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BELAIR BOWLING 14th HONG KONG INDIVIDUAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING (LOCAL) TOURNAMENT

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RULES AND FORMATS

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Except otherwise stated in this Rules & Format, World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019 will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

HKTBC Life Member and current (2021-2022) paid up HKTBC Members and Youth Members who are permanent residents of the HKSAR are eligible. Participants must be aged **8 or above on January 1, 2021.**

3. VENUE

SHATIN BELAIR BOWLING CENTER

Address: SHOP 4, LEVEL 2, PHASE 1, BELAIR GARDEN SHOPPING ARCADE, 52 TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHATIN, N.T.

4. DATE

Qualifying - July 24 & 25, 2021 (Saturday & Sunday)
Masters Finals - July 31 & August 1, 2021 (Saturday & Sunday)

5. ENTRY PERIOD

Starting from Monday, June 28, 2021 at 10:00 to Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 17:30 on a first-come-first-serve basis at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress office. Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 -13:00 and 14:00 -18:00, except public holidays.

6. DIVISIONS

a. **Open Division for Men and Women**

For men bowlers whose average is above 200.

For women bowlers whose average is above 190.



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b. Graded Division for Men and Women

For men bowlers whose average is 200 and under.
For women bowlers whose average is 190 and under.

c. Potential Division for Men and Women.

For men bowlers whose average is 175 and under.
For women bowlers whose average is 165 and under.

d. Youth Division for Boys and Girls

ONLY open to boys and girls born on **January 1, 2001 or after**

e. U15 Division Boys and Girls

ONLY open to U15 boys and girls born on **January 1, 2006 or after.**

*Notes for Graded & Potential Divisions

- i. Bowler entering these two divisions **must** produce certificate (including Chinese and English name as in ID card) with **their highest league average over a minimum of 21 games established from January 2019 to July 22, 2021** 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 the Masters Finals of tournaments that were being organized by our Congress in 2019 - 2021, including the 13th Individual Open Tenpin Bowling (Local) Tournament, 45th Hong Kong International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships, 64th Festival of Sport Tenpin Bowling Competition 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 HKTBC sanctioned Bowling Club be accepted (**must be the highest average of a minimum of 21 games established in sanctioned Bowling Club's competitions from January, 2019 to July 22, 2021**).
- ii. **ORIGINAL** certificates must be submitted to the Tournament Office when submitting entry forms 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. HKTBC reserves the rights to suspend the bowlers involved.

- iii. The Man and Woman Champion of the Graded Masters A in any **Local or International** tournaments organised by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress **in 2019 to 2021** are not eligible to bowl in Graded Division. Bowlers **will then** have to bowl in Open Division
- iv. The Man and Woman Champion of the Potential Masters/Grade B Masters in any **Local or International** tournaments organised by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress **in 2019 to 2021** are not eligible to bowl in Potential Division. Bowlers **will then** have to bowl in Graded or Open Division.



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7. EVENTS

There is no limit of attempts in the qualifying.

a. Open Division (Men & Women)

- i. Qualifying (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- ii. Masters Semi-finals (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- iii. Men Finals – Single Elimination (Top 16 of Masters Semi-Finals)
- iv. Women Finals – Single Elimination (Top 8 of the Masters Semi-finals)

***If there are less than 8 women bowlers in the Qualifying for Women's Open Division, all women bowlers will compete with the men in the Masters Semi-finals and Finals. Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 10 pins per game. Rankings and awards will be adjusted accordingly.**

b. Graded Division (Men & Women)

- i. Men/ Women Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Masters Semi-finals (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- iii. Men Finals – Single Elimination (Top 8 of the Masters Semi-finals)
- iv. Women Finals – Single Elimination (Top 4 of the Masters Semi-finals)

***If there are less than 4 women bowlers in the Qualifying for Women's Graded Division all women bowlers will compete with the men in the Masters Semi-finals and Finals. Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 10 pins per game. Rankings and awards will be adjusted accordingly.**

c. Potential Division (Men & Women)

- i. Men/ Women Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Masters Semi-final (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- iii. Men Finals – Single Elimination (Top 8 of the Masters Semi-finals)
- iv. Women Finals - Single Elimination (Top 4 of the Masters Semi-finals)

