



HONG KONG TENPIN BOWLING CONGRESS LTD.

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“Sport for All”



66th Festival of Sport - 2023 Tenpin Bowling Championships April 29 & 30, 2023, SCAA Bowling Centre 88 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all HKTBC Life Members, current (2023-2024) HKTBC paid up Members and Youth Members (Age 18 and under, born on or after 2005). Participants must be age 8 or above on January 1, 2023.

3. VENUE

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

4. DATE

Masters Qualifying - Saturday, April 29, 2023.
Masters Finals - Sunday, April 30, 2023.

5. ENTRY PERIOD

Entries start from March 20 to April 21, 2023 on a first-come-first-serve basis. Office hour is Monday to Friday, 10:00 -18:00 (Lunch break 13:00-14:00). Entry form/s can be submitted in person at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress office at 2/F, Room 2004, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay or by mail provided that entry form/s and cheque/s for entry fees are enclosed. **Cheque please make payable to “Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited”**

6. DIVISIONS

There will be 4 Divisions: **Open, U20, U15 and Senior Divisions.**

a. Open Division (Men and Women Division)

Open to all bowlers.

b. U20 (Boys and Girls Division)

Open to boys and girls born on or after January 1, 2003.



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- c. **U15 (Mixed Boys and girls Division)**
Open to boys and girls born on or after January 1, 2008.
- d. **Senior (Mixed Men and Women Division).**
Open to men and women born on or before April 29, 1973.

7. EVENTS

There is no limit of attempts in the Masters Qualifying.

a. **Open Division (Men and Women Division)**

- i. Masters Qualifying (Men/Women) (best set of 3 games)
- ii. Masters Finals - Stage 1 (Men/Women) (5 games)
- iii. Masters Finals - Stage 2 (Men/Women) (pins carried forward) (3 games)

b. **U20 Division (Boys and Girls Division)**

- i. Masters Qualifying (Boys/ Girls) (best set of 3 games)
- ii. Masters Finals - Stage 1 (Boys/ Girls) (4 games)
- iii. Masters Finals - Stage 2 (Boys/ Girls) (pins carried forward) (2 games)

c. **U15 Division (Mixed Boys and Girls Division)**

There is no separate Masters Finals for Boys and Girls in U15 Division. Boys and Girls will bowl in the same Masters Finals. There will be an additional handicap of 5 pins per game for girls. Bowlers will receive a handicap of 5 pins per game for every year younger than 15 years of age.

*Handicap according to different age group are as follows:

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

- i. Masters Qualifying (best set of 3 games)
- ii. Masters Finals - Stage 1 (4 games)
- iii. Masters Finals - Stage 2 (pins carried forward) (2 games)

d. **Senior Division (Mixed Men and Women Division)**

There is no separate Masters Finals for Men and Women. Men and Women will bowl in the same Masters Finals. There will be an additional handicap of 8 pins per game for women.

*Handicaps will be given for both men and women accordingly to their age as follows:

Age 50 – 55: 0 pins
Age 56 or above: additional 1 pin per game for every year older

- i. Masters Qualifying (best set of 3 games)
- ii. Masters Finals - Stage 1 (4 games)
- iii. Masters Finals - Stage 2 (pins carried forward) (2 games)



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e. Challenge Cups – By invitation only

For Inter-Centre / Club / Hong Challenge Cup and Sports and Recreation Challenge Cup, all women bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game (except athletes from the Hong Kong Women National Squad and Development Squad).

In the Inter-Youth Challenge Cup, all girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 pins per game (except athletes from the Hong Kong National Youth Girls Squad and Development Squad).

- i. Inter-Centre Challenge Cup (Team of 4 -3 games)
*HKTBC National Elite Squad Athletes are not allowed to participate in this event.
- ii. Inter-Centre Youth Challenge Cup (Team of 4 -3 games)
*10 pins per game will be deducted from the score of HKTBC National Junior Squad Athletes and not more than 2 HKTBC National Junior Squad Athletes in each team. Bowlers must be born on January 1, 2003 or after.
- iii. Inter-Club Challenge Cup (Team of 4 -3 games)
- iv. Inter-Hong Challenge Cup (Team of 4 -3 games)
- v. Sports and Recreation Challenge Cup (Team of 4 -3 games)

*For all Challenge Cup events, the teams will be notified of the cancellation of that event should there be less than 4 teams on April 21, 2023.

8. MASTERS FINALS

a. Open Division

The top **24 men** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1. A total of 5 games will be bowled. The top **12 men** with the highest total pinfall from Stage 1 will enter into the Masters Finals Stage 2 with the total pins carried forward. Another 3 games will be bowled to decide the winners.

The top **12 women** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 to bowl 5 games. The top **6 women** with the highest total pinfall from Stage 1 will enter into the Masters Finals Stage 2 with the total pins carried forward. Another 3 games will be bowled to decide the winners.

b. U20 Division

The top **18 boys** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 to bowl 4 games. The top **8 boys** with the highest total pinfall from Stage 1 will enter into the Masters Finals Stage 2 with the total pins carried forward. Another 2 games will be bowled to decide the winners.

The top **9 girls** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 to bowl 4 games. The top **4 girls** with the highest total pinfall from Stage 1 will enter into the Masters Finals Stage 2 with the total pins carried forward. Another 2 games will be bowled to decide the winners.

c. U15 Division (Mixed Boys and Girls)

The top **18 boys and girls** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1. 4 games will be bowled. The top **8 boys and girls** with the highest total pinfall from Stage 1 will enter into the Masters Finals Stage 2 with the total pins carried forward. Another 2 games will be bowled to decide the winners.



