

40th Singapore National Bowling Championships 2009
Orchid Bowl @ Orchid Country Club, 19th – 28th November 2009
Rules & Regulations

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the 40th Singapore National Bowling Championships 2009 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity.

2. DATES & VENUE

This Championship will be held from 19th – 28th November 2009 at Orchid Bowl @ Orchid Country Club, No. 1 Orchid Club Road.

3. ELIGIBILITY

This Championship is open to all Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents who are members of Clubs affiliated to the Singapore Bowling Federation and whose membership is current for the duration of the Championship.

It is the bowler's responsibility to check the status of qualification.

4. AVERAGE

The SBF official average as at 30th June 2009 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.

Irrespective of average, a bowler who has won a Graded "B" / "A" Masters in a SBF, ABF or WTBA sanctioned tournament in 2007, 2008 and 2009 is not allowed to participate in the similar Graded Divisions of this tournament but is able to participate in 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.

5. COMPETITION / FORMAT OF PLAY

Open Division Men & Women

Singles

4 games will be bowled in this event. The first MQ attempt will be for your Singles Event.

Masters Qualifying

Scores obtained in the Singles Event (except for the first attempt), in respective divisions will be used for Masters Qualifying. It is the bowler's responsibilities to confirm that they have completed the Singles Event, in their respective divisions, in order to qualify for the Masters Final. Multiple MQ attempts are allowed.

Graded "A" Division Men

Singles

4 games will be bowled in this event. The first MQ attempt will be for your Singles Event.

Masters Qualifying

Scores obtained in the Singles Event (except for the first attempt), in respective divisions will be used for Masters Qualifying. It is the bowler's responsibilities to confirm that they have completed the Singles Event, in their respective divisions, in order to qualify for the Masters Final. Multiple MQ attempts are allowed.

Graded Division Women

The format of play will be the Masters Qualifying (MQ) format, where the bowler will bowl a 4 game series to qualify for the Masters' Final. Multiple MQ attempts are allowed.

Graded "B", *Senior & Youth Divisions

The format of play will be the Masters Qualifying (MQ) format, where the bowlers will bowl a 4 game series to qualify for the Masters' Final. Multiple MQ attempts are allowed.

***One (1) pin handicap will be given to bowlers above the age of 55 years (as at 1st January 2009) and thereafter one (1) pin for 1 year age ascending. The handicap given to each will be used throughout the whole Championship.**

Bowlers who have won Senior Division Masters in Singapore International Open or Singapore National Bowling Championships in year 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 will not be eligible for any handicap.

Primary Schools & Secondary Schools Divisions

The format of play will be the Masters Qualifying (MQ) format, where the bowlers will bowl a 4 game series to qualify for the Masters' Final. Multiple MQ attempts are allowed.

Classification Of Bowlers

Open Division Men: for men, regardless of age or average

Open Division Women: for women, regardless of age or average

Graded "A" Division Men: for men with an average of **189 & below**.

Graded "B" Division Men: for men with an average of **175 & below**

Graded Division Women: for women with an average of **179 & below**

Senior Division Men & Women: for men and women 50 years and above as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1959 or before)

Youth Division Boys & Girls: for boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below as at 1st Jan 2009 (born on 1988 or after)

Primary Schools' Division: for students in Primary Schools.

Secondary Schools' Division: for students in Secondary Schools

Masters' Qualifiers

Open Division Men: 24 (Top MQ scores 23 & 1 Defending Champion)

Open Division Women: 12 (Top MQ scores 11 & 1 Defending Champion)

Graded "A" Division Men: 24

Graded "B" Division Men: 24

Graded Division Women: 12

Senior Division: Men: 18 Women: 12

Youth Division: Boys: 24 Girls: 12

Primary Schools' Division: Boys: 24 Girls: 12

Secondary Schools' Division: Boys: 24 Girls: 12

6. MASTERS' FINAL

Open Division Men & Women

The Finalists & Defending Champion will bowl 12 games scratch. In the event that the Defending Champion does not defend the title, the vacancy will go to the bowlers on the reserve listing of 24th position downwards in the Masters Qualifying. The top 3 Men & Women based on total pinfalls shall advance to the Step-Ladder Grand Finals.

Step-Ladder Grand Finals

Match 1: The 2nd and 3rd placed bowler shall play a one-game roll-off, scratch. The winner shall proceed to Match 2.

