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41st HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS August 22 – 30, 2015, SCAA Bowling Centre

RULES AND FORMATS

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Championships, organised by **Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKTBC)** and sanctioned by **World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA)** and **Asian Bowling Federation (ABF)**, will be conducted in accordance with the 2015 WTBA Playing Rules.

This tournament is an Asian Ranking Tournament.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Life Members and current (2015-2016) HKTBC members as well as all **certified members** of current paid-up Member Federations of FIQ/WTBA/ABF.

3. VENUE

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

4. DATE

August 22 – 30, 2015

5. CLASSIFICATION

Competition is divided into Open, Hong Kong Cup, Graded A, Graded B, Youth, Youth U18 and Senior Divisions.

a. Open All bowlers, including graded and youth bowlers are eligible to participate

b. Graded A ONLY the following bowlers are eligible to participate:
i. Male bowlers whose average is 200 or under and
ii. Female bowlers whose average is 190 or under

Graded B ONLY the following bowlers are eligible to participate:
i. Male bowlers whose average is 185 or under and
ii. Female bowlers whose average is 175 or under

***Notes for Graded A & Graded B**

For the purpose of this grade, local bowlers must produce their highest league average bowled over a minimum of 40 games established within 12 months before this Championships (from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015) and must be certified in writing either by their respective Overseas National Congresses/Associations or local bowling centres or bowling clubs registered with HKTBC. Original certificates must be submitted to the Tournament Office at the time of registration, otherwise all attempts will be treated as Open Division until such certification is produced. It is the responsibility of the bowlers to see to it that it is their highest league average submitted. Overseas bowlers must produce letter of certification from their respective Overseas Congress/Associations to prove their eligibility to participate in overseas tournaments. The Man



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and Woman Champion of the Graded A/B Masters of the Hong Kong International Open for the year 2012, 2013 and 2014 are not eligible to bowl in their respective Graded Division (winners of local Graded Tournaments are exempted).

- c. **Hong Kong Cup** Only bowlers with Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card are eligible to participate in this event
* Hong Kong Elite National Bowlers are not eligible to participate in this event
- d. **Youth** ONLY open to boys and girls born on January 1, 1995 or after
- e. **Youth U18** ONLY open to youth and girls born on January 1, 1997 or after
- f. **Senior** ONLY open to bowlers born on August 22, 1965 or before

6. EVENTS

a. Open Division

MEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
ii. Doubles (2 games)
iii. All Events (5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters (2 stages)
(Stage I - 8 games; Stage II - 8 games)

WOMEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
ii. Doubles (2 games)
iii. All Events (5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters (2 stages)
(Stage I - 8 games; Stage II - 8 games)

b. Graded A Division

MEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
ii. Doubles (2 games)
iii. All Events (5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters (8 games)

WOMEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
ii. Doubles (2 games)
iii. All Events (5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters (8 games)

c. Graded B Division

MEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
ii. Doubles (2 games)
iii. All Events (5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters (8 games)

WOMEN

- i. Singles (3 games)
ii. Doubles (2 games)
iii. All Events (5 games)
iv. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
v. Masters (8 games)



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d. Hong Kong Cup (Mixed)

This is a separate Masters Event and there will be no respective division for Men and Women. Bowlers have to complete their All Events in their respective division to be qualified for participating this event. Women bowlers are given a **handicap of 8 pins per game** for the Masters Qualify and in the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. **Hong Kong Cup Masters (10 games)**
* Champion of this division will automatically be qualified for Men/Women Open Masters Stage I.

e. Youth Division

BOYS

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Doubles (2 games)
- iii. All Events (5 games)

GIRLS

- i. Singles (3 games)
- ii. Doubles (2 games)
- iii. All Events (5 games)

iv. Masters Qualify for both Boys and Girls (6 games - best of two sets). Girl bowlers are given a handicap of 8 pins per game.

v. Masters (8 games)

* **There will only be one Masters Event and there will be no respective division for Boys and Girls.** Girl bowlers are given a handicap of 8 pins per game in the Masters Event.

f. Youth U18 (Mixed)

There will only be one Masters Event and there will be no respective division for Boys and Girls. Girl bowlers are given a **handicap of 8 pins per game** in the Masters Qualify and the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. **Masters (6 games)**

g. Senior Division (Mixed)

There will only be one Masters Event and there will be no respective division for Men and Women. Women bowlers will be given a **handicap of 8 pins per game** in the Masters Qualify and the Masters Event.

