



Muscat International Open Bowling Championships (Muscat Nights)

8 ~ 19 / Jan / 2026

Al Seeb Bowling Center, Muscat, Oman

Rules & Regulations

1. Organization and Sanction

This tournament is organized by Oman Bowling Committee(OBC) and Muscat Municipality. It's sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation(ABF) and International Bowling Federation(IBF). It will be conducted by the IBF playing rules.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all bowlers with good standing in their Federation / Association / Congress.

3. Format

1) Round 1(Qualifying)

- Bowlers must complete 9 games. Qualified in 3 blocks of 3 games
- Participants may bowl multiple entries with the highest 3 blocks to count towards the 9 games total

- The top 32 bowlers will qualify for the next round ranks as follows.
 - Top 2 scored players ranked 1st and 2nd position
 - Highest scored 2 Omani bowlers out of the top 2 bowlers ranked 3rd and 4th position
 - The next 26 qualifiers ranked 5th ~ 30th position
 - 2 bowlers from the desperado squad ranked 31st and 32nd position
- 2) Round 2(Semi Finals, 28 bowlers)
- The 28 bowlers ranked 5th ~ 32nd position from the qualifying round will bowl 6 games.
 - The top 12 bowlers will qualify for Round 3
- 3) Round 3(Finals, 16 bowlers)
- The bowlers ranked 1st ~ 4th from the Round 1(Qualifying) plus the bowlers from Round 2(12 bowlers) will bowl 8 games
 - The top 5 bowlers will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals
- 4) Step-Ladder Finals(Grand Final)
- Positions 3rd, 4th and 5th players will bowl one game
 - The winner will bowl with position 2nd player in one game match
 - The winner will bowl with the top qualifier on a beat twice format

4. Handicap

Ladies receive 7 pins handicap per game. They get no handicap in tie-breaking.

5. Desperado Squad

Played over 1 game on a pair of lanes(minimum 6 squads played in qualifying), this squad is the last attempt to qualify in the Qualifying Round(no lane dressing). The top 2 bowlers will advance to Round 2(Semi Final).

6. Tie Breakers

When a tie is registered in the Qualifying event, the player with the highest series, in the qualifying series, shall be the winner. When a tie is registered in the Final round all divisions, the player with the highest game shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high series(Qualifying event) or the next high game(Final round) will be counted, and/or repeated until tie is broken. When a tie is registered in the Step-Ladder, 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used until the tie is broken.

7. Fees

- Registration : OMR 30
- Qualifying(1 squad 3 games) : OMR 15
- Desperado(1 Game) : OMR 30
- Round 2 & Round 3 : OMR 40

8. Refund

All 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.

9. Dress Code

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

10. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the following finalists

11. Schedule

Please refer to the separate squad chart

- Local Bowlers Qualifying : 8 ~ 12 Jan, 2026
- Overseas & Local Bowlers Qualifying : 13 ~ 18 Jan, 2026
- Round 2(Semi Finals) : 10:00, 19/Jan, 2026
- Round 3 (Finals) & Step Ladder Finals : 14:00, 19/Jan, 2026

12. Other Regulations

- Lane assignment will be determined by a draw at the start of each session.
- No coaching in the player's area may take place.
- No resurfacing of bowling balls during the session.
- No Lane movement in Round 1(Qualifying).
- Lane movement left-to-left 2 lanes, right-to-right 2 lanes after every game in Round 2 and Round 3.
- In all cases, the decisions of the Organizing Committee are final and binding.