

50th MWA Thailand International Open Tenpin Bowling Championship 2026 April 5 -20, 2026 BLU-O RHYTHM & BOWL RATCHAYOTHIN BANGKOK, THAILAND

Tournament Rules & Regulations.

1. Organization and Sanction

This tournament is organized by Thai Tenpin Bowling Association (TTBA) and sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and International Bowling Federation (IBF). It will be conducted in accordance to the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September, 2019

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all current paid up members of association recognized by the TTBA and IBF affiliates. All Overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations.

3. Averages

Bowlers shall be classified according to the latest TTBA listing of averages. Bowlers without TTBA average shall get an average certification from their respective associations signed by their President or Secretary, otherwise they will be classified as class "O" bowlers. Oversea bowlers must submit a certification and proof of their averages from their respective associations or Congress.

4. Classification Average

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| 4.1 Men's Open | : | All male bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate in this division. |
| 4.2 Women's Open | : | All female bowlers, regardless of average, are eligible to participate in this division. |
| 4.3 Men's Grade A | : | All male bowlers with average of 199 and below are eligible to play in this division. |
| 4.4 Women's Grade A | : | All female bowlers with average of 189 and below are eligible to play in this division. |
| 4.5 Men's Grade B | : | All male bowlers with average of 180 and below are eligible to play in this division. |
| 4.6 Youth Under 21 | : | All boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below as at 1 st January 2026 (Born on 2005 or after) are eligible to play in this division. <u>Youth Under 21</u> Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals. |

- 4.7 Youth Under 18 : All boys and girls who are 18 years of age and below as at 1st January 2026 (Born on 2008 or after) are eligible to play in this division. Youth Under 18 Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.
- 4.8 Youth Under 15 : All boys and girls who are 15 years of age and below as at 1st January 2026 (Born on 2011 or after) are eligible to play in this division. Youth Under 15 Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.
- 4.9 Youth Under 13 : All boys and girls who are 13 years of age and below as at 1st January 2026 (Born on 2013 or after) are eligible to play in this division. Youth Under 13 Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.
- 4.10 Senior : All male and female bowlers who are least 50 years old as of 1st January 2026 Senior Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

5. Events

- 5.1 Men & Women Open : Master Qualifying. Total 15 games over 3 days of qualifying (1day 5 games).
- 5.2 Men & Women Grade A : Master Qualifying. (Total 6 games best on 2 sets). Master (8 games).
- 5.3 Men's Grade B : Master Qualifying. (Total 6 games best on 2 sets). Master (8 games).
- 5.4 Youth Under 21/18/15/13 : Master Qualifying. (Total 6 games best on 2 sets). Master (8 games for U21 and U18) (6 games for U15 and U13).
- 5.5 Senior : Master Qualifying. (Total 6 games best on 2 sets). Master (6 games).

Desperado Squad: One game will be bowled in this event on the last squad. April 15, 2026 For Men's Graded A and B and Senior Entrant must have bowled a least 6 MQ s in his respective category. And April 20, 2026 for Men's Open / Women's Open Desperado.

5.6 Men's Open Masters

Format

Round 1 : All bowlers play 15 games qualifying in 3 blocks of 5 games.
 : The Top 42 bowlers will qualify for the 2nd round as follows.
 : Top local 3 bowlers.
 : Top overseas 3 bowlers.
 : Mixed Pool 29 bowlers.
 : Desperado 7 bowlers.

Round 2 : Qualifiers from Round 1, mixed pool 29 bowlers plus 7 bowlers from Desperado will bowl 6 games.
 : Top 12 bowlers will advance to Round 3.

Round 3 : Top local 3 bowlers and Top overseas 3 bowlers and 12 bowlers from Round 2 will bowl 6 games.
 : Top 6 bowlers will contest a stepladder final.

Step Ladder

Step 1 : Position 4-5-6 will play 1 game.
 Step 2 : Position 2-3 + winner from step 1 play 1 game.
 Final Match : Position 1 + winner from step 2 play 1 game.
 : The first position has the right of re-challenge should he lose his first match.

