

16th CHINESE TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

July 01- July 09, 2016
Southern Bowling Center, Kaohsiung City, Chinese Taipei

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. PLAYING RULES

All CTBA and World Bowling playing rules and regulations shall apply.

2. SANCTION

This tournament is sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation and WORLD BOWLING.

3. ELIGIBILITY

This Tournament is open to all current paid up members of CTBA affiliates and WORLD BOWLING subject to Rules 3.3 in the WORLD BOWLING playing rules & regulations.

4. AVERAGES

Only official averages of CTBA affiliated Congresses or Bowling Leagues will be used. Overseas bowlers must submit a certification of their averages as attested to by the officials of their respective Congress/Federation/Association.

5. CLASSIFICATION

5.1 MEN'S OPEN

All registered male bowlers, regardless of average, will be eligible to participate in this division.

5.2 WOMEN'S OPEN

All registered female bowlers, regardless of average, will be eligible to participate in this division.

5.3 GRADED DIVISION

All registered men bowlers with the average of 195 and below and women of 185 and below will be eligible to play in this division. Only certified averages issued by CTBA affiliated Congresses or leagues will be honored. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective Association or Congresses.

◎ **Handicap** for female bowlers will be **8 pins** per game.

5.4 SENIOR DIVISION

All registered male and female bowlers 50 years of age and above at Jan. 1, 2016 (born on 1966 or before) will be eligible to play in this division. Senior Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

◎ **Handicap** for female bowlers will be **8 pins** per game, while **one pin** per year (age) per game will be given to bowlers on or above the age of 56 years old.

5.5 YOUTH DIVISION

All registered boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below at Jan. 1, 2016 (born on 1995 or after) are eligible to play in this division. They will only play in the Masters Qualifying games to qualify for the Masters Finals.

◎ **Handicap** for girl bowlers will be **8 pins** per game.

5.6 UNDER 18 DIVISION

All registered boys and girls who are 18 years of age and below at Jan. 1, 2016(born on 1998 or after) are eligible to play in this division. They will only play in the Masters Qualifying games to qualify for the Masters Finals.

◎ **Handicap** for girl bowlers will be **8 pins** per game.

5.7 Desperado Squad(Men's Open & Graded Division Only)

Only bowlers who have at least ***6 MQ attempts** and complete Single event in their respective registered categories are eligible to compete in the Desperado Squad. **(*i.e. 1Single +5MQ)**
The Desperado Squad is open after all events and will comprise of 1 game to decide the qualifiers for the Masters.

Qualifiers are decided as the following:

- a) top 1 when participants are less than 5 persons
- b) top 2 when participants are between 6 and 10 persons
- c) top 3 when participants are more than 11 persons

Graded division will be the same as above.

When a tie is occurred, one throw shall be played and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

6. SQUAD TIMES

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Director or his Assistants reserves the rights to reallocate squad times at their discretion. The Tournament Director reserves the right to open additional squads.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be allowed provided it is reported to the Tournament Director or his assistants and duly approved by at least 15 minutes before the time of playing.

8. PARTICIPATION

8.1 Bowlers in the Graded division who wish to participate in the Open Division after qualifying in their respective division may do so without having the need to complete the Singles Event again in the Open Grade.

8.2 A lower grade bowler playing in a higher grade will have his/her score classified according to the grade entered for.

9. SINGLES EVENTS

9.1 3 games will be bowled in this event. The first MQ attempt will be for your Singles Event. Multiple attempts are allowed.

10. MASTERS EVENTS

10.1 This event is opened to bowlers who have bowled and completed the Singles event in their respective divisions. Bowlers in Graded Division who have participated in the Open Division as well, may qualify for the Masters Events, so long as they have completed their Singles Event in the Graded Division.

10.2 The qualifying scores will be based on best of 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying in their respective division.

10.3 All qualifiers must check with the Tournament Director 24 hours before their Masters Finals roll-off, to confirm their fixtures and/or check for any changes in the schedule.

10.4 In the event the Defending Champion does not defend the title, the vacancy will go to the Local & Overseas Pool.

- (a) In the event a Masters Qualifier from the LOCAL Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Local Pool Reserve List.

