

# 54th Singapore Nationals and 9<sup>th</sup> National Youth Championships 2024

23 November – 7 December 2024 @ SingaporeBowling@Rifle Range

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the 54th Singapore Nationals & 9<sup>th</sup> National Youth Championships 2024 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity. It will be held from **23 November – 7 December 2024** 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 21 years of age and below as at 1 January 2024 (Born in 2003 and after).
- **Under 18:** All boys and girls who are 18 years of age and below as at 1 January 2024 (Born in 2006 and after).
- **Under 16:** All boys and girls who are 16 years of age and below as at 1 January 2024 (Born in 2008 and after).
- **Under 12:** All boys and girls who are 12 years of age and below as at 1 January 2024 (Born in 2012 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 2021 – 2024, and
- Did not win in any of the Graded/Graded 'A'/Open divisions of any SBF or ABF organised tournaments between 2023 – 2024.
- **It is the bowlers' responsibility to check and ensure that he/she is eligible. Bowlers who do not meet all the criteria above will be disqualified if they are found to be ineligible even during the tournament.**

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 1974 and before.

Handicap: One (1) pin handicap will be given to bowlers born in year 1974 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. 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 the 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 the registration link on SBF's website.**

5.3 Mode of payment will be via e-NETS QR / PayNow QR only.

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 oiling patterns will be published on SBF's website closer to date.

### 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 top 24 from Qualifying Rounds will qualify for the Masters.

<p><b>9 MASTERS EVENT FORMAT</b></p> <p><b>9.1 Men's &amp; Women's Open Masters / Youth Masters</b> The finalists and the Defending Champion will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 5<sup>th</sup> placing onwards, and the Top 4 bowlers will then proceed to the Step Ladder Event.</p> <p><b>9.2 Mixed Graded Masters / Mixed Seniors Masters</b> The finalists will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 8 games combined pinfalls (with respective handicap) will determine the final positions for 5<sup>th</sup> placing onwards, and the Top 4 bowlers will then proceed to the Step Ladder Event.</p> <p><b>9.3 Under 12 / 16 / 18</b> The finalists will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 5<sup>th</sup> placing onwards, and the Top 4 bowlers will then proceed to the Step Ladder Event.</p> <p><b>9.4 Format of Play and Lane Change</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>13.4</b> The format of the step ladder events will be as such:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterfinal – The 4<sup>th</sup> seed and 3<sup>rd</sup> seed bowlers will bowl one game each. The bowler with the higher score will advance to the semifinal, and the non-winner's position will be finalised at 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Semifinal – The winner of the quarter final vs the second seed will bowl one game each. The bowler with the higher score will advance to the grand final and the non-winner's position will be finalised as 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• Grand Final – The top seed and the winner of the semifinal shall proceed with Game 1. Should the top seed win Game 1 with the higher score bowled, he/she will be declared the champion. Should the top seed lose Game 1 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10 CHECK-IN PROCEDURE – MASTERS EVENT</b></p> <p><b>All Masters finalists are to check-in personally at the tournament desk.</b> Final calls for check-in will be called in 3 minutes, 2 minutes, and 1 minute intervals for Masters events. <b>Check-in for Masters starts 1 hour before roll off and closes 30 minutes before roll off, failing which he/she will be disqualified and the respective reserve(s) will be called. The clock in the bowling centre will be the official timepiece.</b></p>	<p><b>14 BOWLER'S ATTIRE</b></p> <p>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. <b>Male bowlers must wear pants or slacks and are not allowed to wear sleeveless shirts and/or shorts, bermuda's;</b> female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts. <b>MALE AND FEMALE BOWLERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR JEANS.</b> In the event of TV/Live Stream coverage, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Manager to stipulate the attire to be worn.</p>
<p><b>11 TARDY BOWLERS</b></p> <p><b>11.1</b> Bowlers are advised to be punctual. Check-in will open 1 hour and close 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time for every squad. Bowlers who fail to check-in personally at the stipulated time will not be allowed to join the game. <b>The clock in the bowling centre will be the official timepiece.</b></p>	<p><b>15 BOWLING BALLS</b></p> <p><b>15.1</b> 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.</p> <p><b>15.2</b> <b>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.</b> Surfacing can only be made at the respective areas. <b>NO LIQUIDS ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED DURING PRACTICE.</b></p> <p><b>15.3</b> The specification eliminating the use of balance holes will be in effect for this tournament.</p>
<p><b>12 TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE</b></p> <p><b>12.1</b> When a tie is registered in the <u>Qualifying Events</u>, 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.</p> <p><b>12.2</b> When a tie is registered in the <u>Masters Event</u>, 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.</p>	<p><b>16 PRIZES AND TROPHIES</b></p> <p><b>16.1</b> Prizes in the form of 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.</p> <p><b>16.2</b> "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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> placed bowlers.</p> <p><b>16.3</b> There shall be no SBF Perfect Games / High Game awards throughout the Tournament. Bowling Centre House Awards DO NOT APPLY as well.</p>
<p><b>13 STEP LADDER EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>13.1</b> The step ladder event may be live streamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p><b>13.2</b> The oiling pattern for the step ladder event shall be the same as the respective division's masters event.</p> <p><b>13.3</b> Respective handicaps for bowlers in the Mixed Seniors &amp; Mixed Graded divisions will be applicable for the step ladder event.</p>	<p><b>17 SLOW BOWLING</b></p> <p><b>17.1</b> Slow bowling is strictly not allowed and bowlers must bowl when it is their turn to do so.</p> <p><b>17.2</b> Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

**17.3** 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 randomly check the timing of the bowlers in their delivery.

**17.4** 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 a 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, the penalty shall be zero pinfalls for the frame.

## **18 INTERRUPTED GAME(S)**

**18.1** The Tournament Director may authorise 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 recalled 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 the 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**

**20.1** 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.

## **20.2 All Other Protests**

Protests about qualifying event(s) must be lodged with the Tournament Committee in writing no later than 2 hours after the completion of the squad in which the protest has arisen. When a protest involves the masters event, it must be lodged with the Tournament Committee on the spot before the commencement of the step ladder grand final. The Tournament Committee must be informed about the protests involving the step ladder grand final on the spot. No protests will be entertained after the prize presentation.

## **20.3 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.

## **20.4 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.

## **20.5 Fouls**

Protest involving fouls must be brought to the attention of the lane marshal before the delivery of the next ball. No protests 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 and regulations, shall decide on any matter arising which is not covered in these rules and 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.