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49th HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS July 31 – August 8, 2026, SCAA Bowling Centre 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

RULES AND FORMATS

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Championships, organised by **Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKCTBC)** and sanctioned by **International Bowling Federation (IBF)** and **Asian Bowling Federation (ABF)**, will be conducted in accordance with World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019. Current Frame Scoring System will be used.

International Bowling Federation (IBF) and Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) will permit only urethane bowling balls that are manufactured with a minimum hardness of 78D and are approved by USBC for use in IBF events. Random hardness checks may be carried out during events. Any ball that measures below 72D will be declared non-compliant and removed from the competition.

A full list of bowling balls that are not eligible for use in IBF/ABF events is available at the following link:

<https://bowl.com/equipment-specifications/athletes>

Then select - **National Tournament Ineligible Ball List - 78D Slow Oil Allowed**

2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all HKCTBC Life Members and current paid-up members of HKCTBC (2026-2027) as well as all **certified** current paid-up Member Federations of IBF/ABF. Participants must be age 8 or above on January 1, 2026. (Born on or before 2018)

3. VENUE

South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre
1/F, Sports Centre, 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

4. DATE

July 31 – August 8, 2026

5. CLASSIFICATION

Competition is divided into Open, Hong Kong Cup, Graded A, Graded B, Youth, Youth U18, Youth U15 and Senior Divisions.

a. Open All bowlers, including graded and youth bowlers are eligible to participate.

b. Graded A ONLY the following bowlers are eligible to participate:
i Male bowlers whose average is 200 or under and
ii Female bowlers whose average is 190 or under

Graded B ONLY the following bowlers are eligible to participate:
i Male bowlers whose average is 185 or under and
ii Female bowlers whose average is 175 or under



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*Notes for Graded A & Graded B

For the purpose of these grades, local bowlers must produce their highest league average bowled over a minimum of 40 games established within 12 months of club registration (from July 14, 2025 to July 13, 2026) and must be certified in writing by local bowling centres or by bowling clubs registered with HKCTBC if the bowler has not been bowling in leagues in all of the bowling centres in Hong Kong. Original certificate must be submitted to the Tournament Office at the time of registration, otherwise all attempts will be treated as Open Division until such certificate is produced. It is the responsibility of the bowlers to see to it that their highest league average is submitted. Overseas bowlers must produce letter of certification from their respective local Congress/Associations/Federation to prove that they are members of their federations and are eligible to participate in overseas tournaments. The Man and Woman Champion of the Graded A/B Masters of the Hong Kong International Open for the year 2023 to 2025 are not eligible to bowl in their respective Graded Division (winners of local Graded Tournaments are exempted).

c. **Hong Kong Cup** Only bowlers with Permanent HKID Card are eligible to participate in this event.
* **HKSI ETG National athletes are not eligible to participate in this event**

d. **Youth Boys** ONLY open to boys born on January 1, 2006 or after

e. **Youth Girls** ONLY open to girls born on January 1, 2006 or after

f. **Youth U18** ONLY open to boys and girls born on January 1, 2008 or after

g. **Youth U15** ONLY open to boys and girls born on January 1, 2011 or after

h. **Senior** ONLY open to men and women bowlers born on January 1, 1976 or before

6. EVENTS

a. Open Division

MEN		WOMEN	
i. Singles	(3 games)	i. Singles	(3 games)
ii. Masters Qualify	(6 games - best of two sets)	ii. Masters Qualify	(6 games - best of two sets)
iii. Masters	(2 stages)	iii. Masters	(2 stages)
	(Stage I - 8 games; Stage II - 8 games)		(Stage I - 8 games; Stage II - 8 games)

b. Graded A Division

MEN		WOMEN	
i. Singles	(3 games)	i. Singles	(3 games)
ii. Doubles	(2 games)	ii. Doubles	(2 games)
iii. All Events	(5 games)	iii. All Events	(5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify	(6 games - best of two sets)	iv. Masters Qualify	(6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters	(8 games)	v. Masters	(8 games)

c. Graded B Division

MEN		WOMEN	
i. Singles	(3 games)	i. Singles	(3 games)
ii. Doubles	(2 games)	ii. Doubles	(2 games)
iii. All Events	(5 games)	iii. All Events	(5 games)



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- iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- v. Masters (8 games)
- iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- v. Masters (8 games)

d. Hong Kong Cup (Mixed)

This is a separate Masters Event and there will be no respective division for Men and Women. Bowlers of Graded and Youth Division have to complete their All Events in their respective division and Bowlers of Open Division have to complete one Singles event to be qualified for participating this event. Women bowlers are given a **handicap of 8 pins per game** for the Masters Qualify and in the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. Hong Kong Cup Masters (8 games)

