

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. OBJECTIVE

This International Bowling Championship is organized by the Singapore Bowling Federation and sanctioned by ABF and IBF. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the latest rules and regulations (with the exception of equipment rules - Point 13.1) promulgated by IBF. It will be held from **30 May - 13 June 2026** at SingaporeBowling@ Rifle Range.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All current members of SBF Member Clubs of good standing and foreign bowlers accredited by their respective Congress/Federation/Association are eligible to participate in this tournament. Bowlers will be classified based on their country of citizenship.

2.2 The SBF official average as at 31 December 2025 for local bowlers shall be used for purposes of classification, subject to the bowlers having completed a minimum of 18 games. Bowlers without the minimum requirement of 18 games must submit certified confirmation showing the scores of ALL GAMES bowled in SBF sanctioned leagues and tournaments.

2.3 Overseas bowlers must submit a certification or proof of their averages as attested to by the officials of their respective Congress/Federation/ Association.

3. CLASSIFICATION / FORMAT OF PLAY

Bowlers must meet the requirement of the below classifications for the respective divisions. A lower grade bowler playing in a higher grade will have his/her score classified according to the grade entered for. **It is the bowlers' responsibility to check and ensure that he/she is eligible. Bowlers who do not meet all the criteria listed will be disqualified if they are found to be ineligible at any point in time.**

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

- Open: All male and female bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate.
- Youth: All boys and girls who are born in the year 2005 and after.
- Under 18: All boys and girls who are born in the year 2008 and after.
- Under 16: All boys and girls who are born in the year 2010 and after.
- Under 12: All boys and girls who are born in the year 2014 and after.

3.2 MEN'S GRADED A DIVISION

- All male bowlers (who are not on the Singapore National Programme 2026), AND WITH AN **AVERAGE OF 205 AND BELOW**.

3.3 MEN'S GRADED B DIVISION

- All male bowlers (who are not on the Singapore National Programme 2026), AND WITH AN **AVERAGE OF 190 AND BELOW**.

3.4 WOMEN'S GRADED DIVISION

- All female bowlers (who are not on the Singapore National Programme 2026), AND WITH AN **AVERAGE OF 195 AND BELOW** are eligible to participate in this division.

3.5 MIXED SENIORS DIVISION

- All Male & female bowlers born in 1976 and before.
- Handicap: One (1) pin handicap will be given to bowlers born in 1971 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.

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- Please refer to the handicap chart.
- The maximum score for a game is capped at 300, regardless of handicap, and the remaining handicap will not contribute to the total and final score.

3.6 FORMAT OF PLAY - OPEN DIVISION

- The Open divisions will be played in Classic format, with 3 blocks of 6 games (total of 18 games), played over 3 days, for qualifying.
- All games will be played on cross lanes.

3.7 FORMAT OF PLAY - ALL OTHER DIVISIONS

- All other divisions will be played using qualifying scores based on the **2 best MQ attempts** (total of 6 games) from the Masters Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) in the respective divisions.
- All games will be played on cross lanes.

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1 Fees are chargeable based on the division that the bowler wishes to participate in.

4.2 If a bowler is participating in another division and has decided to also play in the Open division, he/she has to pay the full fee of the Open category.

Example 2: Registrant takes part in Youth Boys, and has just decided to also participate in the Men’s Open category. He will have to pay the full fee of \$750.

Division	Registration Fee	MQ Fee	Masters Final Fee
Men’s Open	\$750		\$150
Women’s Open	\$650		\$150
Men’s Graded ‘A’	\$90	\$70	\$150
Men’s Graded ‘B’	\$90	\$70	\$150
Women’s Graded	\$90	\$55	\$120
Mixed Seniors	\$90	\$55	\$150
Youth Boys / Girls	\$90	\$55	\$120
Under 18 Boys / Girls	\$90	\$45	\$80
Under 16 Boys / Girls	\$90	\$35	\$80
Under 12 Boys / Girls	\$90	\$35	\$80
Desperado Squad (Men’s/ Women’s Open, Men’s Graded ‘A’ / ‘B’”, Women’s Graded, Mixed Seniors & Youth)		\$100	

**FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST*

4.3 No refund shall be made after an entry has been registered and accepted.

4.4 A participant who fails to show up or is late for the scheduled squad shall be disqualified from participation in that squad and the entry fee forfeited.

