

# KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL OPEN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 15 – 21 JUNE

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1. ORGANIZATION & SANCTION

The Kuala Lumpur International Open Bowling Championships 2026 (KLIO26) is organized by Kuala Lumpur Tenpin Bowling Association (KLTBA) and sanctioned by Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress (MTBC) and Asian Bowling Federation (ABF). World Bowling Statutes and Playing Rules shall apply on matters not covered herein.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

All current MTBC members of good standing bowlers accredited by their respective states association and ABF affiliates are eligible to participate in this Championship. All local participants must show proof by producing their membership cards or receipts for examination if requested. All overseas participants must obtain clearance and written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Tenpin Bowling Associations / Congress. Any bowler unable to obtain an official average from their respective association / congress will be deemed as Open bowler.

### 3. AVERAGES

For local participants, grading will be based on Junior Circuit and the official averages of MTBC (74) and bowler without established average must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective Associations. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective National Bowling association or Congress.

### 4. CLASSIFICATION & ENTRY FEES

ELIGIBILITY	CATEGORY	REGISTRATION FEE	MQ FEE	SINGLES FEE	MASTERS FINAL FEE
Youth Girls U12	12 years old and below (born in 2014 or after)	NIL	NIL	NIL	RM170.00
Youth Boys U12	12 years old and below (born in 2014 or after)	NIL	NIL	NIL	RM170.00
Youth Girls Graded	21 years old and below (born in 2005 or after) average of 189 and below	RM150.00	RM110.00	NIL	RM250.00
Youth Boys Graded	21 years old and below (born in 2005 or after) average of 194 and below	RM150.00	RM110.00	NIL	RM250.00
Youth Girls Open	21 years old and below (born in 2005 or after)	RM150.00	RM110.00	Nil	RM300.00
Youth Boys Open	21 years old and below (born in 2005 or after)	RM150.00	RM110.00	Nil	RM300.00
Senior Master Women	50 years old and over (born in 1976 or before)	NIL	NIL	NIL	RM350.00
Senior Master Men	50 years old and over (born in 1976 or before)	NIL	NIL	NIL	RM350.00
Women Graded	Open to all current MTBC members and ABF affiliates members with an average of 190 and below for women	RM150.00	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM350.00
Mens Graded	Open to all current MTBC members and ABF affiliates members with an average of 200 and below for men	RM150.00	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM400.00

Mix Open Division	Open to all current MTBC members and ABF affiliates members	RM150.00	RM130.00	RM130.00	RM450.00
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All Youth categories does not need to bowl for Singles event. The first attempt for Women / Mens Graded and Mix Open Division must be a Singles event. No refund shall be made after an entry has been registered and accepted.

## 5. EVENTS & MASTERS

### 5.1 YOUTH GIRLS AND BOYS U12

This event open to 120 bowlers of boys or girls born in 2014 or after on the first come first serve basis. Bowlers will bowl 6 games scratch on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and total pinfalls to decide the winners. The tournament director(s) reserve the rights to increase or decrease the number participation in each category as he/she deems fit to for both Youth Boys and Girls U-12.

Check in at 2.00 pm to 2.30pm. Roll off at 3.00 pm

### 5.2 YOUTH GIRLS GRADED

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to girls born in 2005 or after and averaging 189 and below.

Top 15 girls will bowl 8 games scratch and total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Last squad for qualifying is on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2.30pm.

Final on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Check in at 8.00pm – 8.45pm. Roll off at 9.00pm. Reserves will be called at 8.46pm.

### 5.3 YOUTH BOYS GRADED

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to boys born 2005 and after and averaging 194 and below.

Top 21 boys will bowl 8 games scratch and total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Last squad for qualifying is on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2.30pm.

Final on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Check in at 8.00pm – 8.45pm. Roll off at 9.00pm. Reserves will be called at 8.46pm.

### 5.4 YOUTH GIRLS OPEN

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to girls born 2005 and after.

Top 18 girls finalists will bowl 8 games scratch and total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Last squad for qualifyng is on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 6.30 pm

Final on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Check in at 9.00 am – 9.45 am. Roll off at 10.00 am. Reserves will be called at 9.46 am.

### 5.5 YOUTH BOYS OPEN

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to boys born 2003 and after.

Top 24 boys finalists will bowl 8 games scratch and total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Last squad for qualifying is on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 6.30 pm

Final on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Check in at 9.00am – 9.45am. Roll off at 10.00am. Reserves will be called at 9.46 am.

### 5.6 SENIOR MASTER MEN AND WOMEN

This event is open to 120 men and 60 women born 1976 and before on the first come first serve basis. The tournament director(s) reserve the rights to increase or decrease the number participation in each category as he/she deems fit to for both Senior Master Men and Women. Bowlers aged 55 (born year 1971) will be given a handicap of 5 pins per game and an additional of 1 pin per game for each year from the age of 56 onwards.