- i. Masters Qualify (6 games - best of two sets)
- ii. **Senior Masters (6 games)**

***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

h. Challenge Cups

- i. Inter-Centre President Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four by invitation)
***HKTBC National Elite Senior Athletes are not allowed to participate**
- ii. International Youth Year (IYY) Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four for youths by invitation born on January 1, 1995 or after)
- iii. Sports & Recreation Challenge Cup (3 games)
(Team of Four by invitation)



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| iv. | Inter-Hong Challenge Cup
(Team of Four by invitation) | (3 games) |
| v. | Artistes Challenge Cup
(Team of Four by invitation) | (3 games) |
| | <i>*Event will be cancelled if the number of participating team is less than four</i> | |
| vi. | Inter-Club Challenge Cup
(Team of Four by invitation) | (3 games) |
| | <i>*Event will be cancelled if the number of participating team is less than four</i> | |
| vii. | Bowling Clubs Challenge Cup
(Team of Three by invitation. Bowlers must be current (2015-2016) paid-up member of HKTBC) | (3 games) |
| | <i>*10 pins per game will be deducted from the score of Hong Kong National Elite Senior and Junior bowlers participating the above event.</i> | |

7. ALL EVENTS

Scores obtained by the bowler in the **first set** of Singles (3 games) and Doubles (2 Games) respectively for Men/Women in all the different GRADES **except for Youth U18 and Senior** making up a total of 5 games series and for Boys/Girls making up a total of 5 games series will decide the Winners.

8. MASTERS

This event is opened to those bowlers who have bowled and completed the **Singles and Doubles events** in their respective divisions and have already paid their All-Events entries. Any walk-over in any of the above said two events, unless there is a re-entry and completion of these two respective events in their respective divisions or has been approved as authentic by the Tournament Director/s or their Assistants, will **disqualify** the bowler from participating in **the Masters Event**. Scores obtained during the re-entry will not be counted towards All Events scores.

Bowlers of Graded and Youth Divisions who have completed the All Events in their respective Division do not have to complete the All Events of the other Divisions should they wish to compete in the Master Event in that particular Division. Any walk-over in the Singles and Doubles events, unless there is a re-entry and completion of these two respective events in their respective divisions or has been approved as authentic by the Tournament Director/s or their Assistants, will **disqualify** the bowler from participating in **the Masters Event**. Scores obtained during the re-entry will not be counted towards All Events scores.

For the Youth U18 and Senior Event, if there are less than 6 participants, there will be no Masters Finals. The top 3 bowlers in the Masters Qualify will be awarded Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up accordingly.

a. Men Open Masters

i. Defending Champion	1
ii. Hong Kong National Team Representative	3
iii. Top Local Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	9
iv. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	12
v. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	10
vi. Hong Kong Cup Champion	1
vii. Desperado	3
Total	39



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The top 3 qualifiers in the Local Division and the Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Stage II. The rest of the 33 Masters Finalists will bowl a total of 8 games in Stage I. The top 18 bowlers in Stage I together with the above mentioned 6 seeded bowlers (total 24 bowlers) will enter Stage II bowling another 8 games starting from scratch.

The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

In the Step-Ladder Finals, the 4th, 5th & 6th position bowlers will bowl one game starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will meet the 2nd and 3rd position bowlers for another one game match starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will then challenge the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match starting from scratch. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the first game, he will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the first game, there will be one more roll-off game starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

b. Women Open Masters

i. Defending Champion	1
ii. Hong Kong National Team Representative	3
iii. Top Local Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	7
iv. Top Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	10
v. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Masters Qualify	8
vi. Hong Kong Cup Champion	1
Total	30

The top 3 qualifiers in the Local Division and the Overseas Division respectively (total 6 bowlers) will be automatically seeded for Stage II. The rest of the 24 Masters Finalists will bowl a total of 8 games in Stage I. The top 15 bowlers in Stage I together with the above mentioned 6 seeded bowlers (total 21 bowlers) will enter Stage II bowling another 8 games starting from scratch.

The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games will qualify for the Step-Ladder Finals.