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d. Senior Division (Mixed Men and Women)

The top **12 men and women** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **6 men and women** with the highest total pinfall from Stage 1 will enter into the Masters Finals Stage 2 with the total pins carried forward. Another 2 games will be bowled to decide the winners.

9. FEES

a. Masters Qualifying

- i. Open Men/ Women HK\$ 120.00/ set
- ii. Senior/ U20 Boys/ U20 Girls/ U15 HK\$ 90.00/ set

b. Masters Finals

- i. Open Men/ Women HK\$ 340.00
- ii. Senior/ U20 Boys/ U20 Girls/ U15 HK\$ 180.00

All Masters Finals fees are to be paid at the time of check-in for respective Masters Event.

Change of bowlers is accepted provided that an administration fee of HK\$50.00 per bowler is paid **10 minutes** before the close of the check-in time.

10. SCHEDULE

TIME	April 29, 2023 (SAT)	TIME	April 30, 2023 (SUN)
*0900	Masters Qualifying	1000	U15 Masters Finals
1000			U20 Boys Masters Finals
1130			U20 Girls Masters Finals
1300			Senior Masters Finals
1430			Lane Dressing
1600	Lane Dressing	1430	Men Masters Finals
1730	Masters Qualifying	1815	Women Masters Finals
1900			Challenge Cups
2030			
2200			2100

*The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept entries for the squad at 0900 on April 29, 2023.

11. ENTRIES

Game fees and entry forms are to be submitted upon purchase of entries. Entry forms can be submitted at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress office. Entry by mail with entry forms and cheque for entry fees will be accepted. Bowlers are encouraged to confirm their entries by phone for entries by mail. Bowler registration and entry forms must be fully filled along with the “**Disclaimer and Participant Agreement**”. Only Cash/Cheque will be accepted upon entry in person. Please make cheques payable



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to “Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd.” Entry Fee once paid is non-refundable.

Entry Deadline:

The Entry Deadline is on **Friday, April 21, 2023 at 18:00.**

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

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

12. AWARDS

a. Masters Qualifying

Medals and HKTBC Coupons will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of the following Divisions:

EVENT	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
MEN Masters Qualifying	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
WOMEN Masters Qualifying	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
SENIOR Masters Qualifying	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
U20 Boys Masters Qualifying	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
U20 Girls Masters Qualifying	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
U15 Masters Qualifying	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00

b. Masters Finals

Medals will be awarded to the top three positions in the Masters Finals of all Divisions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the following:

MASTER FINALS EVENT	Champion	1 st Runner-up	2 nd Runner-up	3 rd Runner-up
MEN	\$2000.00	\$1000.00	\$800.00	\$600.00
WOMEN	\$1500.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$400.00
SENIOR	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
U20 Boys	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$250.00	\$150.00
U20 Girls	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
U15	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$100.00

c. Challenge Cups

For Inter-Centre Challenge Cup, Inter-Centre Youth Challenge Cup, Inter-Club Challenge Cup, Inter-Hong Challenge Cup, Sports and Recreation Challenge Cup, a trophy will be presented to the Champion, 1st Runners-up and 2nd Runners-up.

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13. TIE SCORE

- a. Whenever a tie occurs in any of the first three positions in the Masters Qualifying, bowler/s with equal scores will share the prizes between them.
- b. In the case of a tie in Masters Qualifying for the last position for Masters Finals for Stage 1 in U20 Boys/ U20 Girls/ Open Men and Open Women Divisions, a one game roll-off shall be held. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be held until the tie is broken.
- c. In the case of a tie in Masters Qualifying for the last position for Masters Finals for Stage 1 in U15 and Senior Divisions, a one game roll-off with handicap shall be held. If a tie still exists, a one ball roll-off with no handicap will be held until the tie is broken.

The time for the roll-off will be before the start of each respective Masters Final Stage 1.

- d. In the case of a tie for any positions in respective Stages of Masters Finals in respective Division, the bowler with a lower pinfall difference between the highest and the lowest games bowled in the previous stage will be declared the higher position. If a tie still exists, the bowler with a higher game bowled in the previous stage will be declared the higher position. If a tie still exists, the bowler with the higher last game bowled in the previous stage will be declared the higher position.

14. CHECK-IN (According to the official clock)

Check-in will open **1 hour** and close **30 minutes** before the scheduled squad time in Masters Qualifying, Masters Finals unless otherwise stated. Failure to check in **personally** for the Masters Finals, his/her placing will be allocated to the reserve who has checked in.

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.



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17. INCLEMENT WEATHER

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

18. SMOKING AND DRINKING

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 attire (Polo shirt or crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowler in shorts, singlet, sleeveless T-shirt, jeans and any kind of hats will not be allowed to bowl. Shorts and skirts will be allowed for women bowlers. Trousers/pants for men must be of ankle-length.

In those instances where it is established that a bowler is in breach of this rule, he/she will 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 on balance hole.

Since August 2020, 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 assigned lanes at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible.

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 Asian Bowling Federation, but such appeal should be made through HKTBC in writing and a fee of US\$100 within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned. Otherwise, it will be forfeited.

APPROVED BOWLING BALLS UPDATE

Please take note that the following 2 bowling balls are now removed from the USBC Ball list and therefore, would not be approved to be used in any tournaments organized by Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKTBC).

- i. 2016-2017 Purple Hammer - identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7" (bowl.com)
- ii. Storm Spectre

Besides, the 6 Storm balls (as below) are approved to be used in World and Asian Championships, Multi-Sports Games in Asia, all PBA tournaments and tournaments organized by HKTBC.

- i. Storm Phaze 4
- ii. Storm Electrify Solid
- iii. Storm Trend 2
- iv. 900 Global Altered Reality
- v. 900 Global Wolverine
- vi. Roto Grip UFO Alert

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