- (b) In the event a Masters Qualifier from the OVERSEAS Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Overseas Pool Reserve List.
- (c) In the event a Masters Qualifier from the LOCAL/OVERSEAS Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Local/OVERSEAS Pool Reserve List.
- (d) In the event a Masters Qualifier from the DESPERADO SQUAD being absent, the vacancy will be filled by the pacers.

10.5 No. of Finalists in the Masters

Men's Open Masters	Defending Champion	Women's Open Masters	Defending Champion
	Top 12 Local Qualifiers		Top 10 Local Qualifiers
	Top 12 Overseas Qualifiers		Top 10 Overseas Qualifiers
	Top 11 Local & Overseas Qualifiers		Top 9 Local & Overseas Qualifiers
	no more than 3 Qualifiers from Desperado Squad		
Graded Masters	Top 21 Qualifiers	Senior Masters	Top 15 Qualifiers
	no more than 3 Qualifiers from Desperado Squad		
Youth Masters	Top 15 Qualifiers	U-18 Masters	Top 15 Qualifiers

10.6 Men's Open Masters Finals

The Masters finals will be played in 5 Rounds. The 39 Masters Finalists will play 16 games (8 games in Round 1 & 8 games in Round 2)

Round 1 – 39 bowlers will play 8 games.

Round 2 – 39 bowlers will play another 8 games. The score for round 1 will be carried forward. At the end of Round 2 based on 16 games total, top 6 bowlers will qualify for the Stepladder finals.

The step ladder finals will be played in 3 steps.

In Step 1, the 4th, 5th & 6th position bowlers will bowl one game starting from scratch.

The bowler with the highest score will continue to Step 2. The bowler with the second highest score will be declared the 5th position bowler and the bowler with the lowest score will be declared the 6th position bowler.

In Step 2, the winner from Step 1 will meet the 2nd and 3rd position bowlers for another one game match starting from scratch.

The bowler with the highest score will continue to Step 3. The bowler with the second highest score will be declared the 3rd position bowler and the bowler with the lowest score will be declared the 4th position bowler.

In Step 3 the winner from Step 2, will then challenge the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match starting from scratch. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the first game, he will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the first game, there will be one more roll-off game starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

10.7 Women's Open Masters Finals

The 30 Masters Finalists will play 16 games (8 games in Round 1 & 8 games in Round 2). Format of play of the Masters Finals will be the same as for the Men's Open Masters.

10.8 Graded Masters Finals

Top 24 Masters Finalists will play 10 games scratch, total pin falls to decide the winners.

10.9 Senior Masters Finals

Top 15 Masters Finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pin falls to decide the winners.

10.10 Youth Masters Finals

Top 15 Masters Finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pin falls to decide the winners.

10.11 U-18 Masters Finals

Top 15 Masters Finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pin falls to decide the winners.

11. MASTERS FINALS CHECK-IN TIME

All Masters Finalists must check in personally 30 minutes before their respective roll-off times. The center clock shall be the official timepiece of the tournament. Finalists who fail to check-in will be disqualified.

11.1 Reserves shall be in the center on the first day of Masters Final and ready to be called in case there's a vacancy. The sequence of reserves is based on the Masters Qualifying scores. If there's a tie on the reserves rank, it shall be decided by lot.

11.2 If the finalist gives up or fails to check-in on the scheduled time of the second day of Masters Finals, the vacancy will be filled by "pacer".

12. FEES

12.1

Registration	NT\$1,200 per person Entitle a souvenir of a tournament and invitation to the Victory Banquet
Singles/MQ	NT\$1,000 per person for Men's/Women's Open & Graded NT\$800 per person for Senior, Youth & U-18
Desperado Squad	NT\$2,500 per person (Men's Open and Graded only)
Open Masters	NT\$3,500 per person
Graded Masters	NT\$2,500 per person
Senior Masters	NT\$2,000 per person
Youth Masters	NT\$1,800 per person
U-18 Masters	NT\$1,500 per person
Participate in higher event	NT\$500 per person

12.2 No Refund shall be made after an entry has been registered and accepted.

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

13. SLOW BOWLING / LANE COURTESY

13.1 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery when the pairs immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear (one (1) pair lane courtesy).