**Senior Men Bowlers** will bowl 6 games on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and total pinfalls with handicap to decide the winners.

Check in at 9.00am to 9.30am. Roll off at 10.00am

**Senior Women Bowlers** will bowl 6 games on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and total pinfalls with handicap to decide the winners.

Check in at 1.30pm to 2.00pm, Roll off at 2.30pm.

### 5.7 WOMEN GRADED

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to all current MTBC members and ABF affiliates with an average of 190 and below.

Top 18 women will bowl 8 games and total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Final on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Check in at 8.00pm – 8.45pm. Roll off at 9.00pm. Reserves will be called at 8.46pm

### 5.8 MENS GRADED

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to all current MTBC members and ABF affiliates with an average of 200 and below for men.

Top 30 qualifiers will bowl 8 games and total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Final on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Check in at 8.00pm – 8.45pm. Roll off at 9.00pm. Reserves will be called at 8.46pm

## 5.9 MIX OPEN DIVISION

Qualifying scores based on best of 2 MQ.

This event open to all current MTBC members and ABF affiliates. All women bowlers will be given handicap of 7 pins per game for MQ, Singles and Master Finals.

Top 8 women and 28 mixed qualifiers will bowl 8 games and total pinfalls with handicap to decide the winners.

Final on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026. Check in at 9.00am – 9.45am. Roll off at 10.00am. Reserves will be called at 9.46am.

## 6. SQUAD TIMES

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Directors or Assistants reserve the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to open additional squads.

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

## 7. REGISTRATION OF BOWLING BALLS

It is the bowlers' responsibility to ensure that all bowling balls used during the Tournament are verified for correctness of weight and other specifications. If in doubt, the ball may be verified by the Tournament Technical Committee. The Tournament Technical Committee reserves the right to recall any ball(s) for inspection at any time.

## 8. REGISTRATION OF BOWLING BALLS, ILLEGALITY AND DISQUALIFICATION

**SLOW OIL-ABSORBING HIGH PERFORMANCE (URETHANE) BOWLING BALLS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED. Penalty will be zero points for the MQ Attempt. If used during the finals, the athlete will be DISQUALIFIED from the tournament.**

**[Click the link below for the list of disallowed bowling balls.](#)**

**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xTyCpt6Bt-54MP1tNz20UVB3mvVcR07Z/view?usp=sharing>**

All participants are advised to check their bowling balls used in the tournament are within the specifications 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 within the specifications in accordance with International Bowling Federation Rules.

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.

## 9. ALTERING OF BOWLING BALL SURFACE (NEW)

**9.1** Any use of chemicals MUST be on the "Acceptable List" as listed on Bowl.com website (<https://bowl.com/equipment-specifications/approved,-non-approved-products>). It is not allowed to use anything listed in the "Products Containing Solids or Abrasives" section nor listed in the "Not Acceptable at any time" section. The ball must be wiped clean after any adjustment.

**9.2** Bowling ball surface adjustments by hand are acceptable between BLOCKS provided they are done in the designated area and that the adjustment procedure does not delay the bowler's next turn.

Altering the surface of the bowling ball is allowed in a designated area only during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round, and between competition round (blocks).

Altering Surface is NOT allowed between games or during games. It can only be done after the round or block.

If the surface is adjusted during a game or in between games, the penalty is zero pinfall for that game.

## **10. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES**

- 10.1** When a tie occurs for the last place in the Masters' Qualifying , the player with the highest last game of the 2<sup>nd</sup> best MQ shall determine the positions.
- 10.2** If a tie exists in (10.1) after the tie-breaker, a one ball roll-off will be utilized and/or repeated until the tie is broken.
- 10.3** When a tie is registered which will affect the awards of prizes, the prizes will be shared equally among the winners.

## **11. AWARDS**

Prizes in the form of Cash Vouchers will be awarded to the winners.

## **12. VERIFICATIONS OF SCORES**

It is the bowlers' responsibility to ensure that the correct score for each game is recorded in the official score sheet by signing on the official score sheet.

## **13. BOWLERS ATTIRE**

**13.1** Bowlers are requested to be dressed for their events with a sense of decorum.

**13.2** Men bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans, shorts, singlet and caps while women bowlers are not permitted to wear jeans and cap.

## **14. PROTEST**

**14.1 Scores** : Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the event. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.

**14.2 Eligibility** : Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 12 hours of the first infringement.

## **15. SPECIAL NOTES**

The Tournament Directors, or, in his absence, his appointed official on duty, reserves the right to accept or reject any entry as deem fit. Any matters arising which are not covered in these Rules and Regulations will be decided by the Tournament Directors. The decision of the Tournament Directors shall be final. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 12 hours of the decision by any of the above.

### **ORGANIZER**

Kuala Lumpur Tenpin Bowling Association (KLTBA)