***If there are less than 4 women bowlers in the Qualifying for Women's Potential Division all women bowlers will compete with the men in the Masters Semi-finals and Finals. Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 10 pins per game. Rankings and awards will be adjusted accordingly.**



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d. Youth Division (Boys & Girls)

- i. Qualifying (Boys/ Girls) (4 games)
- ii. Masters Semi-finals (Boys/ Girls) (4 games)
- iii. Boys Finals – Single Elimination (Top 8 of the Masters Semi-finals)
- iv. Girls Finals – Single Elimination (Top 4 of the Masters Semi-finals)

***If there are less than 4 girls bowlers in the Qualifying for Youth Girls' Division all girl bowlers will compete with the boys in the Masters Semi-finals and Finals. Girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 10 pins per game. Rankings and awards will be adjusted accordingly.**

e. U15 Division

There is no separate Boys and Girls division for U15. Boys and Girls will bowl in the same Masters Semi-finals and Finals. Bowlers will receive 5 pins handicap per game for every year younger based on 15 years of age, with a maximum of 20 pins for boys and girls. There will be an additional 5 pins handicap per game for girls, with a maximum of 25 pins per game.

*Handicap according to different age group are as follows:

- Age 14: 5 pins
- Age 13: 10 pins
- Age 12: 15 pins
- Age 11 or below: 20 pins

- i. Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Masters Semi-finals (4 games)
- iii. Masters Finals – Single Elimination (Top 4 of the Masters Semi-finals)

***If there are less than 4 bowlers in the U15 Qualifying, there will be no U15 Masters Finals. The results of the U15 Qualifying will determine the final rankings of the U15 Division. Rankings and awards will be adjusted accordingly.**

8. MASTERS FINALS

a. Open Division Masters Finals (Men & Women)

The top 24 men bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 16 men with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Final.

The top 12 women bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 8 women with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.



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b. Graded Masters Finals (Men & Women)

The top 16 men bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 8 men with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

The top 8 women bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 4 women with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

c. Potential Masters Finals (Men & Women)

The top 12 men bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 8 men with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

The top 6 women bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 4 women with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

d. Youth Masters Finals (Boys & Girls)

The top 16 boys bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 8 boys with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

The top 8 girls bowlers from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 4 girls with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

e. U15 Masters Finals (Boys & Girls)

The top 8 bowlers including boys and girls from the Qualifying, will enter the Masters Semi-finals. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top 4 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls in the Masters Semi-finals will enter the Single Elimination in the Masters Finals.

9. SINGLE ELIMINATION FORMAT

16 PLAYERS SINGLE ELIMINATION

- Comprise of 4 rounds in a 16 Players' Single Elimination.
- 16 bowlers will compete for the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up in each respective division. A 2nd Runner-up match will determine the 2nd and 3rd Runner-up positions.
- The bowlers qualified to compete will comprise of the top-16 ranked bowlers after the completion of the Masters Semi-finals of 4 games in each respective division.



