



**DUBAI INTERNATIONAL
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Dubai International Bowling Centre, Al Mamzar, Dubai - UAE
February 11-26, 2010

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE

This tournament is organized to bring together in Dubai bowlers from around the world in the spirit of goodwill and to promote the bowling sport. This is an Asian ranking tournament towards the World Ranking Masters Finals.

1. Sanction & Playing Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by EBF, ABF and WTBA, and playing rules will be in accordance with WTBA standards.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all local and international male and female bowlers in good standing with their federations/associations/clubs.

3. Divisions

There will be two divisions and corresponding average classifications as follows:

- ❖ Open: 196 & above
- ❖ Graded: 195 & below
- ❖ Women will receive +8 points per game in both divisions and up to the Final Rounds.
- Average certificates must be provided on demand by the Tournament Management based on League standings sheet of not more than one year old, certified by the bowling federation of the bowler's country.
- Youth bowlers who do not play in leagues must produce average certificates from their respective bowling federations.
- Players in the Graded Division can participate in the Open Division. Players in the Open Division cannot play in the lower division.

4. Format

ROUND 1: QUALIFYING ROUND

- ❖ Participants must bowl a total of 9 games in blocks of 3 games.
- ❖ Each 3-game block will be played on a pair of lanes.
- ❖ Lane assignments will be by draw.
- ❖ Participants may bowl multiple entries with the highest 3 blocks to count towards the 9-game total.
- ❖ Open Division: Top 18 + Top 6 UAE locals will advance to Round 2.
- ❖ Graded Division: Top 16 qualifiers will advance to the Semi-Final round.



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SEMI-FINAL & FINAL ROUNDS:

Division	No. of Qualifiers	No. of Games	Date & Time
OPEN Top 18 + Top 6 UAE Locals	Pos. 1-8 receive bye & proceed to Round 3 Pos. 9-24 bowl in Round 2 (Cut to Top 8)	8 Games	ROUND 2 25 Feb. 2010 (Thursday) 1:00pm
	16	8 games (scores carry forward to Round 4)	ROUND 3 25 Feb. 2010 (Thursday) 8:00pm
	Top 8	8 games	ROUND 4 26 Feb. 2010 (Friday) 2:00pm
	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler#4 vs. #3 Match2: M1 Winner vs.#2 Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (#1 Finalist is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS 26 Feb. 2010 (Friday)
GRADED	Top 16	8 Games	SEMI-FINALS 24 Feb. 2010 (Wednesday) 3:00pm
	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler#4 vs. #3 Match2: M1 Winner vs.#2 Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (#1 Finalist is 2x to beat)	FINALS 24 Feb. 2010 (Wednesday)

- ❖ Lane movement: One pair of lanes after every game. Bowler assigned on the left lane moves to the left while bowler assigned on right lane moves to the right.



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5. Entry Fees

Open Division Graded Division

Entry Fee (3 Squads):	US\$260	US\$200
Re-entry (per squad):	US\$ 70	US\$ 50
S/F Rounds:	US\$150	US\$100

- ❖ Entries on first come, first served basis.

6. Refund

- ❖ Entry fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable. Any participant who fails to show up for the scheduled squad will be disqualified and the entry fees forfeited.

7. Dress Code

- ❖ Bowlers are required to be dressed with a sense of decorum and in accordance with accepted standards.

8. Tie Breakers

- ❖ Last qualifying position & Last Semi-Final Round Position:

One-game roll off (immediately after the round where the tie occurs)--- Should there be a further tie, the 9th & 10th frames roll-off will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.

- ❖ Final Positions:

- Positions 1 to 4: One-game roll off - Should there be a further tie, the 9th & 10th frames roll-off will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.
- For ties in any of final positions from 5th to 24th, prizes will be combined and divided by the number of winners in the tied positions.

9. Prizes

- ❖ Prizes will be awarded to the following finalists (See separate list for breakdown):
 - Top 24 - Open Division
 - Top 16 - Graded Division

10. Schedule

- ❖ Please refer to separate squad chart.

11. Pacers

- ❖ No pacers are allowed throughout the Tournament unless appointed by the Tournament Management.



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12. Interrupted Game(s)

- ❖ The Tournament Manager or his appointed official(s) on duty may authorize the completion of a game and/or series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes delays the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and/or series, which cannot be completed, must resume from the points of interruption.

13. Bowling on Wrong Lane

- ❖ When the bowler(s) bowl(s) on the wrong lane(s) and the error is discovered before another bowler has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the bowler(s) will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane(s). If the error is not discovered until the opposing bowler has bowled, the score shall count and the bowler shall be required to bowl his subsequent frame(s) on the correct lane.

14. Loss of Score during Black-outs/Power Failure or Equipment Failure

- ❖ In the event of power failure/TV monitor black out or equipment failure in the progress of the game, and game scores could not be traced after power supply resumes, bowler(s) concerned have to re-bowl that particular game. However, previous games where the score have been duly recorded shall remain unchanged.

15. Protests:

- ❖ For protest and appeal procedures, WTBA Rules 3.9 & 3.10 will be observed.

16. Interpretation Clause:

- ❖ In case of various interpretations of these rules, the Tournament Management's interpretation prevails.
- ❖ Matters not covered herein will be decided upon by the Tournament Management in accordance with standard rules, and the decision shall be final.