In the Step-Ladder Finals, the 4th, 5th & 6th position bowlers will bowl one game starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will meet the 2nd and 3rd position bowlers for another one game match starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will then meet the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match starting from scratch. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the first game, she will be declared the Champion. If the 1st position bowler loses the first game, there will be one more roll-off game starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

c. Men Graded A Masters

The top 22 bowlers in the Men Graded A Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.



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d. Women Graded A Masters

The top 14 bowlers in the Women Graded A Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

e. Men Graded B Masters

The top 18 bowlers in the Men Graded B Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

f. Women Graded B Masters

The top 12 bowlers in the Women Graded B Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 8 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

g. Hong Kong Cup

The top 18 bowlers in the Hong Kong Cup Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 10 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners. Winner of the Hong Kong Cup will automatically be seeded in Stage I of the Men/Women Open Masters.

h. Youth Masters

i. Top Local Bowlers (Boys/Girls) in the Masters Qualify	6
ii. Top Overseas Bowlers (Boys/Girls) in the Masters Qualify	6
iii. Top Local/Overseas Bowlers (Boys/Girls) in the Masters Qualify	6
Total	18

The top 18 bowlers (Boys/Girls) will bowl a total of 8 games to decide the winners.

i. Youth U18 Masters

The top 15 bowlers (Boys/Girls) in the Youth U18 Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

j. Senior Masters

The top 15 bowlers (Men/Women) in the Senior Masters Qualify will bowl a total of 6 games in the Masters Finals to decide the winners.

9. ATTEMPTS

There is no limit of attempts in all the Events except that in the Doubles Events there must be a change of partner for each attempt.



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10. FEES

Registration Fee for Open Division and Hong Kong Cup **HK\$280.00** per person, for all other Divisions **HK\$200.00** per person and for Youth U18 and Senior Division **HK\$100.00** per person. Registration fee which is inclusive of All Events and Victory Banquet must be paid before commencing the first attempt.

- a. Open/ Graded A and Graded B Masters qualify..... HK\$200.00 / person
- b. Open/ Graded A and Graded B Singles..... HK\$200.00 / person
- c. Open/ Graded A and Graded B Doubles..... HK\$200.00 / double
- d. Hong Kong Cup Masters Qualify..... HK\$200.00 / person
- e. Youth Masters Qualify..... HK\$160.00 / person
- f. Youth Singles..... HK\$160.00 / person
- g. Youth Doubles..... HK\$160.00 / double
- h. Youth U18 Masters Qualify..... HK\$160.00 / person
- i. Senior Masters Qualify..... HK\$160.00 / person

Note: The Tournament Director reserves the right to reallocate squad time and the schedule 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.**

j. Masters

- i. Men Open (2 Stages)
 - Stage I - 8 games..... HK\$480.00 / person
 - Stage II - 8 games..... HK\$480.00 / person
- ii. Women Open (2 Stages)
 - Stage I - 8 games..... HK\$480.00 / person
 - Stage II - 8 games..... HK\$480.00 / person
- iii. Hong Kong Cup (10 games)..... HK\$600.00 / person
- iv. Men Graded A (8 games)..... HK\$480.00 / person
- v. Women Graded A (8 games)..... HK\$480.00 / person
- vi. Men Graded B (8 games)..... HK\$480.00 / person
- vii. Women Graded B (8 games)..... HK\$480.00 / person
- viii. Youth (8 games)..... HK\$480.00 / person
- ix. Youth U18 (6 games)..... HK\$360.00 / person
- x. Senior (6 games)..... HK\$360.00 / person

Note: Appropriate entry-forms are available for purchase at the reception counter. All fees for the Masters events under para 10. j are to be paid at the time of check-in.



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11. ENTRIES

Registration Fee must be paid before any entry will be accepted. **ENTRY FORM(S)** must be purchased and fully filled before making any entry. Such **FORM(S)** will be available for purchase at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress at **Room 2004, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong from 1400 - 1900 hour on August 18 - 19, 2015 (Tuesday - Wednesday) and at South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre from August 22 onwards during the period of the championships.** Overseas bowlers can book their squads by fax: +852 2575 2145 or by email: hktbc@netvigator.com.

Upon request by tournament official or staff, all local bowlers must produce their HKTBC membership cards and all participants must produce their registration cards for examination. Youth and Senior bowlers must produce their Hong Kong Identity Card or Passport for examination. Entry forms submitted by bowlers without registration number **will not** be accepted.