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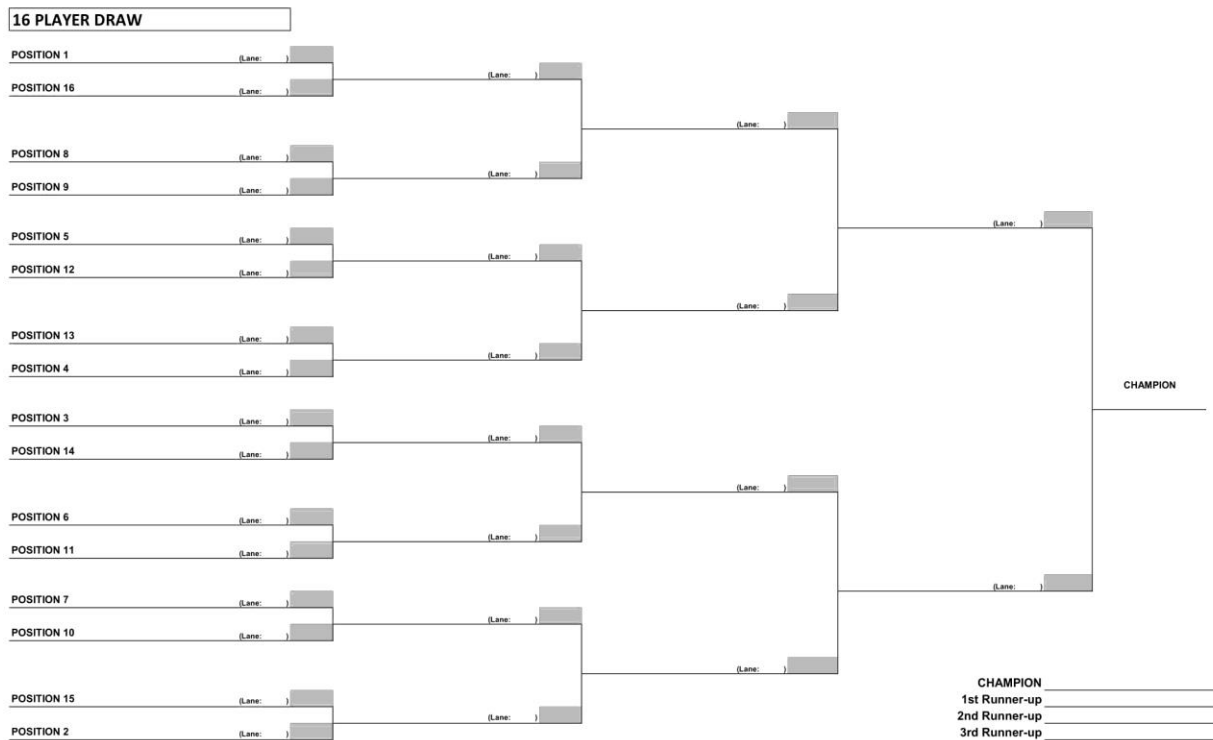
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- d. The competition format for the Single Elimination is as follows:
- i. The competition will be conducted according to a prearranged draw from seedings based on the bowlers finishing position after the Masters Semi-finals of 4 games in respective Masters Finals.
 - ii. The bowlers shall compete in a one-game knock-out competition in the respective division.
 - iii. Lane assignments shall be designated by the Tournament Director whose decision shall be final and binding on all bowlers.
 - iv. Bowler of a higher seeding shall be starting on odd numbered lanes in each match.
 - v. Each bowler will be assigned 2 practice throws (one on each lane) prior to the commencement of each match.

e. The competition draw shall be as follows:

16 PLAYER DRAW





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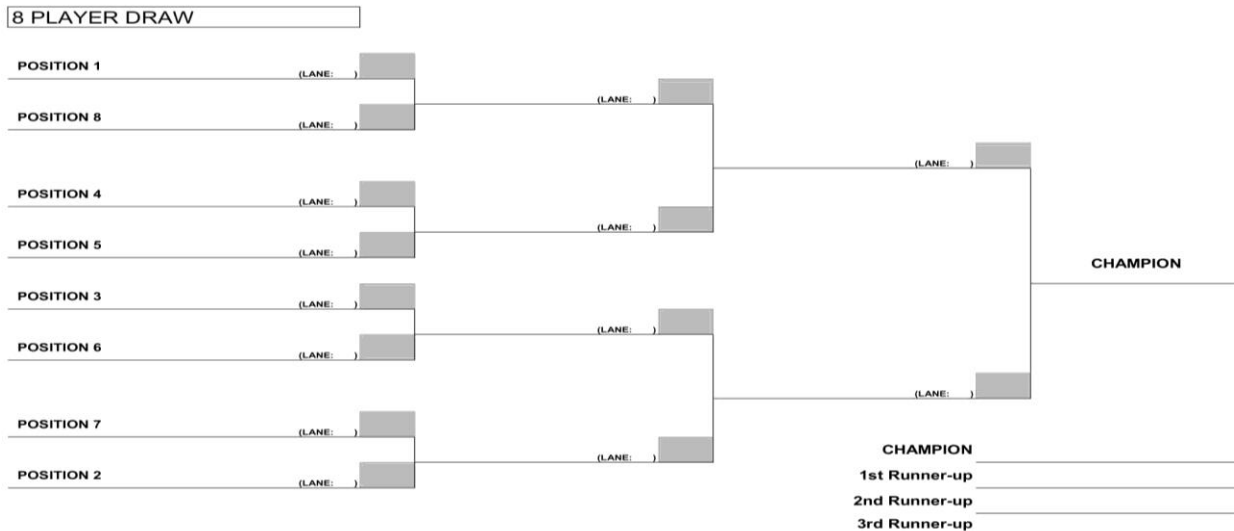
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8 PLAYERS SINGLE ELIMINATION

