

42nd SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL OPEN

26th May – 6th June 2009

SuperBowl SAFRA Mount Faber

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Organisation & Sanction

1.1 This International Bowling Championship is organised by the Singapore Bowling Federation and sanctioned by ABF and WTBA. WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations shall apply on matters not covered herein.

1.2 This tournament will be held from 26th May – 6th June 2009 in SuperBowl SAFRA Mount Faber.

2. Eligibility

All current members of SBF Member Clubs of good standing and foreign bowlers accredited by their respective Congress/Federation/Association are eligible to participate in this tournament. Bowlers will be classified based on their country of citizenship.

3. Averages

3.1 The SBF official average as at 31st December 2008 for local bowlers shall be used for purposes of classification, subject to the bowlers having completed a minimum of 18 games. Bowlers without the minimum requirement of 18 games must submit certified confirmation showing the scores of ALL GAMES bowled in SBF sanctioned leagues and tournaments.

3.2 Overseas bowlers must submit a certification or proof of their averages as attested to by the officials of their respective Congress/Federation/Association.

3.3 Irrespective of average, a bowler who has won a Graded “B” / “A” / Open Masters in a SBF or ABF/WTBA sanctioned tournament in 2007, 2008 and 2009 is not allowed to participate in the similar Graded Division of this tournament but of a higher grade. **It is the responsibility of the bowler to ascertain whether he/she is qualified to bowl in the Graded Divisions under this Rule.**

4. Classification

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 Graded “A”: All male bowlers with an average of 195 and below are eligible to play in this division.

4.4 Women’s Graded “A”: All female bowlers with an average of 185 and below are eligible to play in this division.

4.5 Graded “B” Division: All male bowlers with average of 180 and below and female bowlers with an average of 170 and below are eligible to play in this division. Graded “B” Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

4.6 Senior Division: All male and female bowlers 50 years and above as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1958 or before) are eligible to play in this division. Senior Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

4.7 Youth Division: All boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1988 or after) are eligible to play in this division. Youth Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

4.8 Under 18 Division: All boys and girls who are 18 years of age and below as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1991 or after) are eligible to play in this division. Under 18 Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

4.9 Under 15 Division: All boys and girls who are 15 years of age and below as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1994 or after) are eligible to play in this division. Under 15 Division bowlers will only play in the Masters Qualifying to qualify for the Masters Finals.

5. Registration of Entries/ Squad Times

5.1 Registration of entries, duly paid and completed, will be accepted in SuperBowl SAFRA Mount Faber, starting from, 25th May 2009 from 5.30 – 8.00pm. Entries will be accepted subject to the availability of lanes and squad times. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry, postpone, add/cancel any squad time.

5.2 From 1st June 2009 onwards, priority will be given to overseas bowlers. Local bowlers can only play when vacancies arise. NO reservation by Local bowlers.

5.3 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.

All the above top qualifiers based on the Masters Qualifying score, will be listed in the Championships Result Board from the start of the qualifying rounds till the end of last squad.

5.4 Desperado Squad

The Desperado squad will comprise of 1 game. Only bowlers who have at least 4 single attempts and completed All-Events in their respective registered categories are eligible to compete in the Desperado Squad.

Top 3 Male Qualifiers from Open Division and the top 4 Male Qualifiers from Graded “A” Division shall qualify for the Masters Final.

In the event of a tie occurring, there will be a one frame sudden death roll-off.

6. Participation

6.1 Bowlers in the Graded “A” 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 All-Events again in the Open grade.

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

7. Events

7.1 **Singles:** 4 games will be bowled in this event. Bowlers may bowl as many attempts as he/she chooses with the first attempt bowled to count in the All-Events. No bowler may win more than one prize in the Singles event.

7.2 **Doubles:** 4 games will be bowled in this event. Bowlers may bowl as many attempts as he/she chooses with the first attempt bowled to count in the All-Events. The same combination may try in as many attempts but they may win only one prize in the Doubles event. Each bowler will bowl a 2 game series. A lower grade bowler playing with a higher grade will have his / her score classified according to the higher grade division.

7.3 **All-Events:** An All-Events champion will be declared in Open and Graded A from total pinfalls of their first attempt in Singles & Doubles. **Bowler bowling in their first attempt for Doubles must ensure that their teammates belong to the same grade, in order to complete their All-Events.**

8. Masters Events

8.1 This event is open to bowlers who have bowled and completed the Singles and Doubles events in their respective grades and have paid up proof of their All-Events entries. (Apply to Open Division & Graded “A” Division only). Bowlers in the Graded “A” Division who has participated in the Open Division as well may qualify for the Masters Events so long as they have completed their All-Events under the Graded A category.