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5. REGISTRATION & SQUAD BOOKINGS

5.1 Registration and squad booking requests for their preferred MQ squads (subject to availability) can only be made via submission of GOOGLE FORM during the Advance Squad Booking Period, or in person at the tournament venue during the tournament period. No calls/messages will be entertained.

5.2 The following will apply for **local participants**:

- All Registration & MQ chits must be duly paid and filled up correctly. Unpaid and/or incomplete chits will be voided.
- No refunds once the MQ chits are sold and paid, including No-shows (**applicable to ALL participants**).
- Squad bookings will only be confirmed with paid chit submission.
- Changes to squad schedules will be permitted provided lanes have not been drawn for the squad requested and if there are vacancies for the preferred squad (**applicable to ALL participants**).

5.3 **ADVANCE SQUAD BOOKING PERIOD / PURCHASE PERIOD**

- To make the process convenient for all, we have moved the advance purchase & squad booking process online with a specific period and we seek your patience during this 1-month period.
- All submissions & enquiries during this period will be attended to, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **SUBMISSION OF FORMS DOES NOT EQUATE TO CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION / BOOKING.**
- All correspondences from SBF will be via email (events@singaporebowling.org.sg). Do check your spam/junk folder as well if you did not receive our email in your inbox.
- The Registration & Booking links will be published on our website, Facebook, Instagram & Telegram according to the respective date & time indicated below.

5.4 **ADVANCE SQUAD BOOKING PERIOD:**

31 MARCH 2026, 1200HRS TO 1 MAY 2026, 1200HRS

- Prepare your **SBF MEMBERID** and plan your preferred squad timeslots in advance as these will be required for submission.
- Participants shall submit booking requests for their preferred squads (subject to availability) via the google form link.
- The SBF Events Team will respond via email (for confirmation) or WhatsApp (for clarification, if any) within 3-5 working days.
- Upon confirmation of bookings, SBF will provide registrants with a summary of their bookings via email, for reference.

5.5 **ADVANCE PURCHASE PERIOD:**

- SBF Events Team will respond via email within 3-5 working days with payment info and payment deadline.
- Upon receiving payment, SBF will provide registrants with their Registration Number and MQ Chit numbers for reference.
- Mode of payment will be via e-NETS QR / PayNow QR only. The QRcode will be provided via email by SBF.
- Should you miss the advance squad booking period or not make payment within the deadline stipulated, your submission will be deemed as void, and you may only re-register & make purchases onsite during the tournament days.

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5.6 SQUAD BOOKING PRACTICE:

- Once your squad booking is confirmed during the advance booking period, no changes will be entertained. Any request for changes can only be made onsite during the tournament period, subject to availability.
- Transferring of squad booking is not allowed if the squad is full. Once a booking is withdrawn, the slot shall go to the next bowler on the waiting list.
- Withdrawal of chits from a booked MQ squad will not be allowed within 30 mins prior to the start of the MQ squad.
- All booking/change requests must be made in person or with proof for proxy.

5.7 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OPEN REGISTRATION:

- Registration and requests for their preferred qualifying squads (subject to availability) can only be made via submission of GOOGLE FORM during the Advance Booking Period.
- SBF Events Team will respond via email (for confirmation) or WhatsApp (for clarification, if any) within 3-5 working days with payment info and payment deadline.
- Upon receiving payment, SBF will provide registrants with their confirmation of booking via email, for reference.

6. SQUAD SCHEDULES

6.1 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry, postpone, add/cancel any squad time. The tournament director reserves the right to reallocate squad times.

6.2 If the preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion.

6.3 Desperado Squad

- For Youth, Women Graded, Men Graded A, Men Graded B and Mixed Senior bowlers who have **completed at least 6 MQs**.
- For Men and Women Open bowlers who have **completed all their qualifying blocks**.
- Desperado will comprise of one game and will commence upon completion of the respective divisions.
- A **minimum of 4 registered entries in Women's Graded and Women's Open divisions** are required to proceed with the Desperado Squad.
- A **minimum of 6 registered entries in all other divisions** are required to proceed with the Desperado Squad.
- The Top 4 from Men's Open, Men's Graded A, Men's Graded B, Mixed Seniors, Youth Boys and Girls desperado squad shall qualify for the Masters Final.
- The Top 2 from the Women's Open and Women's Graded desperado squad shall qualify for the Masters Final.
- If a tie is registered for the last qualifying position in the desperado squad, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

7. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

7.1 When a tie is registered in the Masters Qualifying Events, the player with the highest game (with handicap, if applicable) in the 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.