5.7 Women's Open Masters

Round 1 : All bowlers play 15 games qualifying in 3 blocks of 5 games.
 : The Top 26 bowlers will qualify for the 2nd round as follows.
 : Top local 3 bowlers.
 : Top overseas 3 bowlers.
 : Mixed Pool 14 bowlers.
 : Desperado 6 bowlers.

Round 2 : Qualifiers from Round 1, mixed pool 14 bowlers plus 6 bowlers from Desperado will bowl 6 games.
 : Top 9 bowlers will advance to Round 3.

Round 3 : Top local 3 bowlers and Top overseas 3 bowlers and 9 bowlers from Round 2 will bowl 6 games.
 : Top 6 bowlers will contest a stepladder final.

Step Ladder

Step 1 : Position 4-5-6 will play 1 game.
 Step 2 : Position 2-3 + winner from step 1 play 1 game.
 Final Match : Position 1 + winner from step 2 play 1 game.
 : The first position has the right of re-challenge should she lose her first match.

5.8 Men's Grade A Masters : Top 20 Qualifiers and 4 Desperado will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.9 Women's Grade A Masters : Top 15 Qualifiers will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.10 Youth U 21 Masters

Boys

: Top 3 Local qualifiers.
Top 3 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 9 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 15 qualifiers will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

Girls

: Top 3 Local qualifiers.
Top 3 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 6 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 12 qualifiers will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.11 Youth Under 18 Masters
(Boys and Girls)

; Top 6 Local qualifiers.
Top 6 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 8 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 20 qualifiers will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

Handicap for girls - points per game : 9 points per game.

5.12 Youth Under 15 Masters
(Boys and Girls)

; Top 5 Local qualifiers.
Top 5 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 5 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 15 qualifiers will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

Handicap for boys and girls - points per game

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
8 years of age	20	30
9 years of age	18	26
10 years of age	16	24
11 years of age	14	22
12 years of age	10	16
13 years of age	5	14
14 years of age	-	12
15 years of age	-	9

5.13 Youth Under 13 Masters
(Boys and Girls)

; Top 3 Local qualifiers.
Top 3 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 6 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 12 qualifiers will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

Handicap for boys and girls - points per game

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
8 years of age	20	30
9 years of age	18	25
10 years of age	15	20
11 years of age	10	15
12 years of age	5	10
13 years of age	-	8

5.13 Men's Grade B Masters : Top 14 Qualifiers and 4 Desperado will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners.

5.14 Senior Masters

All men and women bowlers aged 50 and over (born in 1976 or before). Bowlers aged 55 (born in 1971) will be given handicap 5 pins and additional 1 pin for each year from age 56 onwards. The handicap is given for each game play throughout the championships.

Men : Top 3 Local qualifiers.
Top 3 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 14 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 20 qualifiers will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners

Women : Top 2 Local qualifiers.
Top 2 Overseas qualifiers.
Top 8 Local and Overseas qualifiers.

The top 12 qualifiers will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Final to decide the winners

6. Squad Times.

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Directors or their Assistants reserve the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to open additional squad.

7. Check-in Time.

Check-in will open one hour and close 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in every event unless otherwise stated (bowlers must inform the check-in counter if they have consecutive squad booking in order to exempt the check-in procedure for following squad booking). For those who fail to check-in personally at the prescribed time, their placing as well as the fees will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to next pre booking reserved bowler.

8. Registration and Fees.

Registration for all division (except open)

A. Grade A,B Baht 1,200

B. Youth and Senior Baht 900

Registration fee which is including T-shirt of Championship. Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first event.

Entry Fee

A. Men's Open (including registration, qualify and Master Final)	Baht 18,000
B. Women's Open (including registration, qualify and Master Final)	Baht 16,000
C. Grade A,B Qualify	Baht 900 (3 games)
D. Youth Qualify	Baht 700 (3 games)
E. Senior Qualify	Baht 700 (3 games)

Master Final

A. Men's Grade A (8 games)	Baht 2,000
B. Women's Grade A (8 games)	Baht 2,000
C. Men's Grade B (8 games)	Baht 2,000
D. Youth Under 21/Under18 (8 games)	Baht 1,000
E. Youth Under 15/Under13 (6 games)	Baht 1,000
F. Senior (6 games)	Baht 1,200

Desperado (1 game)

A. Men's Open	Baht 2,000
B. Women's Open	Baht 1,500
C. Men's Grade A	Baht 1,500
D. Men's Grade B	Baht 1,500

9. Verification of Scores

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 sheet. Once signed, the score shall stand, Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be bought against it.