- Comprise of 3 rounds in an 8 Players' Single Elimination.
- 8 bowlers will compete for the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up in each respective division. A 2nd Runner-up match will determine the 2nd and 3rd Runner-up positions.
- The bowlers qualifying to compete will comprise of the top-8 ranked bowlers after the completion of the Masters Semi-finals of 4 games in each respective division.
- The competition format for the Single Elimination is as follows:
 - The competition will be conducted according to a prearranged draw from seedings based on the bowlers finishing position after the Masters Semi-finals of 4 games in respective Masters Finals.
 - The bowlers shall compete in a one-game knock-out competition in the respective division.
 - Lane assignments shall be designated by the Tournament Director whose decision shall be final and binding on all bowlers.
 - Bowler of a higher seeding shall be starting on odd numbered lanes in each match.
 - Each bowler will be assigned 2 practice throws (one on each lane) prior to the commencement of each match.
- The competition draw shall be as follows:

8 PLAYER DRAW





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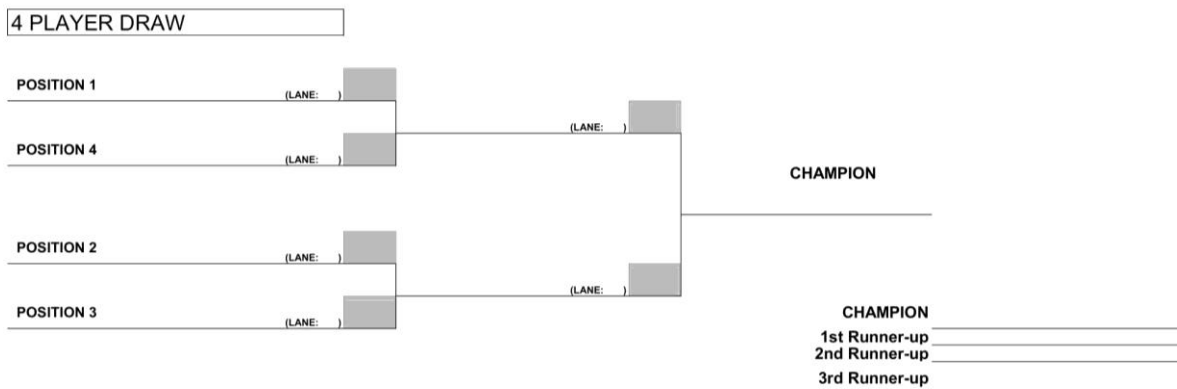
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4 PLAYERS SINGLE ELIMINATION

- a. Comprise of 2 rounds in a 4 Players' Single Elimination.
- b. 4 bowlers will compete for the Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up and 3rd Runner-up in each respective division. A 2nd Runner-up match will determine the 2nd and 3rd Runner-up positions.
- c. The Bowlers qualifying to compete will comprise of the top-4 ranked bowlers after the completion of the Masters Semi-finals of 4 games in each respective division.
- d. The competition format for the Single Elimination is as follows:
 - i. The competition will be conducted according to a prearranged draw from seedings based on the bowlers' finishing position after the Masters Semi-finals of 4 games in respective Masters Finals.
 - ii. The bowlers shall compete in a one-game knock-out competition in the respective division.
 - iii. Lane assignments shall be designated by the Tournament Director whose decision shall be final and binding on all bowlers.
 - iv. Bowler of a higher seeding shall be starting on odd numbered lanes in each match.
 - v. Each bowler will be assigned 2 practice throws (one on each lane) prior to the commencement of each match.
- e. The competition draw shall be as follows:

4 PLAYER DRAW





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10. FEES

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|---|-----------------------|
| a. Qualifying (4 games) | HK\$170.00 per person |
| b. Masters Semi-finals in each respective division | HK\$200.00 per person |
| c. Master Finals - Single Elimination in each respective division | HK\$50.00 per game |

All the Masters Semi-finals (4 games) fees are to be paid at the time of check-in for the Masters event. Single Elimination game fees are to be paid before the commencement of the next match on a per game basis.