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7.2 When a tie is registered in the Masters Event, the player with the least difference between the highest and lowest game (with handicap, if applicable) in the Masters Event, shall advance. If this still ends in a tie, the player with the highest game (with handicap, if applicable), shall advance.

7.3 When a tie is registered in the Stepladder Event, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

8. MASTERS QUALIFIERS / FORMAT

8.1 It is the responsibility of the qualifiers to confirm their fixtures and/or to check for any changes in the schedule, before their Masters Finals.

8.2 The tournament director reserves the right to change the number of Masters Qualifiers. Should this happen, it will be reflected on the affected division's scoresheet and announced on the Tournament Notice Board.

8.3 ALL OTHER RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS

Division	Defending Champion	Male	Female	Desperado	Total	
Under 12		24	24		48	
Under 16		24	24		48	
Under 18		24	24		48	
Men's Graded A		26		4	30	
Men's Graded B		20		4	24	
Women's Graded				14	2	16
Mixed Seniors <i>(Handicap Applicable)</i>		Top 6 : Men	Top 8 : Female		4	30
		Top 12 : Mixed Pool				
Youth Boys			20		4	24
Youth Girls				20	4	24
Men's Open	1	Top 6 : Local Pool		4	48	
		Top 6 : Overseas Pool				
		Top 31 : Mixed Pool				
Women's Open	1	Top 4 : Local Pool		2	26	
		Top 4 : Overseas Pool				
		Top 15 : Mixed Pool				

- In the respective Division's Masters Event, the finalists will play 8 games scratch (unless otherwise specified).
- The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 4th placing onwards.
- Top 3 bowlers will then proceed to the Stepladder Event.

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8.4 MEN'S OPEN

Round 1 – (1) Defending Champion + (31) Top 31 Qualifiers from Mixed Pool (Local/Overseas) + (4) Top 4 Qualifiers from Desperado Squad. 36 combined Finalists will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the Top 12 Bowlers who will advance to Round 2.

Round 2 – (6) 1st to 6th Local Qualifiers + (6) 1st to 6th Overseas Qualifiers + (12) Top 12 Bowlers from Round 1. 24 combined Finalists will bowl 8 games. Top 3 bowlers from Round 2 will advance to the Stepladder Event.

8.5 WOMEN'S OPEN

Round 1 – (1) Defending Champion + (15) Top 15 Qualifiers from Mixed Pool (Local/Overseas) + (2) Top 2 Qualifiers from Desperado Squad. 18 combined Finalists will bowl 8 games scratch. The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the Top 8 Bowlers who will advance to Round 2.

Round 2 – (4) 1st to 4th Local Qualifiers + (4) 1st to 4th Overseas Qualifiers + (8) Top 8 Bowlers from Round 1. 16 combined Finalists will bowl 8 games. Top 3 bowlers from Round 2 will advance to the Stepladder Event.

8.6 MASTERS EVENT LANE DRAW

- The Masters Event will be played on cross lanes.
- A lane draw for the starting lane will be administered upon Masters Check-in.

9. DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (OPEN DIVISION ONLY)

9.1 The Defending Champions (DC) for the Open divisions shall have a guaranteed spot in Round 1 for their respective Masters event even if they don't play in the qualifying event(s).

9.2 Should the Defending Champion's spot in Round 1 be vacant, it shall be filled by the bowler from the mixed pool reserve list.

9.3 In the event that the number of prioritized local/overseas qualifiers is not met, the DC's vacancy shall then be filled by the respective reserve list.

10. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE – MASTERS EVENTS

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

10.2 In the event that a Masters Qualifier from a prioritized group being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the same prioritized list, i.e:

- Masters Qualifier from the Open Division Local Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Local Pool Reserve List.
- Masters Qualifier from Open Division Overseas Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Overseas Pool Reserve List.
- Masters Qualifier from the Open Division Mixed Pool (Local/Overseas) being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Mixed Pool (Local/Overseas) Reserve List.