* Champion of this division will automatically be qualified for Men/Women Open Masters Stage I.

e. Youth Division

There will be **respective division** for Boys and Girls. **In the event that there is less than 4 girl bowlers in their division, the Masters Event will be mixed. Girl bowlers are given a handicap of 8 pins per game in the Masters Event.**

- | BOYS | GIRLS |
|---|---------------------------|
| i. Singles (3 games) | i. Singles (3 games) |
| ii. Doubles (2 games) | ii. Doubles (2 games) |
| iii. All Events (5 games) | iii. All Events (5 games) |
| iv. Masters Qualify for both Boys and Girls Division (6 games - best of two sets) | |
| v. Masters (8 games) | |

f. Youth U18 (Mixed)

There will be no respective division for Boys and Girls. The Masters Event will be mixed event and Girl bowlers are given a handicap of 8 pins per game in the Masters Qualify and the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. Masters (6 games)

g. Youth U15 (Mixed)

There will be no respective division for Boys and Girls. The Masters Event will be mixed. Girl bowlers are given a handicap of 8 pins per game in the Masters Qualify and the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. Masters (6 games)

h. Senior Division (Mixed)

There will be no respective division for Men and Women. The Masters Event will be mixed. Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game in the Masters Qualify and the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. Senior Masters (6 games)

*Handicaps will be given for both men and women accordingly to their age:

- Age 56 – 60: 5 pins/ game
- Age 61 – 65: 10 pins/ game
- Age 66 or above: 15 pins/ game

i. **Challenge Cups

- i. Inter-Centre President Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four by invitation)



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****HKCTBC Elite National Senior Athletes are not allowed to participate***

- ii. International Youth Year (IYY) Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four for youths by invitation born on January 1, 2006 or after)
*10 pins per game will be deducted from the score of Hong Kong National Junior Athletes and only a maximum of 2 Hong Kong National Junior Squad Athletes can participate in each team
- iii. Sports & Recreation Challenge Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four by invitation)
- iv. Inter-Hong Challenge Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four by invitation)
- v. Inter-Club Challenge Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four by invitation)

*****For all Challenge Cup events, the teams will be notified of the cancellation of that event should there be less than 4 teams at 12 noon of July 30, 2026.***

7. ALL EVENTS

For Graded A, Graded B and Youth Divisions, scores obtained by the bowler in the **first set** of Singles (3 games) and **first set** Doubles (2 Games) respectively for Men/Women making up a total of 5 games series and for Boys/Girls making up a total of 5 games series will decide the Winners.

8. MASTERS

Open Masters is open to those bowlers who have bowled and completed one set of Singles event. Any walk-over in the set of Singles event, unless there is a re-entry and completion of another set of Singles event or has been approved as authentic by the Tournament Director, the bowler will be disqualified from participating in the Masters Event.

Graded and Youth Masters are open to those bowlers who have bowled and completed the **Singles** and **Doubles events** in their respective Divisions and have already paid their All-Events entries. Any walk-over in any of the above-mentioned two events, unless there is a re-entry and completion of these two respective events in their respective divisions or has been approved as authentic by the Tournament Director, the bowler will be **disqualified** from participating in **the Masters Event**. Scores obtained during the re-entry will not be counted towards All Events scores.

Bowlers of **Graded and Youth Divisions** who have completed the All Events in their respective Division do not have to complete the All Events of any other Divisions should they wish to compete in the Master Event in other Division. Any walk-over in the Singles and Doubles events, unless there is a re-entry and completion of these two respective events in their respective divisions or has been approved as authentic by the Tournament Director, the bowler will be **disqualified** from participating in **the Masters Event**. Scores obtained during the re-entry will not be counted towards All Events scores.

For the Youth U18, Youth U15 and Senior Event, if there are less than 6 participants, there will be no Masters Finals. The top 3 bowlers in the Masters Qualify will be awarded Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up accordingly.

a. Men Open Masters



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i. Defending Champion	1
ii. Hong Kong National Team Representatives	3
iii. Top Local Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	9
iv. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	12
v. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	10
vi. Hong Kong Cup Champion	1
vii. Desperado	3
Total	39

The **top 3 Masters qualifiers** in the Local Division and the Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Stage II. The rest of the 33 Masters Finalists will bowl a total of 8 games in Stage I. The top 18 bowlers in Stage I together with the above-mentioned 6 seeded bowlers (total 24 bowlers) will enter Stage II bowling another 8 games starting from scratch. The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