13.2 Competitors must observe one (1) pair lane courtesy at all times. Competitors on the same pair may not bowl consecutive deliveries without allowing one (1) competitor from the pair to the right and one (1) competitor from the pair to the left have made a delivery, unless those competitors are not ready to bowl or they give way.

13.3 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in paragraphs 13.1 and 13.2, it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows

a) A white card for the first offence (no penalty)

- b) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
- c) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games, the penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame.

14. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

- 14.1 When a tie is registered in the top 3 position of Singles, co-champions or co-winners shall be declared. There shall be no play-off of the tie, so players with same score will share the same prizes. If a tie occurs in the 1st position, the next position will be the 3rd. If a tie occurs in the 2nd or 3rd position, the next position will have no prize.
- 14.2 When a tie occurs for the last place in the MQ, 1 game roll-off shall be held to determine the positions after last squad on July 16 before the desperado squad.
- 14.3 If a tie still exists after one game roll-off, one ball roll-off will be used until the tie is broken.

15. CHEATING

Any bowler found guilty of cheating at scores, averages eligibility or in any other counts will be disqualified immediately and reported to the Disciplinary Committee of CTBA for further action. He/she will also be stripped of his/her winnings and positions standing and be asked to return to the Tournament Director any awards that may have already been given to him/her. When in doubt, bowlers are reminded to consult with the Tournament Director on any issues.

16. VERIFICATION OF SCORE

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of each game bowled by signing on the official entry form of each event. Once signed, the score shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee.

17. INTERRUPTED GAME(S)

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 In the event of the score of any game is lost/erased and cannot be recalled 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.

18. BOWLER'S ATTIRE

- 18.1 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. Male bowlers must wear pants or slacks and are not allowed to wear sleeveless shirts and/or shorts, bermudas or jeans; female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts.
- 18.2 In the event of TV coverage for the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, 18.1 applies. Bowler may choose to wear his/her own shirt or accept an offer from the host to use a sponsor shirt or badge from the host sponsor.

19. BOWLING BALLS

- 19.1 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 WORLD BOWLING Rules and Regulations. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to examine the balls used by the participants. Use of an illegal ball is grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of games, prizes and standings aside from any other penalties that may be imposed.
- 19.2 Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed. Only after completion/before commencement of each game, provided they are made at designated area and it must not delay the bowler's and next turn.

20. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 20.1 High Game awards will be given to the highest game bowled in their respective divisions throughout the entire tournament, including the Masters Finals.
- 20.2 Perfect Game: NT\$100,000- cash will be shared equally amongst bowlers who attain perfect game during Master Finals.
- 20.3 Graded bowlers playing in a higher division will have his/her score classified according to the grade entered for.
- 20.4 Bowlers are liable for withholding tax on all prize monies received.

21. PROTEST

- 21.1 **SCORES**: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or his Assistants within 12 hours of the event, and in the case of an elimination round, before the next round. In the case of the last match of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals of the Masters event, such protests, if any should be made to the same Officials before prize presentation. No protests made after the prize presentation will be entertained.
- 21.2 **FOUL**: Must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Judge before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made after the 2nd ball has been bowled shall be entertained.
- 21.3 **ELIGIBILITY**: Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or his Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation whichever is earlier.

22. SPECIAL NOTES

- 22.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.
- 22.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their specific lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.
- 22.3 Only proper bowling shoes are permitted during competition.
- 22.4 Bowlers are not allowed to sand or apply any form of liquid or chemical on the surface of bowling balls during any block of competition.
- 22.5 The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.
- 22.6 Any matters arising and not covered in these Tournament Rules will be decided by the Tournament Chairman, the Tournament Director or the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to appeal to the CTBA Council. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 48 hours of the decision by any of the above.

23. Appeal

Notwithstanding the above, an appeal FOR THE DECISION OF THE CTBA may still be lodged with the Asian Bowling Federation but through CTBA and within 30 days of the CTBA Council's decision. Each appeal must be specific and include a fee of USD 100. If the Jury of Appeal does not uphold the appeal, the fee will be forfeited to the WORLD BOWLING. The foregoing also applies to protests filed directly with the Jury of Appeal.

****In case of different interpretation on the Chinese translation of the rules, the English version of WORLD BOWLING Playing Rules 2016 should be applied.***