qualifying series, shall advance. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and / or repeated until the tie is broken.

12.2 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 advance. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

13 STEP LADDER EVENTS

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

Step ladder Events (continued)

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

▫ Quarter Final – The 4th seed and 3rd seed bowlers will bowl one game each. The one with the higher score will advance to the Semi Final, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized at 4th.

▫ Semi Final ▫ Winner of Quarter Final vs second seed will bowl one game each. The one with the higher score will advance to the Grand Final, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized as 3rd.

▫ Grand Final ▫ The top seed and Winner of Semi Final shall proceed with Game 1. Should the top seed win with the higher score bowled, he/she will be declared the champion. Should the top seed lose with a lower score, both bowlers will proceed to bowl Game 2 from scratch, and the winner with the higher score from Game 2 will be declared the champion.

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/Live Stream 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 for 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 can only be made during the practice throw of each block. **NO SURFACING IS ALLOWED IN BETWEEN GAMES.** Surfacing can only be made at the respective areas. **NO LIQUIDS ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED DURING PRACTICE.**

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

16 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

16.1 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. 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.

16.2 "Minus 2" rule will apply if the number of Masters finalist is not more than the number of Prized Positions and there are only 8 Masters Finalists, there will be no prizes for the 7th and 8th placed bowlers.

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 17, 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 INTERRUPTED GAME(S)

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

19 LANE BREAKDOWN

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

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

20. 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.

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 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.

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.

**53RD SINGAPORE NATIONALS &
 8TH NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023
 11 NOVEMBER - 25 NOVEMBER 2023
 MIXED SENIORS HANDICAP CHART**



BIRTH YEAR	AGE	MEN'S SENIOR	WOMEN'S SENIOR
1973	50	0	15
1972	51	0	15
1971	52	0	15
1970	53	0	15
1969	54	0	15
1973 to 1969	50 - 54	0	0 + 15
1968	55	1	1 + 15
1967	56	2	2 + 15
1966	57	3	3 + 15
1965	58	4	4 + 15
1964	59	5	5 + 15
1963	60	6	6 + 15
1962	61	7	7 + 15
1961	62	8	8 + 15
1960	63	9	9 + 15
1959	64	10	10 + 15
1958	65	11	11 + 15
1957	66	12	12 + 15
1956	67	13	13 + 15
1955	68	14	14 + 15
1954	69	15	15 + 15
1953	70	16	16 + 15
1952	71	17	17 + 15
1951	72	18	18 + 15
1950	73	19	19 + 15
1949	74	20	20 + 15
1948	75	21	21 + 15
1947	76	22	22 + 15
1946	77	23	23 + 15
1945	78	24	24 + 15
1944	79	25	25 + 15
1943	80	26	26 + 15
1942	81	27	27 + 15
1941	82	28	28 + 15
1940	83	29	29 + 15
1939	84	30	30 + 15
1938	85	31	31 + 15