** Update on 24 November:

Please refer to page 10 of this Rules and Formats for the lane pattern that will be used in this tournament



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12th Hong Kong Individual Open Tenpin Bowling (Local) Tournament cum Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR

RULES AND FORMATS

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

This tournament, organised by **Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKTBC)** and subvented by Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be conducted in accordance to the World Bowling Statutes and Playing Rules as of March 2016.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all current members of **HKTBC** bearing the status of a permanent resident in the HKSAR.

3. VENUE

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

4. DATE

Qualifying-December 8 & 9, 2017 (Friday & Saturday)Masters-December 10, 2017 (Sunday)

5. CLASSIFICATION

Competition is divided into Open, Men Graded, Women Graded, Men Potential, Women Potential, Youth and Senior Division respectively. Women bowlers in Open Division will be given a handicap of **10 pins** for each game. Girl bowlers in Youth Division will be given a handicap of **12 pins** for each game.

a. Open	For men bowlers whose average is 200.01 or above . For women bowlers whose average is 190.01 or above.
b. Men Graded	For men bowlers whose average is 200 or under.
Women Graded	For women bowlers whose average is 190 or under.
c. Men Potential	For men bowlers whose average is 175 or under.
Women Potential	For women bowlers whose average is 165 or under.







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- **d. Youth** ONLY open to boys and girls born on <u>December 11, 1997 or after</u>. Girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 12 pins per game in Youth Division for Qualifying and in the Masters Event respectively.
- e. Senior ONLY open to bowlers born on <u>December 8, 1967 or before</u>. Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game in Senior Division for Qualifying and in the Masters Event respectively.

Notes for Graded & Potential Division

Bowler entering these two divisions <u>must</u> produce certificate (including Chinese and English name) with **their highest league average over a minimum of 21 games established within 12 months before this tournament (from December 8, 2016 to December 7, 2017)** issued by respective bowling centre. If the bowler did not bowl in any centres' league, then this bowler's average will be based on HKTBC's database and will be graded accordingly. Our Congress has already posted the accumulated results of tournaments that were being organized by our Congress in 2016-2017, including the 11th Individual Open Tenpin Bowling (Local) Tournament, Samsung 60th Festival of Sport – 2017 Tenpin Bowling Competition and the 43rd Hong Kong International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships on HKTBC website. In case the bowler has not participated in HKTBC's tournaments or there is no recent record of the bowler in HKTBC's database, only then will certification by the bowler's Bowling Club be accepted.

<u>ORIGINAL</u> certificates must be submitted to the Tournament Office at the time of registration otherwise all attempts will be treated as Open Division. It is the responsibility of bowlers to see to it that it is their highest league average that they have produced. If during any period of the tournament a bowler is found to have cheated on his/her average, then the bowler will be disqualified from competing in the tournament immediately.

The Man and Woman Champion of the Graded Masters <u>A</u> in any <u>local or</u> <u>International</u> tournaments organised by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress are not eligible to bowl in Graded Division. Bowlers <u>will</u> have to bowl in Open Division

The Man and Woman Champion of the Potential Masters/Grade **B** Masters in any







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<u>local or International</u> tournaments organised by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress are not eligible to bowl in Potential Division. Bowlers <u>will</u> have to bowl in Graded or Open Division.

6. EVENTS

a.	Ope	Open Division			
	i.	Qualifying	(4 games)		
	ii.	Masters 8 games & Step ladder Finals for top 3	(8 games)		
b.	Gr	aded Division			
	i.	Qualifying	(4 games)		
	ii.	Men Graded Masters & Step ladder Finals for top 3	(6 games)		
	iii.	Women Graded Masters & Step ladder Finals for top 3	(6 games)		
c.	Pot	Potential Division			
	i.	Qualifying	(4 games)		
	ii.	Men Masters	(6 games)		
	iii.	Women Masters	(6 games)		
d.	Yo	Youth Division			
	i.	Qualifying	(4 games)		
	ii.	Masters	(6 games)		

(Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 10 pins per game in Open Division. Girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 12 pins per game in Youth Division for Qualifying and in the Masters Event respectively.)

e. Senior Division

iii.	Qualifying	(4 games)
iv.	Masters & Step ladder Finals for top 3	(6 games)

(Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game in the Qualifying and the Masters Event.)

*Handicaps will be given for both men and women accordingly to their age: 50-55 years of age : 0 pins

From 56 onward : 1 pin handicap for 1 year









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7. <u>Open Masters</u>

The top 30 bowlers, including both Men and Women in the Open Division will enter the Masters. A total of 8 games will be bowled. The top 3 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games will enter the Step ladder Finals.

In the Step-ladder Finals, the 3^{rd} position bowler will bowl against the 2^{nd} position bowler in a one game match starting from scratch. The winner will meet the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the 1^{st} game, he/she will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

8. Men and Women Graded Masters

The top 18 men bowlers and top 10 women bowlers in the respective Men and Women Division in the Graded Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 6 games will be bowled in the Men and Women division. The top 3 men and 3 women bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 6 games will enter the Step-ladder. In the Step-ladder Finals, the 3rd position bowler will bowl against the 2nd position bowler in a one game match starting from scratch. The winner will meet the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the 1st game, he/she will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

9. <u>Potential Masters</u>

The top 16 men bowlers and top 8 women bowlers in the respective Men and Women Division in the Potential Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 6 games will be bowled. Overall total pinfalls after the 6 games will decide the Champions, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up.

10. Youth Masters

The top 16 bowlers, including both Boys and Girls in the Youth Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 6 games will be bowled. Overall total pinfalls after the 6 games will decide the Champions, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up.