11. ENTRIES

Game fees and entry forms are to be submitted upon purchase of entries. Entry Forms (S) must be fully filled along with the "Disclaimer and Participant Agreement". Only Cash/Cheque will be accepted. Please make the cheques payable to "**Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd.**" The deadline for entries would be **Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 17:30**. Entry Fee once paid is non-refundable.

All participants and participants aged below 18 must submit the said Disclaimer and Participant Agreement signed by his/her parent or guardian.

Entries will be accepted at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress office.

Upon request by tournament official or staff, all local bowlers must produce their 2021-2022 HKTBC membership card for examination. Bowlers should apply for HKTBC membership before submitting entries if they are not members of HKTBC. New application for membership would be treated as membership for 2021-2022.

Entry Forms can be downloaded at HKTBC Website www.hktbc.org.hk.

12. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions in all divisions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the prize list in the various Masters Finals.

13. TIE SCORE

- In the case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for Masters Semi-finals in each respective Division, a one game roll-off shall be held. If a tie still exists, a one ball roll-off will be held. If a tie still exists, a one-ball roll-off will be repeated until the tie is broken.

The time for the roll-off will be before the start of each respective Masters Semi-finals.

- If a tie exists in the Masters Semi-finals in each respective Division for the last position entering the Single Elimination Masters Finals, 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. If a tie still exists, a one-ball roll-off will be repeated until the tie is broken.



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- c. If any tie occurs in the Masters Semi-finals for any of the positions entering the Single Elimination Masters Finals, the bowler with a lower score difference between the highest and the lowest games in the 4 games played in the Masters Semi-finals will be declared the higher seed. If a tie still exists, the bowler with a higher game will be declared the higher seed.

14. CHECK-IN

Check-in will open one hour and close 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in Qualifying, Masters Semi-finals and the Single Elimination Master Finals 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.

15. PROTESTS

a. Protests - Foul or Legality of Pinfall

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. Protests - Eligibility - General Playing Rules

Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be made in writing to a responsible tournament official no later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred.

c. Protests – Scoring Errors

The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be one hour from the end of the event or before the prize presentation.

16. VERIFICATION OF SCORES

It is the responsibility of each bowler to verify the correctness of scores of each game bowled by signing on the official score sheet. The score shall stand once the score sheet has been signed. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be made.

17. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case Typhoon Signal No. 8 is hoisted 3 hours before or Black Rainstorm Warning is hoisted 2 hours before the scheduled time of the competition, the competition will be postponed and the date will be further notified.



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18. SMOKING AND DRINKING

The bowlers must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition i.e., during the entire period of a block of games. 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. All fees paid will be forfeited.

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

19. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo shirt or crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowler in shorts, singlet sleeveless, T-shirt and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Shorts and skirts will be allowed for women bowlers.

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 be forfeited.

20. DRILLING SPECIFICATIONS

According to the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019 and USBC rules on balance hole.

No balance holes are allowed. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

A maximum of five gripping holes are allowed in a bowling ball. Any gripping hole that does not have the thumb or fingers inserted into it throughout the approach would be classified as a balance hole, which is not allowed.

21. HEALTH DECLARATION FORM

Participants must complete the HEALTH DECLARATION FORM on the first day of the tournament before the start of the first event. Participants will not be allowed to participate in the tournament if he/she failed to complete the form or conform with the matters as set out in the form.

All participants must fully understand and agree that he/she is healthy, physically fit and suitable to participate in this tournament. The Organizer and Co-organizer shall not be responsible for all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damages, injury or death arising out of or as a result of the participant's acts due to his/her negligence. The participant undertakes to indemnify The Organizer and Co-Organizer against all actions, claims and demands by any person who suffers or sustains any loss, damages, injury or death arising out of or as a result of the participant's acts due to his/her negligence.



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22. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-allocate squad time and schedule venue at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible.

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

A bowler failing to observe a rule(s) may be disqualified from the tournament immediately. All fees paid will be forfeited. If the offence is very serious, other penalty may be imposed on the bowler by the Tournament Committee.

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 be refunded. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal may still be lodged with HKTBC within thirty days of the decision of the 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 Playing Rules as of September 2019.

HKTBC reserves the final rights on all matters without prior notice.