8.2 The qualifying scores will be based on 4 games total from the Singles Event.

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

8.4 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 that a Masters Qualifier from the OVERSEAS Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Overseas Pool Reserve List.

(c) In the event that a Masters Qualifier from the LOCAL/OVERSEAS Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the LOCAL/OVERSEAS Pool Reserve List.

8.5 No. of Finalists in the Masters:

Men's Open Masters: Defending Champion, Top 13 Local qualifiers, Top 13 Overseas qualifiers, Top 12 Qualifiers from Local & Overseas Pool, Top 3 Qualifiers from Desperado Squad **Total 42 Finalists**

Women's Open Masters: Defending Champion, Top 10 Local qualifiers, Top 10 Overseas qualifiers, Top 9 Qualifiers from Local & Overseas Pool **Total 30 Finalists**

Graded "A" Division: Top 24 Male Qualifiers, Top 12 Female Qualifiers (Top 4 Male Qualifiers from Desperado Squad)

Graded "B" Division: Top 20 Male Qualifiers, Top 12 Female Qualifiers

Senior Division: Top 20 Male Qualifiers, Top 8 Female Qualifiers

Youth Division : Top 24 Boys Qualifiers, Top 12 Girls Qualifiers

Under 18 Division: Top 16 Boys Qualifiers, Top 8 Girls Qualifiers

Under 15 Division: Top 16 Boys Qualifiers, Top 8 Girls Qualifiers

8.6 Men's Open Masters Finals

The 42 Masters Finalists will play 16 games (8 games in Round 1 & 8 games in Round 2). Top 6 bowlers after the 16 games will qualify for Step Ladder Grand Finals in Round 3.

Round 1 - 42 bowlers will bowl 8 games.

Round 2 - 42 bowlers will bowl 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 Round 3.

Round 3 - The 4th, 5th & 6th placed bowlers will bowl one game each. The winner with the highest score will qualify to meet 2nd & 3rd placed bowlers for another one game competition. The winner with the highest score will then qualify to meet the 1st placed bowler in the stepladder grand finals. In the event the 1st placed bowler wins the 1st game, he will be declared the Champion. If the 1st placed bowler loses the 1st game, there shall be one more game roll off on scratch to decide the Champion.

Bowlers who lose in 1st and 2nd match of the Step Ladder Grand Finals can only go down one position from their original rank prior to their respective match (For example, a bowler who came in fourth and loses the 1st match will drop to 5th place). Subsequently, the maximum a bowler could move up would be two ranks unless that bowler moves up to the next match. In another words, the play-off for the first and second matches is used only to determine the bowler who would move up to the next match.

8.7 Women's Open Masters Finals

The 30 Masters Finalists will play 16 games scratch. Format of play of the Masters Finals will be the same as for the Men's Open Masters.

8.8 Graded "A" Masters Finals

The 24 male finalists and top 12 female finalists will play 12 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

8.9 Graded "B" Masters Finals

The top 20 male finalists and top 12 female finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

8.10 Senior Masters Finals

The top 20 male finalists and top 8 female finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

8.11 Youth Masters Finals

The top 24 boy finalists and top 12 girl finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

8.12 Under 18 Masters Finals

The top 16 boy finalists and top 8 girl finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

8.13 Under 15 Masters Finals

The top 16 boy finalists and top 8 girl finalists will play 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

9. Check-in time (Masters Finals)

All Masters Qualifiers must check-in at the Tournament Desk at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled time for the Masters Finals, failing which they shall be disqualified and the reserve(s) shall be called. The centre clock shall be the official timepiece of the tournament.

10. Registration & Fees

A fee of \$60.00 is payable by all participants as Registration Fee. This will entitle a registrant to a souvenir of the tournament and an invitation to the Victory Banquet.

All Event Fees: \$60.00 for Open Division & Graded 'A' Division Bowlers

Singles: \$50.00 per person for Open & Graded "A" Division

\$40.00 per person for Graded "B", Senior & Youth Division

\$30.00 per person for Under 18 & Under 15 Division

Doubles: \$50.00 (Per Doubles)

Desperado Squad: \$120.00

Open Masters \$200.00 for male \$160.00 for female

Graded "A" Masters \$160.00 for male \$100.00 for female

Graded "B" Masters \$100.00 for male \$80.00 for female

Senior Masters \$100.00 for male \$80.00 for female

Youth Masters \$100.00 for boys \$80.00 for girls

Under 18 Masters \$60.00 for boys \$50.00 for girls

Under 15 Masters \$60.00 for boys \$50.00 for girls

11. Substitutions

Substitutions may be allowed provided it is reported to one of the Tournament Directors or their Assistants and duly approved by at least 15 minutes before the time of play.