The Step-ladder Finals will be played in 3 Stages. In Stage 1, the 4th, 5th & 6th position bowlers will bowl one game starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will continue to Stage 2. This game's score does not decide the position of the remaining bowlers. The remaining 2 bowlers will be in the original position they obtained in the top 6. In Stage 2, the winner from Stages1 will meet the 2nd and 3rd position bowlers for another one game match starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will continue to Stage 3. This game's score does not decide the position of the remaining bowlers. The remaining 2 bowlers will be in the original position they obtained in the top 4. In Stage 3 the winner from Stage 2, will then challenge the 1st position bowler in a one-plus-one match game starting from scratch. If the 1st position bowler wins the first game, he will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the first game, there will be one more roll-off game starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

b. Women Open Masters

i. Defending Champion	1
ii. Top Local Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	8
iii. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	11
iv. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	9
v. Hong Kong Cup Champion	1
Total	30

The top 3 Masters qualifiers in the Local Division and the Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Stage II. The rest of the 24 Masters Finalists will bowl a total of 8 games in Stage I. The top 15 bowlers in Stage I together with the above mentioned 6 seeded bowlers (total 21 bowlers) will enter Stage II bowling another 8 games starting from scratch. The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

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c. Men Graded A Masters

The top 21 bowlers in the Men Graded A Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

d. Women Graded A Masters

The top 15 bowlers in the Women Graded A Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

e. Men Graded B Masters

The top 18 bowlers in the Men Graded B Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

f. Women Graded B Masters

The top 12 bowlers in the Women Graded B Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

g. Hong Kong Cup

The top 18 bowlers in the Hong Kong Cup Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners. Winner of the Hong Kong Cup will automatically be seeded in Stage I of the Men/Women Open Masters.

h. Youth Boys Masters

i. Top Local Bowlers (Boys) in the Masters Qualify	6
ii. Top Overseas Bowlers (Boys) in the Masters Qualify	6
iii. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers (Boys) in the Masters Qualify	6
Total	18

The top 18 bowlers (Boys) will bowl a total of 8 games to decide the Winners.

i. Youth Girls Masters

i. Top Local Bowlers (Girls) in the Masters Qualify	4
ii. Top Overseas Bowlers (Girls) in the Masters Qualify	4
iii. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers (Girls) in the Masters Qualify	4
Total	12

The top 12 bowlers will bowl a total of 8 games to decide the Winners.

j. Youth U18 Masters

The top 16 bowlers (Boys/Girls) in the Youth U18 Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Finals to decide the Winners.

k. Youth U15 Masters

The top 12 bowlers (Boys/Girls) in the Youth U15 Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Finals to decide the Winners.



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I. Senior Masters

The top 15 bowlers (Men/Women) in the Senior Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Finals to decide the Winners.

9. ATTEMPTS

There is no limit of attempts in all the Events except that in the Doubles Events there must be a change of partner for each attempt.

10. FEES (Updated)

Registration Fee for Open Division and Hong Kong Cup **HK\$370.00** per person, for all other Divisions **HK\$280.00** per person and for Youth U18, Youth U15 and Senior Division **HK\$230.00** per person. Registration fee which is inclusive of All Events and Victory Banquet must be paid before commencing the first attempt.

a. Open/ Graded A and Graded B Masters qualify	HK\$280.00 / person
b. Open/ Graded A and Graded B Singles	HK\$280.00 / person
c. Graded A and Graded B Doubles	HK\$280.00 / person
d. Hong Kong Cup Masters Qualify	HK\$280.00 / person
e. Youth Masters Qualify	HK\$250.00 / person
f. Youth Singles	HK\$250.00 / person
g. Youth Doubles	HK\$250.00 / person
h. Youth U18 Masters Qualify	HK\$250.00 / person
i. Youth U15 Masters Qualify	HK\$250.00 / person
j. Senior Masters Qualify	HK\$250.00 / person

Note: The Tournament Director reserves the right to reallocate squad time and the schedule at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible. Change of bowlers is accepted provided that an administration fee of HK\$100.00 per bowler is paid 10 minutes before the close of the check-in.

k. Masters	
i. Men Open (2 Stages)	
Stage I – 8 games.....	HK\$600.00 / person
Stage II – 8 games.....	HK\$600.00 / person
ii. Women Open (2 Stages)	
Stage I – 8 games.....	HK\$600.00 / person
Stage II – 8 games.....	HK\$600.00 / person
iii. Hong Kong Cup (8 games)	HK\$600.00 / person
iv. Men Graded A (8 games)	HK\$600.00 / person
v. Women Graded A (8 games)	HK\$600.00 / person
vi. Men Graded B (8 games).....	HK\$600.00 / person
vii. Women Graded B (8 games)	HK\$600.00 / person
viii. Youth Boys (8 games)	HK\$600.00 / person
ix. Youth Girls (8 games)	HK\$600.00 / person
x. Youth U18 (6 games)	HK\$450.00 / person
xi. Youth U15 (6 games)	HK\$450.00 / person
xii. Senior (6 games)	HK\$450.00 / person



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Note: Appropriate entry forms are available for purchase at the reception counter. All fees for the Masters events under paragraph 10k. are to be paid at the time of check-in.