10. Interrupted Games

- 10.1 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 game, an interrupted game and series that cannot be completed must resume from the point of interruption.
- 10.2 In The event of score of any game is lost/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 remain unchanged.
- 10.3 If more than one game cannot be recalled, the series shall be declared null and void and a fresh series be rescheduled.
- 10.4 If only one frame is missing, the bowler shall continue from the last frame bowled.

11. Registration of Bowling Ball, Illegality and Disqualification.

All participants are advised to check that their bowling balls used in the Tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. The onus is on the bowler to ensure that all balls he/she uses are certified legal as above.

If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball even if previously certified legal by the Tournament Office, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and if the Tournament Committee is of the opinion that such usage was deliberate and was intended to cheat, he/she may be further reported to the TTBA Disciplinary Committee or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to one of the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

12. Altering Bowling Ball Surface.

Altering Bowling ball surface -Thailand Open special rule - the surface of the bowling balls may be altered **between Squad.**

13. Tie-Breaking Procedure:

13.1 In case of a tie in qualifying for last position for Masters Events, a one shot roll-off shall be held. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee. If a tie still exists, a repeat of the one shot roll-off shall be played and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

13.2 If a tie occurs in the last position after Round 1 of the Open Masters, bowler with the highest last game in Round 1 will make it to Round 2. If the last game is still a tie, the 2nd last game will decide. This will continue until the tie is broken. Same tie breaker will apply to Round 2

13.3 If a tie occurs in the Step-Ladder Grand Final, a one shot roll-off shall be used and/or repeated until the tie is broken

14. Cheating:

Any bowler found guilty of cheating scores, averages eligibility or in any other counts they will be immediately disqualified from the entire tournament and reported to the Disciplinary Committee of Thai Tenpin Bowling Association and the Asian Bowling Federation for further action. He/she will also be stripped of his/her winnings positions standing and be asked to return to the Tournament Directors any awards that may have already been given to him/her. When in doubt, bowlers are reminded to consult the Tournament Directors on any issues.

15. Bowlers attire:

Men Bowlers in short, singlet, sleeveless shirts, jeans and Cap will not be allowed to bowl.

Women Bowlers in singlet, sleeveless shirts, jeans and Cap also will not be allowed to bowl. Short and skirt will be allowed for women bowlers. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. In those instances where it is established that a

bowler is in breach of this rule, he/she may be suspended by the Tournament Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played and all fees paid will not be refunded.

16. Slow Bowling.

Bowlers, who are in readiness to step on the approach to deliver a ball, shall have the following rights and obligations:

- 16.1 They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left.
- 16.2 They may give right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 16.3 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and should not delay to go to the approach, when the lanes immediately adjacent to them on the left and right sides are clear.

17. Protest:

- 17.1 **Score:** Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the event. In the case of the last match of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals of the Master event, such protest, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prize presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.
- 17.2 **Foul:** Must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made after the 2nd ball has been bowled shall be entertained.
- 17.3 **Eligibility:** Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or of their Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation or whichever is earlier

18. Smoking and Drinking.

- 18.1 The Players must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played
- 18.2 Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed provided they not consumed in the player's area.
- 18.3 During the championships alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in the player's area or the spectator's area.
- 18.4 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling center. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's and spectator's area.

19. Special Notes:

- 19.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.
- 19.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.

- 19.3 Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non-sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.
- 19.4 Handicaps – When a handicap is used in any event, the maximum score of the game including handicap can never be higher than 300.
- 19.5 The tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.
- 19.6 Any matters arising and not covered in these Tournament Rules will be decided by the Tournament Chairman, the Tournament Directors or the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to an appeal to the TTBA. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 48 hours of the decision by any of the above.