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11. STEPLADDER EVENT FORMAT

- **Semi Final** – Seed #2 vs Seed #3. Bowlers will bowl 1 game each. The bowler with the higher score will advance to the Grand Final, and the Non-winner's position will be finalized at 3rd.
- **Grand Final** – Winner of Semi Final vs Seed #1. Bowlers will bowl 1 game each. If Seed #1 wins the 1st game, he/she will be declared the champion. Should Seed #1 lose the 1st game, a one game sudden death match from scratch will decide the Champion.
- Respective Handicap for bowlers in the Mixed Seniors division will still be applicable for the Stepladder Event.

12. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

12.1 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.

12.2 MALE BOWLERS MUST WEAR PANTS OR SLACKS AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR SLEEVELESS SHIRTS AND/OR JEANS, CARGO, SHORTS & BERMUDAS.

12.3 Female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts and ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR SLEEVELESS SHIRTS AND/OR JEANS, CARGO.

12.4 In the event of TV/Live Stream coverage, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Manager to stipulate the attire to be worn.

13. BOWLING BALLS

13.1 **ALL BALLS LISTED BELOW WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THIS TOURNAMENT**

- [USBC National Tournament Ineligible Bowling Ball List - No Slow Oil Allowed](#)
- **ALL urethane balls (including Japan and Korea OEM urethanes)**
- **ALL urethane mixed coverstocks, such as: MicroCell Polymers (MCP), React-a-Thanes, PBS Urethane Mix, Pyramid GPS Navigational Urethanes**

13.2 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 IBF's Rules and Regulations (with the exception of Point 13.1). If there are prohibited balls not covered or if it is not clear on the legality of the ball, the responsibility is on the bowler to verify with the tournament officials. 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.

13.3 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.

13.4 If the bowler is found to be using a prohibited ball at any time during the tournament or found to have resurfaced and used the particular ball during a MQ Squad or during a Qualifying squad, the bowler will be disqualified from all events with immediate effect.

14. SLOW BOWLING

14.1 Slow bowling is strictly not allowed and bowlers must bowl when it is their turn to do so.

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14.2 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 (one lane courtesy).

14.3 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in Point 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.

15. PRIZES/AWARDS/TROPHIES

15.1 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 Stepladder Event, and cannot be exchanged. Bowling Centre House Awards DO NOT APPLY.

15.2 Perfect Game Award of S\$5,000.00 CASH will be shared equally amongst bowlers who attain perfect games during the qualifying rounds (Daily Designated MQ). The Daily Designated MQ will be drawn before the 1st qualifying MQ of each day.

15.3 For the Open Division, the Perfect Game Award of S\$5,000.00 CASH will be shared equally amongst bowlers who attain perfect games throughout the entire duration of the Open Division.

15.4 **Foreign bowlers are liable for withholding tax on all prize monies received.**

16. INTERRUPTED GAME(S)

16.1 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.

16.2 In the event 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.

17. LANE BREAKDOWN

17.1 If a pair of lanes becomes unusable or unplayable before or during the squad games as determined by the tournament director, 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.

17.2 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.

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

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18. PROTESTS

18.1 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.

18.2 All Other Protests

- Protest involving the 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, such a protest must be lodged with the Tournament Committee on the spot.
- Protests involving the Stepladder Event must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee on the spot.
- No protests will be entertained after the presentation of prizes.

18.3 Withholding of Prizes

- When a protest is lodged involving the final positions in any event and pending the decisions of appeals to SBF, the Tournament Director reserves the right to withhold presentation of prizes for the event pending the outcome of the appeal.

18.4 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.

18.5 Fouls

- Protests involving fouls must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the bowler moves off the foul line and no protest will be entertained after.

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.

20. INTERPRETRATION CLAUSE

20.1 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry as they deem fit.

20.2 Any matters arising that are not covered in these Tournament Rules and Regulations, will be decided upon by the Tournament Committee (through adoption of the IBF Playing Rules and Regulations). The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final subject only to appeal to SBF, which must be made in writing within one-week of the decision.

21. ABF ADJUDICATION

Notwithstanding Rule #20, an appeal may be submitted in writing to the Asian Bowling Federation through SBF within 30 days of SBF's decision for final adjudication.