

1. Objective

The objective of the 42nd Singapore National Bowling Championship 2011 is to foster and promote goodwill, comradeship, friendship & sportsmanship amongst the local bowling fraternity.

2. Dates & Venues

This Championship will be held from 17 – 26 November 2011 at Orchid Bowl @ Orchid Country Club.

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. Averages

4.1 The SBF official average as at 30 June 2011 shall be used for purposes of classification, subject to the bowlers having completed a minimum of 18 games.

4.2 Irrespective of average, a bowler who has won a Graded "B" / "A" Masters in a SBF, ABF/WTBA sanctioned tournament in year 2009, 2010 and 2011 is NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIMILAR GRADED DIVISION of this tournament BUT CAN PARTICIPATE OF 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. Classification / Format of Play

5.1 Men's & Women's Open: All male and female bowlers, regardless of age or average

Singles

3 games will be bowled in this event. The first MQ attempt will be for your Singles Event. Multiple attempts are allowed.

Masters Qualifying

Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt).

5.2 Men's Graded "A": All male bowlers with AN AVERAGE OF 189 AND BELOW

Singles

3 games will be bowled in this event. The first MQ attempt will be for your Singles Event. Multiple attempts are allowed.

Masters Qualifying

Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt).

5.3 Men's Graded "B": All male bowlers with AN AVERAGE OF 175 AND BELOW. Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) to qualify for the Masters Final.

5.4 Women's Graded: All female bowlers with AN AVERAGE OF 179 AND BELOW. Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) to qualify for the Masters Final.

5.5 Senior: All male and female bowlers 50 years and above as at 1 Jan 2011 (born in year 1961 & before).

Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) to qualify for the Masters Final.

One (1) pin handicap will be given to bowlers above the age of 55 years (as at 1 January 2011) 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 Championship in year 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 will not be eligible for any handicap.

5.6 Youth: All boys and girls who are 21 years of age and below as at 1 Jan 2011 (born in year 1990 & after).

Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) to qualify for the Masters Final.

5.7 Secondary: For students currently studying in Secondary level.

Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) to qualify for the Masters Final.

5.8 Primary: For students currently studying in Primary level.

Qualifying scores will be based on best 2 attempts (total of 6 games) from the Masters' Qualifying (3 games per qualifying attempt) to qualify for the Masters Final.

6. Participation

Bowlers in the Graded "A" division, who wish to participate in the Open Division, after qualifying in their respective division, may do so without having the need to complete the Singles Event again for the Open division.

7. No. of Finalists in the Masters

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

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

Men's Graded "A": 24

Men's Graded "B": 24

Women's Graded: 12

Senior: Men: 18 Women: 12

Youth: Boys: 24 Girls: 12

Secondary: Boys: 24 Girls: 12

Primary: Boys: 24 Girls: 12

8. Check-in Procedures for Masters Event

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.

9. Masters Event

Men's & Women's Open

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 bowl, counting from scratch and the winner of this game shall be declared Champion

Men's Graded "A"

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

Men's Graded "B" / Women's Graded

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

Senior

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

Youth / Secondary & Primary Schools Division

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

10. Entry Fees

(A) Division	Reg Fee	Singles / MQ Fee	Masters Finalist Fee
Men's Open	\$60	\$40	\$100
Women's Open	\$60	\$40	\$100
Men's Graded "A"	\$60	\$40	\$100
(B) Other Divisions	Reg Fee	MQ Fee	Masters Finalist Fee
Men's Graded "B"	\$60	\$30	\$80
Women's Graded	\$60	\$30	\$80
Senior	\$60	\$30	\$60
Youth	\$60	\$30	\$60
Secondary	\$60	\$30	\$60
Primary	\$60	\$30	\$60

Bowlers from the lower divisions who wish to participate in the higher divisions shall pay accordingly as stated as above.

11. Refund

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

12. Tie-Breaking Procedures

12.1 When a tie is registered in the Singles event or Masters Qualifying, the player with the highest high game, in the qualifying series, shall be the winner. If this still ends in a tie, the next high game will be counted, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

12.2 When a tie is registered in the Masters Final of all divisions, 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/or repeated until the tie is broken.

12.3 When a tie is registered in the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be used, and/or repeated until the tie is broken.

13. Dress code

13.1 Bowlers are required to be properly and appropriately dressed for bowling. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, a bowler is not appropriately dressed, he/she may not be permitted to bowl. **MALE BOWLERS MUST WEAR PANTS OR SLACKS AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR SLEEVELESS SHIRTS AND/OR SHORTS, BERMUDAS.** Female bowlers may wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts.

13.2 In the event of TV coverage for the Step-Ladder Grand Finals, 13.1 still apply. However, bowler may choose to wear his/her own shirt or accept an offer from the host to use a sponsor shirt or badge from the host sponsor.

14. Bowling Balls

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.

15. Awards

15.1 Prizes in the form of cash vouchers/medallions/gifts/trophies etc will be presented to the winners of the various divisions.

15.2 THERE SHALL BE NO PERFECT GAME AWARD.

15.3 Bowling Center House Awards DO NOT APPLY throughout the championship.

16. Slow Bowling

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

17. Verification of Scores

It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that the correct score for each game bowled is recorded in the official score sheet by signing in the official score sheet, which will be used as the official score record. Once signed, the scores shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director. If the official score sheet is not signed for any reason, the Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse acceptance of the score sheet.

18. 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.

19. 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.