12. AWARDS

a. Open and Graded Divisions

i. Men/Women Open, Graded A and Graded B Masters

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. In addition, if the winners of the Men/Women **Open Masters** are overseas bowlers, he/she will be awarded a return air-ticket (Economy Class) from the country which he/she represented to Hong Kong with 4-nights hotel accommodation to defend his/her title in the Hong Kong International Open of the following year. The game fees for the Masters Event will be waived. In the case of the winner being a local bowler, he/she will receive a return air-ticket (Economy Class) to either Manila or Bangkok valid until August 30, 2016. The game fees for the Masters Event will also be waived.

ii. All Events

Prizes and medals will be presented to the winner of respective section of each Division.

iii. Singles and Doubles

Prizes and medals will be presented to the top three positions in every event.

b. Hong Kong Cup

Prizes and trophies will be presented to the top three positions in the Masters Event.

c. Youth Division

i. Youth Masters

Prize and trophies will be awarded to the top three positions.

ii. All Events

Prize, Bowling Equipment and Medal will be awarded to the winner.

iii. Singles and Doubles

Prize and Medals will be awarded to the top three positions.

d. Youth U18 Division

Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three positions in the Masters Event.

e. Senior Division

Prizes and trophies will be presented to the top three positions in the Masters Event.



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f. Challenge Cups

- i. Inter-Centre President Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- ii. IYY Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- iii. Sports & Recreation Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- iv. Inter-Hong Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- v. Artistes Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- vi. Inter-Club Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.
- vii. Bowling Club Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of the event to be kept for one year and trophies will be presented to members of the top three teams of the event.

13. INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME

In both the Men and Women Section of all Divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective Division **except in the Masters Events and all the Challenge Cup Events**. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers for the score, all will be awarded. In the Youth U18 and Senior Division, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in the Masters Qualify (excluding handicap).

14. TIE SCORE

- a. Whenever a tie occurs in any of the first three positions in the Doubles and Singles Events, players with equal scores will share the prize between them.
- b. In case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for the Open, Grade A, Grade B, Youth and Senior 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 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be held until the tie is broken.
- c. If a tie occurs in the Men and Women Open Masters Final (Stage 2) for the 1st, 3rd, & 6th position, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be held until the tie is broken.

15. CHECK-IN

Check-in will be opened 1 hour and closed 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in every event unless otherwise stated (bowlers must inform the check-in counter if they have consecutive squad booking in order to exempt 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 will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to the next pre-booked reserved bowler. In the Men and Women Open Masters, there will be check-in for both the 1st and the 2nd Stage. In case there is a vacancy, the placing will be allocated to the reserve(s) present.



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16. BOWLING BALLS, ALTERING SURFACE

Altering the surface of bowling ball is **only allowed** during the official practice session before a block of games or competition round. Altering surface of the bowling ball during or between games is **not allowed**. If the surface is adjusted **during a game, the penalty is zero pinfall in that game**. If the surface is adjusted between games, **that ball will be taken away from the competition until that block or round of games/competition is finished**.

17. PROTESTS

a. Protests - Foul or Legality of Pinfall

A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the player. 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 confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred.

c. Protests - Errors

The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be 1 hour from the end of the event or before prize presentation.

18. REGISTRATION OF BOWLING BALLS, ILLEGALITY AND DISQUALIFICATION

All bowling balls used in the Championships must be registered prior to competition. All participants are advised to check that their bowling balls used in the Tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. Bowling balls used by the participants may be subject to random check.

If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire Tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing and all fees paid will not be refunded. If the Tournament Committee is of the opinion that such usage was deliberate and was intended to cheat, the incident may be further reported to the HKTBC Disciplinary Committee/or ABF Executive Committee for additional penalization. He/she may also be asked to return immediately to the Tournament Director any awards that may have already been given to him/her.

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. Once signed, the score shall stand. Official score sheet without signature will be treated as correct and no protest can be brought against it.

20. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowlers in singlet, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Female bowlers can wear shorts and skirts. 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.



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21. SMOKING AND DRINKING - Rule 4.16 and 4.17

The players and their coaches must not smoke, use tobacco products, or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. Players must not 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 player 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.

For the second offence by the same player, the player will be excluded from the rest of the championships by the Tournament Committee

22. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matter arising during the Championships 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 2015 WTBA Playing Rules.



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