Match 2: The winner of Match 1 shall play against the 1st placed bowler over one game scratch. If the 1st placed bowler wins the game, he/she shall be declared Champion. If the 1st placed bowler loses, one more game will be bowled, counting from scratch and the winner of this game shall be declared Champion.

Graded "A" Division Men

The Finalists shall bowl 10 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Graded Division Women

The Finalists shall bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Graded "B" Division Men

The Finalists shall bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Senior Division Men & Women

The Finalists shall bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls with handicap to decide the winners.

Youth Division Boys & Girls

The Finalists shall bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

Primary & Secondary Schools Division Boys & Girls

The Finalist shall bowl 8 games scratch, total pinfalls to decide the winners.

7. ENTRY FEES

(A) Open and Graded "A" Divisions

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per bowler.

Singles / MQ Fee: \$30/- per MQ.

Open & Graded "A" Masters Finalist Fee: \$100

(B) Others Divisions

Division	Reg Fee	MQ Fee	Masters Finalist Fee
Graded Women	\$20	\$30	\$80
Graded B	\$20	\$30	\$80
Senior	\$20	\$25	\$60
Youth	\$20	\$25	\$60
Primary	\$20	\$25	\$60
Secondary	\$20	\$25	\$60

Bowlers from the other divisions (Primary, Secondary, Youth, Senior and Graded "B"), who wish to participate in Open and Graded "A" divisions, shall pay accordingly as stated in (A).

8. PARTICIPATION

Bowlers in the lower Division who wish to participate in the higher Division after qualifying in their respective division may do so without having the need to complete the Singles Event again in the higher division. (Applicable to Open and Graded "A" Divisions only.)

9. REFUNDS

No refunds will be made after an entry has been paid, registered and accepted.

10. AWARDS

Prizes in the form of cash vouchers/medallions/gifts/trophies etc will be presented to the winners of the various categories. There shall be no perfect game award. Bowling Center House Awards do not apply throughout the Tournament.

11. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE SINGLES EVENT & MASTERS QUALIFYING

When a tie occurs in the Singles Event and/or Masters Qualifying score, which will affect the last position of the Masters Finalist, the player with the highest 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.

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

STEP-LADDER GRAND FINALS

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.

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 3 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.

12. CHECK IN PROCEDURE – MASTERS FINALS

All Finalists are to CHECK-IN AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME FOR THE MASTERS FINALS; failing which he/she will be disqualified and the respective reserve will be called. Max. 3 announcements per bowler, 1 minute per call. The clock in the bowling center will be the official timepiece.

13. REGISTRATION OF BOWLING BALL/S

The onus is on the bowlers to ensure that all bowling ball/s used during the tournament are verified for correctness of weight and other specifications conforming to WTBA General Playing Rules & Regulations. If in doubt, the ball/s may be verified by the Tournament Technical Committee.

14. SLOW BOWLING

Slow bowling is not allowed and bowlers must bowl when it is their turn to do so.

15. VERIFICATION OF SCORES

Bowlers are required to verify and sign the score sheet after bowling. After the scores have been recorded, they cannot be changed unless there is an obvious error in recording or calculation. The Tournament Official immediately upon discovery shall correct obvious errors.

16. DRESS CODE

Bowlers are required to be appropriately dressed for bowling.

Male bowlers are required to wear long pants except for Primary School Division bowlers.

Female bowlers are allowed to wear skirts, shorts or dress shorts.

If, in the opinion of the Tournament Manager, a bowler is not appropriately dressed, he/she may not be permitted to bowl. In any event of television coverage for the respective Finals/Step Ladder Grand Finals of the Masters Event, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Manager to nominate/stipulate the attire to be worn.

17. PROTEST

Protest involving eligibility or general playing rules must be submitted in writing to the Technical Committee not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before prize presentation, whichever is the sooner. If no written protest is filed prior to the expiration period as stated above, the game or games shall stand as bowled. Each protest under this rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

18. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

The Tournament Manager, whose decision shall be governed by WTBA General Rules & Regulations, shall decide any matter arising, which is not covered in these Rules & Regulations. Such a decision shall be final, subject only to an appeal to be made in writing to Singapore Bowling Federation General Council within 24 hours of the decision of the Tournament Manager.