# World Bowling Tour MAJOR Bowling World Open 

## Tournament Information

| Organizer | JAPAN BOWLING CONGRESS (JBC) |
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| Supporters (To | Embassies of participating countries in Tokyo |
| be confirmed) | Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Japan |
|  | Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan |
|  | Japan Sports Association Japanese Olympic Committee |
|  | Tokyo Metropolitan Government Tokyo Sports Association |
|  | Federation of Diet Members for Promoting Bowling |
|  | Blind Bowling Congress Japan Special Olympics Nippon Tokyo |
| Cooperators | Bowling Proprietors' Association of Japan (BPAJ) |
|  | Bowling Proprietors' Association of Kanto |
|  | Bowling Proprietors' Association of Tokyo |
|  | Japan Association of Registered Bowling Alleys (JARBA) |
|  | Tokyo Association of Registered Bowling Alleys |
|  | Japan Professional Bowling Association (JPBA) |
|  | Nihon Bowlers' Federation (NBF) |
|  | All Japan Businessman's Bowling Federation (ABBF) |
|  | Japan Ladies Bowling Club (JLBC) |
|  | Japan Bowling Promotion (JBP) |
|  | Bowling Industry Commercial Association |
|  | Shinagawa Prince Hotel B/C Round 1 Corporation |
| Approval | WORLD BOWLING World Bowling Tour Major |
|  | Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) Asian Ranking Tournament |
|  | Japan Bowling Congress(JBC) |
|  | Japan Professional Bowling Association (JPBA) |
| Hosted by | Tokyo Bowling Association |
| Dates | July 9-12, 2015 (including Preliminary Round)) |

TV To be broadcasted by TV Tokyo and its six network stations
Venue Round 1 Minamisuna / Shinagawa Prince Hotel B/C
Makuhari Messe (Built-in lanes) - Final, Mixed Doubles
Entry Fee JPY10,000 or US\$100 - Main Tournament, JPY5000 or US\$50/squad - Preliminary

Prize Money

Entry

Format

Champion: JPY10,000,000 (Approx. US\$83,000) for both men and women Refer to Prize List for other standings

Fill in the entry form downloaded from the official site (official site will be created on April 20th) and send it via e-mail to bowling@japan-sports.or.jp on and after April 27(Japan time). Entry form dated before that (date on the e-mail) will not be accepted.

Maximum number of participants will be 100 for men and 80 for women.
Preliminary Round : Each squad consists of 3 games. Bowlers can bowl as many squads as they want to bowl by registering to a vacant squad. The best three game total pins in a squad will be the bowler's qualifying score for the main tournament.

## Main Tournament

Singles Men and women will bowl in separated divisions but in the same format.
Qualifying round : The best 16 bowlers from International Preliminary Round, the best 16 bowlers from Local Preliminary Round and following seed bowlers will bowl 5 games of Qualification.

| Category | Men | Women |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preliminary | 16 | 16 |  |
| International bowlers | 16 | 16 |  |
| Local bowlers | 2 | 2 |  |
| Special Seed | 3 | 3 |  |
| Sponsor invitees | 3 | 3 |  |
| Japan National Bowlers | 2 | 2 |  |
| Invitees from JPBA | 2 each | 2 each |  |
| Invitees from PBA/PWBA | 1 each | 1 each |  |
| Federations of USA, England, France, Germany, <br> Italy, Russia, Australia, China and Korea | 110 | 110 |  |
| Seed |  |  |  |
| Federations from 50 other countries/regions <br> chosen by the organizer (refer to the list) |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |

Semifinal : The best 33 bowlers based on the pin-falls of the Qualification will bowl 3 games with the pin falls of the Qualification carried forward.
Final : The best 4 bowlers based on the pin-falls of foregoing 8 games will proceed to two rounds of TV Final to be conducted in single elimination matches. Bowler No. 1 after Semifinal will bowl against No.4, while No. 2 against No. 3 and the losers will be the $3^{\text {rd }}$ positioned.
The two winners will proceed to the championship match to determine Round 1 World Open Champion and the $2^{\text {nd }}$ position

## Mixed Doubles Exhibition Matches

Four mixed doubles from each of the Eurasia, the Africa, the Americas and Japan will bowl Mixed Doubles Exhibition Matches. Each of the doubles will be the one consisting of one male bowler and one female bowler, either of who was not qualified for the Final and the total of whose scores is the best in the Continent. 1st round: Each of the four doubles will be assigned to a lane by draw and bowl one game. 2 losing teams will be declared 3rd position.
2nd round : Two winning doubles from the 1st round will bowl one game to determine the 1stosition and 2nd position.
Tie breaker: 1) Final matches and mixed doubles: One shot roll off (One representative from a team will bowl in case of Mixed Doubles).
2) Cut line for Semifinal in Main Tournament : A bowler with the smallest difference between lowest and highest games in the round will be the highest positioned. If still tie exists, highest positioned bowler will be determined by toss of a coin.
3) Cut line for Final matches: A bowler with the smallest difference between lowest and highest games in Semifinal will be the highest positioned. If still tie exists, highest positioned bowler will be determined by toss of a coin.
4) Cut line for the Main Tournament : A bowler with the smallest difference between lowest and highest games in 3 games of Qualifying score will be the highest positioned. If still tie exists, the highest positioned bowler will be determined by toss of a coin.
Visa procedure: PBA(PWBA) and KPBA bowlers will need COE to get visa at Consular's office in their residence. The organizer will support them to get COE. Other bowlers will get a short term stay visa within 90 days.
All renewed information will be updated on the official site including hotel information, and the renewed information on the site should be considered to be informed. (Official site will be established on April 20 : www.jbc-bowling.or.jp/worldopen/ ).