11. ENTRIES

Registration Fee must be paid before any entry will be accepted. **ENTRY FORM(S)** must be purchased and entirely filled before submitting any entry. Such **FORM(S)** will be available for purchase at 1/F, Meeting Room 6, Olympic House from 1400-1800 on July 22 and July 23, 2026 (Wednesday and Thursday) and at SCAA Bowling Centre from July 31, 2026 onwards during the period of the championships. Overseas bowlers can book their squads by fax: +852 2575 2145 or by email: hktbc@netvigator.com. Upon request by Tournament Official/Staff, all local bowlers must produce their HKCTBC membership cards, and all participants must produce their registration cards for examination. Youth and Senior bowlers must produce their Hong Kong Identity Card or Passport for examination. Entry forms submitted by bowlers without registration number **will not** be accepted.

12. AWARDS

a. Open

i. Men/Women Open

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded to the positions specified in the Prize List in the various Masters Events. In addition, if the winners of the Men/Women Open Masters are overseas bowlers, he/she will be awarded a return air-ticket (Economy Class) from the country which he/she represented to Hong Kong with 4-nights hotel accommodation to defend his/her title in the Hong Kong International Open of the following year. The game fees for the Masters Event will be waived. In the case of the winner being a local bowler, he/she will receive a return air-ticket (Economy Class) to either Manila or Bangkok valid until July 31, 2027. The game fees for the Masters Event will also be waived. The Defending Masters of both Men and Women Division must complete one set of Singles before he/she can bowl in the Masters.

ii. Singles

Prizes and medals will be presented to the top three positions in every event.

b. Graded Divisions

i. Graded A and Graded B Masters

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List in the Masters Events.

ii. All Events

Prizes and medals will be presented to the Winners of respective section of each Division.

iii. Singles and Doubles

Prizes and medals will be presented to the top three positions in every event.

c. Hong Kong Cup

Prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List and trophies will be presented to the top three positions in the Masters Event.

d. Youth Division

i. Youth Masters

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and Prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List in the Masters Events.



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- ii. All Events
Prize and Medal will be awarded to the Champion.
- iii. Singles and Doubles
Prizes and Medals will be awarded to the top three positions.

e. Youth U18 Division

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List in the Masters Events.

f. Youth U15 Division

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List in the Masters Events.

g. Senior Division

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List in the Masters Events.

h. Challenge Cups

- i. Inter-Centre President Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- ii. IYY Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- iii. Sports & Recreation Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- iv. Inter-Hong Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- v. Inter-Club Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.

13. INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME

In both the Men and Women Section of all Divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective Division **except in the Masters Events and all the Challenge Cup Events**. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers in the score, all will be awarded. In the Youth U18, Youth U15 and Senior Division, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in the Masters Qualify (**excluding handicap**).

14. TIE SCORE

- a. Whenever a tie occurs in any of the first three positions in the Doubles and Singles Events, bowlers with equal scores will share the prize between them.
- b. In case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for the Open, Graded A, Graded B, U15, U18, Youth, Senior and Hong Kong Cup Masters Events, a one game roll-off shall be held. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be held until the tie is broken.



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- c. If a tie occurs in the Men and Women Open Masters Final (Stage 2) for the 1st, 3rd, & 6th position, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be held until the tie is broken.
- d. Tie Breaking for Masters Final in Open (Stage 1), Graded A, Graded B, U15, U18, Youth, Senior and Hong Kong Cup will be based on the following:
 1. The least difference between the highest game bowled and the lowest game bowled will be taken to break the tie
 2. In case of a further tie, the highest game bowled will be taken to break the tie
 3. In case of a further tie, the highest last game bowled will be taken to break the tie

15. CHECK-IN

Check-in will open 1 hour before and closed 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in every event unless otherwise stated (bowlers must inform the check-in counter if they have consecutive squad booking to exempt the check-in procedure for the following squad). For those who fail to check-in personally at the prescribed time, their placings as well as the fees will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to the next pre-booked reserved bowler. In the Men and Women Open Masters, there will be check-in for both the 1st and the 2nd Stage. In case there is a vacancy, the placing will be allocated to the reserve(s) present.

