

# 25<sup>th</sup> U MOBILE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

15 – 23 September 2012

Mega Lanes Kuala Lumpur, Endah Parade, Sri Petaling

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## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. Championship Organization and Sanction**

The 25<sup>th</sup> U Mobile Kuala Lumpur International Open Bowling Championship 2012 is organized by the Kuala Lumpur Tenpin Bowling Association and sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress (MTBC). It will be conducted in accordance to the WTBA Playing Rules.

### **2. Eligibility**

This Tournament is open to all current paid up members of MTBC & WTBA affiliates. All local participants must show proof by producing their membership cards or receipts for examination. All overseas participants must obtain clearance from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations.

### **3. Averages**

For Malaysians: All bowlers in the National Training Squad shall compete in the Open Division while the rest of the bowlers may choose to compete in the Open or Graded Division. National bowlers who retire from the National Team before 1 January 2010 shall be eligible to compete in the Graded Division.

For Non-Malaysians: Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Association or Congress.

### **4. Classification**

Competition will be divided into Open and Graded divisions for all categories i.e. Men, Women, Youth Boys and Youth Girls.

4.1. **Men's Open** - All male bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.

4.2. **Women's Open** - All female bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division.

4.3. **Men's Graded** - All male bowlers with an average of 195 and below are eligible to participate in this division. Bowlers in the National Training squad are not eligible to participate in this division. Ex-national bowlers who have left the National Team before 1 January 2010 are eligible to bowl in this division.

4.4. **Women's Graded** - All female bowlers with an average of 185 and below are eligible to participate in this division. Bowlers in the National Training

squad are not eligible to participate in this division. Ex-national bowlers who have left the National Team before 1 January 2010 are eligible to bowl in this division.

- 4.5 **Youth Boys Open** - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1990 and after, are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.6 **Youth Girls Open** - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1990 and after are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.7 **Youth Boys Graded** - All male bowlers who were born in the year of 1990 and after with an average of 185 and below are eligible to participate in this division.
- 4.8 **Youth Girls Graded** - All female bowlers who were born in the year of 1990 and after with an average 175 and below are eligible to participate in this division.

## 5. Events

### Open Division

#### MEN & WOMEN

- a) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
- b) Masters (refer rules)

#### YOUTH BOYS & YOUTH GIRLS

- a) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
- b) Masters (10 games)

### Graded Division

#### MEN & WOMEN

- a) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
- b) Masters (12 games)

#### YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS

- a) Masters Qualifying (3 games)
- b) Masters (10 games)

- 5.1 **Masters Qualifying (MQ)** – 3 games will be bowled in this event. A bowler may bowl as many times as he/she chooses. The **best attempt (3 games series)** will be listed for ranking into the Masters Qualifying.
- 5.2 **Desperado Squad** - One game will be bowled in this event on the last squad on Thursday, 21 September 2012, and is for Men's Open and Men's Graded division only. A bowler must bowl at least 5 MQs in his/her respective category to be eligible, and the event will only be conducted with a minimum of 8 entries in each of the division.
- 5.4 **Masters** - Scores obtained in the best MQs in respective divisions will be used for Masters Qualifying. This event is open to those bowlers who have paid up proof of their Registration.

Graded bowlers who wish to qualify for the Open Masters must pay the difference in the registration fees before they compete in the Open MQs.

The number of Masters finalists in each category are as follows:

## **MEN'S OPEN MASTERS**

15 Qualifiers + 3 Desperado qualifiers  
TOTAL: 18 Qualifiers

## **WOMEN'S OPEN MASTERS**

12 Qualifiers

Bowlers for the Open Masters Finals will be 10 games for Round 1. The top 6 bowlers will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

### **Quarter-Final**

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> placed after the Round 1 will qualify for the Quarter-Final. The 3 bowlers will bowl 1 game each with the highest pin falls qualifying for the Semi-Finals. The bowler with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest pin falls will be placed in 5<sup>th</sup> position while the bowler with the lowest pin fall will be placed in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

### **Semi Finals**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position bowlers from Round 1 will qualify directly into the Semi Finals. These 2 bowlers together with the winner from the Quarter-Final match will bowl 1 game each with the highest pin falls qualifying for the Finals. The bowler with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest pin falls will be placed in 3<sup>rd</sup> position while the bowler with the lowest pin fall will be placed in 4<sup>th</sup> position.

### **Finals**

The 1<sup>st</sup> position bowler from Round 1 will qualify directly into the Finals. The Finals will be held on a 1+1 format. Should the winner of the Semi-Finals match wins the 1<sup>st</sup> game against the top placed bowler, there would be "sudden death" play-off on one game. Whoever, wins this game will be declared the Champion.