11. <u>Senior Masters</u>

The top 12 bowlers, including Men and Women in the Senior Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 6 games will be bowled. The top 3 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 6 games will enter the Step ladder Finals.

In the Step-ladder Finals, the 3rd position bowler will bowl against the 2nd position







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bowler in a one game match starting from scratch. The winner will meet the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the 1st game, he/she will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

12. QUALIFYING ATTEMPTS There <u>are no limits</u> on the number of attempts.

13. FEES

<u>A one time Registration Fee</u> for all participants is <u>HK\$30.00</u> per person. Registration fee must be paid before commencing the first attempt.

- a. Qualifying (4 games).....HK\$170.00 per person
- b. Open Masters (8 games).....HK\$450.00 per person
- c. Men Graded Masters (6 games).....HK\$330.00 per person
- d Women Graded Masters (6 games).....HK\$330.00 per person
- e. Men Potential Masters (6 games).....HK\$330.00 per person
- f. Women Potential Masters (6 games)......HK\$330.00 per person
- g. Youth Masters (6 games).....HK\$260.00 per person
- h. Senior Masters (6 games).....HK\$330.00 per person
- Note: The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-allocate squad time, schedule and venue at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible.

Change of bowlers is accepted provided that an <u>administration</u> fee of <u>HK\$100.00</u> per bowler is paid 10 minutes before the close of the check-in time.

Attention: Game fees and entry forms need to be submitted upon purchase of entries, except all the Masters events which will be paid at the time of check-in.

Only Cash/Cheque will be accepted. <u>Cheque please</u> make payable to "Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd."







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14. ENTRIES

ENTRY **FORM(S)** will be available for purchase at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress office <u>commencing 8 November 2017 (Wednesday)</u>. We also accept <u>entry by mail provided that cheque for entry fees is enclosed</u>.

Registration Fee must be paid before any entry will be accepted. **ENTRY FORM (S)** must be purchased and fully filled before making any entry. The deadline of the entry would be 48 hours before the competition commences.

** Entry Fee is not refundable once it is submitted**

Upon request by tournament official or staff, all local bowlers must produce their 2017-2018 HKTBC membership card for examination. (Bowlers can apply for HKTBC membership at the time of registration. New application for membership would be treated as membership for 2018-2019)

For those bowlers who would like to participate in the Graded or Potential event, he/she must submit the <u>ORIGINAL</u> certificates to the Tournament Office *<u>at the time of</u> registration (on or before December 7, 2017). (Refer to point 5 for details.)

15. AWARDS

Open, Men Graded, Women Graded, Men Potential, Women Potential, Youth and Senior Divisions

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 various Masters Events.

16. TIE SCORE

- a In the case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for all 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 one ball roll off will be held. Handicap will not be given during the roll-off. If a tie still exists, the players will repeat the roll-off until the tie is broken.
- b If a tie occurs in the Open Masters Final for the 1st & 3rd position for the Stepladder Final, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a one ball roll off will be held. Handicap will not be given during the roll-off. If a tie still exists, the players will repeat the roll-off until the tie is broken.









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- c If a tie occurs in the Graded Masters for the 1st & 3rd position for the Stepladder Final, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a one ball roll off will be held. Handicap will not be given during the roll-off. If a tie still exists, the players will repeat the roll-off until the tie is broken.
- d If a tie occurs in the Senior Masters for the 1st & 3rd position for the Stepladder Final, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a one ball roll off will be held. Handicap will not be given during the roll-off. If a tie still exists, the players will repeat the roll-off until the tie is broken.
- e If a tie occurs in the Masters Stepladder Finals, a one ball roll off will be held. Handicap will not be given during the roll-off. If a tie still exists, the players will repeat the roll-off until the tie is broken.

17. CHECK-IN

Check-in will open one hour and close 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in both the Qualifying and Masters event unless otherwise stated (bowlers must inform the check-in counter if they have consecutive squad bookings in order to exempt them from 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 paid will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to the next pre-booked reserved bowler.

18. PROTESTS

a. <u>Protests - Foul or Legality of Pinfall</u>

A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the competitor. Tournament Committee and the official representatives of the Congress shall then solve the problem.

b. <u>Protests - Eligibility - General Playing Rules</u>

Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be submitted in writing to a responsible tournament official no later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred. Regarding the appeal of the certificate of the highest league average, if the submitted certificates were found to be false or forged, penalty would be given. The maximum penalty would be suspending the bowler/s from participating in any competition organized by the Congress and any competition that is sanctioned by the Congress in the coming year.

c. <u>Protests – Scoring Errors</u> The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be one hour from the end of the







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event or before the prize presentation.

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. The score shall stand once <u>the score sheet has been</u> signed. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be made.

20. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Men Bowlers in shorts, singlet, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Women Bowlers in singlet, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans also will not be allowed to bowl. Short and skirt will be allowed for women bowlers. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition.

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 and all fees paid will not be refunded.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to request bowlers participating in the Step Ladder Finals of the Open Men and Women Masters to wear bowling shirts provided by the Organizer.

21. SMOKING AND DRINKING

The players must not use tobacco products and consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol, i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where 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 and all fees paid will not be refunded.

If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game.

22. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matters arising during the Tournament 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 refunded. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal may still be lodged with HKTBC within thirty days of the decision of the







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Tournament Committee. If dissatisfied, the last and final court of appeal shall be the Asian Bowling Federation, but such appeal should be made through HKTBC in writing and within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the World Bowling Statutes and Playing Rules as of March 2016.





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