12. Refund

12.1 No refund shall be made after an entry has been registered and accepted.

12.2 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. Tie – Breaking Procedures

13.1 When a tie is registered in the Masters' Qualifying event, the player with the higher high game shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and this will be repeated, until the tie is broken.

13.2 When a tie is registered which will affect the award of prizes, the prizes will be shared equally among the co-winners.

13.3 If a tie occurs in the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

13.4 In the event of a tie occurring which will affect the determination of the top 3 positions of the Masters Finals of all the Divisions, including the top 6 positions for the Open Division prior to the Step-Ladder Finals, a one-game roll-off shall be played. If the tie still exists, a repeat of the 9th and 10th frame shall be played and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

14. Bowler's Attire

14.1 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 or jeans; female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts.

14.2 In the event of TV coverage for the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Director to stipulate the attire to be worn.

15. Bowling Balls

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 WTBA 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.

16. Prizes and Awards

16.1 Prizes in the form of Cash Vouchers, Gifts, Medallions, etc. will be awarded to the winners of the various categories. Bowling Center House Awards do not apply.

16.2 Perfect Game Awards:

Masters Qualifying

\$5000.00 will be shared equally amongst the bowlers who attain perfect game during each **pre-designated squads** of Masters Qualifying Round. Bowler/s who attained perfect game during masters qualifying rounds outside pre-designated squad is/are not entitled to any perfect game award.

Masters Finals

\$5000.00 will be shared equally amongst the bowlers who attain perfect game during Masters Finals for all divisions.

Step Ladder Grand Final

\$5000.00 will be shared equally amongst the bowlers who attain perfect game during the Step Ladder Grand Final.

Cash Award shall be presented to the bowler who attains the Perfect Game.

Foreign bowlers are liable for withholding tax on all prize monies received.

17. Slow Bowling

- 17.1 Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:
- 17.1.1 They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach on preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.
- 17.1.2 They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 17.1.3 They shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lanes immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear.
- 17.1.4 A player is given 30 seconds from the moment the previous bowler steps down from the approach to the time the ball leaves the hand of the bowler. Lane marshals will be given stop watches to randomly check the timing of the bowlers in their delivery.
- 17.2 If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in 17.1, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorised tournament official as follows:
- 17.2.1 A white card for the first offence (no penalty)
- 17.2.2 A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty)
- 17.2.3 A red card for the third and succeeding offence in any block of games, the penalty shall be zero pinfall for the frame

18. Verification of Scores

It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that the correct score for each game bowled is recorded in the official score sheet by signing in the official score sheet, which will be used as the official score record. Once signed, the scores shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director. If the official score sheet is not signed for any reason, the Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse acceptance of the score sheet

19. Interrupted Game(s)

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 In the event of the 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 shall remain unchanged.

20. Protest

- 20.1 Eligibility
- Protest involving eligibility must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or his appointed official on duty.

20.2 Error in Scoring

The Tournament Officials immediately upon discovery of such errors will correct errors in scoring or calculation. Protests involving errors in scoring will only be entertained if such protests are brought to the attention of the Tournament Director or his appointed official on duty on the spot.

20.3 Fouls

Protest involving fouls must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshall before the delivery of the next ball.

No protest will be entertained after the bowler has made his/her second delivery of the frame.

20.4 All Other Protests

Protest involving the Masters Qualifying event must be lodged with the Tournament Director in writing, not later than 2 hours after the completion of the squad in which the protest has arisen.

When a protest involves the Masters Finals of the Open Division (Men & Women), such a protest must be lodged with the Tournament Director on the spot, in any case before the commencement of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals.

Protest involving the Step-Ladder Grand Finals must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director on the spot.

No protests will be entertained after the presentation of prizes.

20.5 Withholding Of Prizes

When a protest is lodged involving the final positions in any event and pending the decision of appeals to either SBF or ABF/WTBA, the Tournament Director reserves the right to withhold presentation of prizes for the event pending the outcome of the appeal.

21. Interpretation Clause

- 21.1 The Tournament Director, or, in his absence, his appointed official on duty, reserves the right to accept or reject any entry as he deems fit.
- 21.2 Any matters arising that are not covered in these Tournament Rules and Regulations, will be decided upon by the Tournament Director (through adoption of the WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations). The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final subject only to appeal to SBF, which must be made in writing within 48 hours of the decision.

22. ABF Adjudication

Notwithstanding Rule #21, an appeal may be submitted in writing to the Asian Bowling Federation through SBF within 30 days of SBF's decision for final adjudication.