### **MEN'S GRADED**

Top 24 Qualifiers + 3 from "Desperado" Squad  
Total **27 bowlers** to bowl 12 games

### **WOMEN'S GRADED**

Top 12 Qualifiers – to bowl 12 games

### **YOUTH BOY'S OPEN**

Top 16 Qualifiers – to bowl 10 games

### **YOUTH BOY'S GRADED**

Top 18 Qualifiers – to bowl 10 games

### **YOUTH GIRL'S OPEN**

Top 12 Qualifiers – to bowl 10 games

## **YOUTH GIRL'S GRADED** Top 12 Qualifiers – to bowl 10 games

All the above top qualifiers based on the best masters qualifying (MQ) scores, which will be listed on the Championship Results Board from the start of the qualifying rounds till the end of last squad at 10.00pm on 21 September 2012. (Except for youth qualifying to refer to the schedule)

In the event of a tie for the last position in the qualifying round, the highest last game in the MQ will decide, i.e. the higher last game of the best 3-games. If there is still a tie, the higher 2<sup>nd</sup> last game will decide and will continue until the tie is broken.

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

### **REPORTING TIME**

All Masters Finalists must check in personally 30 minutes to one hour before their respective roll-off times. Reserves will be called 15 minutes before roll-off.

## **6. Registration and Fees**

### **6.1 Registration Fee**

Men and Women's Open Division	RM160.00 per person
Men and Women's Graded Division	RM120.00 per person
Youth Division	RM120.00 per person

Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first event.

6.2	Open & Graded MQs	RM 65.00 per bowler/attempt
6.3	Special Open & Graded MQs	RM 55.00 per bowler/attempt
6.4	Youth MQs	RM 55.00 per bowler/attempt
6.5	Special Youth MQs	RM 45.00 per bowler/attempt
6.6	Men's Open Masters	RM 350.00 per bowler
6.7	Women's Open Masters	RM 300.00 per bowler
6.8	Men's Graded Masters	RM 280.00 per bowler
6.9	Women's Graded Masters	RM 250.00 per bowler
6.10	All Youth Masters	RM 150.00 per bowler

## **7. 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 squads.

## **8. Substitutions**

Substitutions may be allowed provided it is reported to one of the Tournament Directors or their Assistants and duly approved by at least 30 minutes before the time of play. A fee of RM15 per bowler is required for any substitution.

## **9. Participation**

Bowlers must play in their respective grades or in higher one. Bowlers from a higher grade will not be eligible to play in any of the lower grades. Bowlers in the graded division or youth division, who wishes to participate in the Open division after qualifying in their respective grade, may do so without competing in the Singles again in the open grade. However they have to pay an additional fee of RM40 which will be the ranking fee towards ABF.

## **10. Verification of Score**

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 form of each event. Once signed, the score shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee.

In the event of any interruptions caused by power failure, the following procedure shall be followed.

Any part of a game that cannot be recalled will be re-bowled from the first frame. If more than one game cannot be recalled, the series shall be declared null and void and a fresh series be rescheduled. If only one frame is missing, the bowler shall continue from the last frame bowled.

## **11. Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification**

All participants are advised to check 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 MTBC 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. Tie Breaking Procedure**

- 12.1 When a tie occurs for the last placed in the masters qualifying, the highest last game in the qualified MQ will decide, i.e. the highest last game of the best 3 games. In the Quarter finals, Semi Finals and Finals when a tie occurs on the matches, one ball roll-off shall decide until the tie is broken.

### **13. Cheating**

Any bowler found guilty of cheating at scores, averages eligibility or in any other counts will be immediately disqualified from the entire tournament and reported to the Disciplinary Committee of MTBC for further action. He/she will also be stripped of his/her winnings and 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.

### **14. Bowlers Attire**

- 14.1 Bowlers are requested to be dressed for their events with a sense of decorum.
- 14.2 Men bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans, shorts, singlet and caps while women bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans and cap.
- 14.3 Bowlers are not permitted to use any electronic device such as headphones, MP3 player, etc. when on the approach. They may use such devices when they are in the bowlers' area.

### **15. Slow Bowling**

- 15.1 A bowler who is in readiness to step on the approach to deliver a ball, shall have the following rights and obligations:
- They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left.  
They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.
- 15.2 Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn should not delay to go to the approach, is a lane immediately adjacent to them on the left and right side is clear.
- 15.3 Penalty shall be imposed to bowler(s) who is four (4) frames slower from the leader not counting the end pair of lanes. The penalty will be to forfeit the score in the next frame.

### **16. Protest**

- 16.1 **Scores** - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the event, and in the case of an elimination round, before the next round. In the case of the last match of the Step-Ladder Grand Finals of the Masters event, such protests, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prize presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.
- 16.2 **Foul** - Must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshal before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made after the 2nd ball has been bowled shall be entertained.
- 16.3 **Eligibility** - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation or whichever is earlier

## 17. **Altering of Bowling Ball Surface**

Altering the surface of bowling balls is allowed in a designated area during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round. A player may not alter the surface of the bowling ball during a game.

## 18. **Special Notes**

- 18.1 Bowlers are requested to refrain from swearing on the lanes.
- 18.2 Bowlers shall restrict themselves to their respective lanes and exercise consideration for all participants.
- 18.3 Bowlers wearing soft rubber soles on their non-sliding foot may be barred from further bowling subject, to the scrutiny of the Tournament Directors.
- 18.4 The Tournament Directors reserve the right to accept or reject any entry they deem fit.
- 18.5 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 appeal to the KLTBA Council. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 48 hours of the decision by any of the above.  
Notwithstanding the above, an appeal FOR THE DECISION OF THE KLTBA may still be lodged with MTBC but through the KLTBA and within 30 days of the KLTBA Council's decision.