



5TH DUBAI INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2014 (& ABF TOUR, DUBAI 2014)

Dubai International Bowling Centre, Al Mamzar, Dubai - UAE
1-14 October 2014

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.

1. Sanction & Playing Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by 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

The tournament will be played in three divisions as follows:

- ❖ Open Division
 - Open to Men, Ladies & Youth bowlers
 - Ladies will receive +8 points handicap per game up to the final round.
- ❖ Ladies Division
 - Open to all ladies
- ❖ Youth Division
 - Boys & Girls who are 21 years old and under (born on 1 January 1993 or later).
 - Passport copy will be required as proof of age.
- ❖ Players in the lower divisions can participate in the open division after qualifying in their respective divisions.

4. Format

ROUND 1: QUALIFYING ROUND

- ❖ Participants must bowl a total of 9 games in blocks of 3 games.
- ❖ Multiple entries may be bowled with the highest 3 blocks to count towards the 9-game total.
- ❖ Each 3-game block will be played on a pair of lanes.
- ❖ Lane assignments will be by draw.
- ❖ Open Division:
 - Top 3 Qualifiers + best UAE local outside of the Top 3 will proceed to Round 3.
 - Positions 5-24 + 4 from Desperado Squad advance to Round 2.
- ❖ Women's Division:
 - Top 8 qualifiers will proceed to the Stepladder Finals.
- ❖ Youth Division:
 - Top 10 Qualifiers advance to the Semi-Final round.

Desperado Squad:

- Played over 1 game with full entry fee, this squad is the last attempt to qualify in Round 1.
- Participants with minimum 8 qualifying squads are eligible to play in this squad.
- Four (4) bowlers will advance to Round 2.

ROUNDS 2 & 3: SEMI-FINALS & FINALS:

Division	No. of Qualifiers	No. of Games	Date & Time
OPEN	Pos. 5-24 + 4 from Desperado Squad (24 bowlers) (Cut to Top 12)	8 Games	ROUND 2 14 Oct. 2014 (Tuesday, 10:00am) Check-in Time: 9:00-9:45am
	16 (Pos. 1-3 + Top UAE local + Top 12 from Round 2)	8 games	ROUND 3 14 Oct. 2014 (Tuesday, 4:00pm) Check-in Time: 3:00-3:45pm
	Top 5	Match 1: Bowler#3, 4 & 5 Match 2: M1 Winner vs.#2 Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (M1/ M2: over 1 game) (Top Seed is 2x to beat) (4 th & 5 th positions according to scores)	STEPLADDER FINALS 14 Oct. 2014 (Tuesday) Immediately after Round 3
LADIES	Top 8	Match 1: Bowler #6, 7 & 8 Match 2: M1 Winner vs. #4 & 5 Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #3 Match 4: M3 Winner vs. #2 Match 5: M3 Winner vs. #1 (M1-M4 over 1 game) (Top Seed is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS 12 Oct. 2014 (Sunday, 7:00pm) Check-in Time: 6:00-6:45
YOUTH	Top 10	8 Games	SEMI-FINALS 12 Oct. 2014 (Sunday, 1:00pm) Check-in Time: 12:00-12:45
	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler#3 vs. 4 Match 2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (M1/ M2: over 1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (Top Seed is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS 12 Oct. 2014 (Sunday) Immediately after S-F

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

5. Entry Fees	Open Division	Youth Division	Women's Division
Registration (with 1 MQ Squad):	AED. 500	AED. 370	AED. 260
Entry Fee (per MQ Squad):	AED. 150	AED. 80	AED. 75
S/F & Final Rounds:	AED. 300	AED. 200	AED. 150

❖ 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. Tie Breakers

❖ Last Qualifying Position

○ Highest 3-Game Block, second highest 3-game block, 3rd highest 3-game block, then Highest Game, next highest game and so forth in that order. For further ties, a 1-ball roll-off on full set of pins will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.

❖ Last Semi-Final Round Position & Final Positions 1-5:

○ Highest Game, then next highest game up to the last game of the tied positions (in the round where the tie occurs). For further ties, a 1-ball roll-off on full set of pins will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.

❖ Final Positions 6th – 28th:

○ For ties in any of final positions from 6th to 28th, prizes will be combined and divided by the number of winners in the tied positions.

8. Prizes

❖ Prizes will be awarded to the following finalists (See separate list for breakdown):

- Top 28 - Open Division
- Top 10 –Youth Division
- Top 8 – Ladies Division

9. Schedule

❖ Please refer to separate squad chart.

10. Pacers

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

11. Dress Code

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

- No cropped pants, sleeveless shirts and caps for men
- No very short skirts, sleeveless shirts and caps for women

❖ Participants may be requested to wear the official tournament T-shirt.

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. Resurfacing of bowling balls will be allowed only between games, not during the game in progress.

16. Protests:

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

17. 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.

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