

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the 56th Singapore Nationals & 11th National Youth Championships 2026 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity. It will be held from **19 - 29 November 2026** 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.

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 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 MIXED GRADED DIVISION

- All male bowlers regardless of age or average, and are not currently on the SBF National Programme.
- All female bowlers regardless of age or average, and are not currently on the SBF National Programme.
- All bowlers who have not won in the Graded division of any SBF organised tournaments (Singapore Open & Singapore Nationals) between 2025-2026.
- Handicap: Female bowlers will receive fifteen (15) pins handicap per game throughout the whole tournament.
- **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 at any point in time.**
- 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.

3.3 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.
- 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.

3.4 FORMAT OF PLAY

- All divisions of this tournament will be played in Classic format, with 2 blocks of 6 games (total of 12 games), played over 2 days, for qualifying.
- All games will be played on cross lanes with lane change after every game.

4. SUBSTITUTION

Substitution is not allowed throughout the tournament.

5. REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES

DIVISION	REGISTRATION FEE
Under 12	\$230 per bowler
Under 16	\$230 per bowler
Under 18	\$230 per bowler
Youth (Under 21)	\$240 per bowler
Mixed Seniors	\$265 per bowler
Mixed Graded	\$285 per bowler
Men's Open	\$320 per bowler
Women's Open	\$300 per bowler
Desperado (Open & Youth)	\$80 per bowler

*Fees are inclusive of GST

5.1 A lower division bowler playing in a higher division will have his/her score classified according to the division entered and paid for.

5.2 All entries will be based on first-come, first-served basis and must be submitted to us via [GOOGLE FORM](#) by the stipulated date on our social media.

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 PATTERN

Two oiling patterns will be used for this tournament. The Open and Youth divisions will be playing on Pattern A only, while all other divisions 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	Desperado	Total
Under 12	-	24	18	-	-	42
Under 16	-	24	24	-	-	48
Under 18	-	24	12	-	-	36
Mixed Graded	-	Top 10	Top 10	14	2	36
Mixed Senior	-	Top 8	Top 8	12	4	32
Youth Boys	1	19	-	-	4	24
Youth Girls	1	-	13	-	2	16
Men's Open	1	25	-	-	4	30
Women's Open	1	-	9	-	2	12

8. DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (OPEN & YOUTH ONLY)

8.1 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 rounds.

8.2 The Defending Champion, through participating in the qualifying rounds + respective qualifying numbers listed in the table above will qualify for the Masters Event.

8.3 Should the Defending Champion choose NOT to take part in the tournament, be absent or disqualified from the Masters Event, the first reserve will be called.

9. MASTERS EVENT FORMAT

9.1 MEN'S & WOMEN'S OPEN / YOUTH MASTERS

- All finalists and the Defending Champion will bowl 8 games scratch
- The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 4th placing onwards
- Top 3 bowlers will proceed to the Stepladder Event

9.2 MIXED GRADED / MIXED SENIORS MASTERS

- All finalists will bowl 8 games scratch
- The total 8 games combined pinfalls (with respective handicap) will determine the final positions for 4th placing onwards
- Top 3 bowlers will proceed to the Stepladder Event

9.3 UNDER 12 / 16 / 18 MASTERS

- All finalists will bowl 8 games scratch
- The total 8 games combined pinfalls will determine the final positions for 4th placing onwards
- Top 3 bowlers will proceed to the Stepladder Event

9.4 FORMAT OF PLAY

- The Masters Event will be played on cross lanes with lane change after every game

10. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE / MASTERS EVENT

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.

10.2 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

A bowler who arrives late during qualifying will be allowed to bowl the first game only if the last opposing bowler has not finished his/her third frame of the 1st game. All tardy bowlers shall begin bowling from the frame without the benefit of a warm up.

12. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

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

12.3 When a tie is registered in the Stepladder Event, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will commence with the higher seeded bowler having the choice of starting lane and sequence. If this still ends in a tie, a second 9th and 10th frame roll-off will commence with the starting lane and sequence swapped. Handicap will not be calculated in a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.



12.4 When a tie is registered in the Desperado, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will commence on a separate pair of lanes. If this still ends in a tie, a second 9th and 10th frame roll-off will commence. Handicap will not be calculated in a 9th and 10th frame roll-off.

13. STEPLADDER EVENTS

13.1 The Oiling Pattern for the Stepladder Events shall be the same as the respective Masters divisions.

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

13.3 In the case of a 9th and 10th frame roll-off in the Stepladders: Altering of bowling ball surface before the roll-off is not allowed.

13.4 In the case of a second game in the Grand-Final: Altering of bowling ball surface before the second game of the Stepladders is not allowed.

13.5 Semi-Final

- The third seed vs second seed will bowl one game each
- Winner of Semi-Final (with respective handicap) will advance to the Grand-Final
- The Non-winner's position will be finalized as 3rd

13.6 Grand-Final

- The top seed and Winner of Semi-Final shall proceed with Game 1
- Should the top seed win Game 1 (with respective handicap) , he/she will be declared the champion
- Should the top seed lose Game 1 (with respective handicap) , both bowlers will proceed to bowl Game 2 from scratch, and the winner of Game 2 (with respective handicap) will be declared the champion

14. BOWLER'S ATTIRE

14.1 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.

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

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

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

- [USBC Ineligible Ball list \(Select: National Tournament Ineligible Bowling Ball List - No Slow Oil Allowed\)](#)
- **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**

15.2 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 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.

15.3 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.

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

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

16. PRIZES & 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 Stepladder Event, and cannot be exchanged.

16.2 "Minus 2" rule will apply if the number of Masters finalists 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.

16.3 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

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

17.2 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).

17.3 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in Point 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:

- First verbal warning for the first offence (no penalty)
- Second verbal warning for the second offence (no penalty)
- Third verbal warning 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 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 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 pair be required, the affected bowler(s) will be entitled to 2 practice throws per lane on the new pair.

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

- 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, in any case before the commencement of the Stepladder Event.
- 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.

20.2 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.

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

- Protests involving fouls must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the bowler moves off the foul line.
- No protest will be entertained after the bowler has stepped away from the foul line.

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.