16. BOWLING BALLS, ALTERING SURFACE

Altering the surface of bowling ball is **only allowed** during the official practice session before a block of games or competition round. Altering surface of the bowling ball during or between games is **not allowed**. If the surface is altered **during a game, the penalty is zero pinfall in that game**. If the surface is altered between games, **that ball will be taken away from the competition until that block or round of games/competition is finished**.

17. PROTESTS

- a. Protests - Foul or Legality of Pinfall
A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the bowler. Tournament Committee and the official representatives of the Congress shall then solve the problem.
- b. Protests - Eligibility - General Playing Rules
Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before the prize presentation.
- c. Protests - Errors
The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be 1 hour from the end of the event or before prize presentation.

18. REGISTRATION OF BOWLING BALLS, ILLEGALITY AND DISQUALIFICATION

All bowling balls used in the Championships must be registered prior to competition. All participants are advised to check that their bowling balls used in the Tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. Bowling balls used by the participants may be subject to random check.



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If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and all fees paid will not be refunded. If the Tournament Committee is of the opinion that such usage was deliberate and was intended to cheat, the incident may be further reported to the HKCTBC Disciplinary Committee/or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to the Tournament Director any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

According to the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019 on balance hole, Since August 2020, no balance holes are allowed. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery. A maximum of five gripping holes is allowed in a bowling ball. Any gripping hole that does not have the thumb or fingers inserted into it throughout the approach would be classified as a balance hole, which is not allowed.

Only bowling balls manufactured on or after January 1, 1991 that are on the USBC approved ball list latest the day the tournament starts are allowed for use in sanctioned competition. The online list may be found at <https://bowl.com/approved-ball-list> and will be available during all world events. Acceptance of manufactured balls prior to the inception of the USBC ball list for use in competition shall not be allowed.

Besides, the 5 balls (as below) are approved to be used in World and Asian Championships, Multi-Sports Games in Asia, all PBA tournaments, and tournaments organized by HKCTBC.

- i. Storm Electrify Solid
- ii. Storm Trend 2
- ii. 900 Global Altered Reality
- iv. 900 Global Wolverine
- v. Roto Grip UFO Alert

19. VERIFICATION OF SCORES

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of scores of each game bowled by signing on the official score sheet. Once signed, the score shall stand. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be brought against it.

20. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Only proper bowling attire (Polo shirt or crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowler in shorts, singlet, sleeveless T-shirt, jeans, and any kind of hats will not be allowed to bowl. Shorts and skirts will be allowed for women bowlers. Trousers/pants for men must be of ankle-length.

In those instances where it is established that a bowler is in breach of this rule, he/she will be suspended by the Tournament Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played and all fees paid will be forfeited.

21. SMOKING AND DRINKING - Rule 4.16 and 4.17

During championships smoking, consuming alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol are not permitted while in competition, i.e., during the entire period of a block of games.



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If a bowler is caught smoking during a game, he/she will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he/she will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game. For the second offence by the same bowler, the bowler will be excluded from the rest of the championships by the Tournament Committee.

The coach penalty for smoking during a game shall be suspension from the block of games in which he violated the rule. The penalty for a second violation is suspension from the rest of the Championship.

Bowlers must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition, i.e., during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where it is established that a bowler is in breach of this rule, he/she may be suspended by the Tournament Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played. All fees paid will be forfeited.

22. DISCLAIMER & PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

All participants (both local and overseas) aged below 18 must submit the said Disclaimer and Participant Agreement signed by his/her parent or guardian.

All participants must fully understand and agree that he/she is healthy, physically fit, and suitable to participate in this tournament. The Organizer and Co-organizer shall not be responsible for all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damages, injury, or death arising out of or as a result of the participant's acts due to his/her negligence. The participant undertakes to indemnify the Organizer and Co-Organizer against all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damages, injury, or death arising out of or as a result of the participant's acts due to his/her negligence.

23. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matter arising during the Championships which are not covered in the aforesaid information, rules and formats will be dealt with by the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee and their decision in all cases shall be final. Meanwhile, all fees paid will not be refunded. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal may still be lodged with HKCTBC within thirty days of the decision of the Tournament Committee. If dissatisfied, the last and final court of appeal shall be the Asian Bowling Federation, but such appeal should be made through HKCTBC in writing and within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the 2019 World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019.

***HKCTBC reserves the final rights on all matters without prior notice.**