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BELAIR BOWLING 16th 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

Open to all HKTBC Life Members, current (2023-2024) HKTBC paid up Members and Youth Members (Age 20 and under, **born on or after 2003**). Participants must be aged **8 or above on January 1, 2023**.

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

Masters Qualifying - October 21 & 22, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)

Masters Finals - October 28 & 29, 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)

5. ENTRY PERIOD

Starting from Thursday, September 14 to Friday, October 13, 2023 from 10:00 to 17:30 on a first-come-first-serve basis at Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress office. Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 -13:00 and 14:00 -18:00, except public holidays.

6. DIVISIONS

The competition is divided into Open, Graded, Potential, U20 and U15 Divisions.

a. Open Division (Men and Women Division)

Open to men bowlers whose average is 200 and above.

Open to women bowlers whose average is 190 and above.

b. Graded Division (Men and Women Division)

Open to men bowlers whose average is under 200.

Open to women bowlers whose average is under 190.

c. Potential Division (Men and Women)



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Open to men bowlers whose average is 175 and under.
Open to women bowlers whose average is 165 and under.

*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 1, 2022 to October 20, 2023** 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 organized by our Congress from 2022 to 2023, including the 15th Individual Open Tenpin Bowling (Local) Tournament, 66th Festival of Sport Tenpin Bowling Competition and 46th 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 HKTBC accept certification by the bowler's Bowling Club sanctioned by HKTBC. **This must be the highest average of a minimum of 21 games established in the Bowling Club's competitions from January 1, 2022 to October 20, 2023.**
 - 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.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. The Man and Woman Champion of the **Graded Masters A** in any **Local or International** tournaments organised by the Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress **in 2021 to 2023** are not eligible to bowl in **Graded Division**. Bowlers **will then** have to bowl in Open Division
 - v. The Man and Woman Champion of the **Potential Masters/Grade B Masters** in any **Local or International** tournaments organised by the Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress **in 2021 to 2023** are not eligible to bowl in **Potential Division**. Bowlers **will then** have to bowl in either Graded or Open Division.
- d. **U20 Division (Boys and Girls Division)**
Open to boys and girls born **on or after January 1, 2003. Participants must be aged 8 or above on January 1, 2023.**
- e. **U15 Division (Boys and Girls Division)**
Open to U15 boys and girls born **on or after January 1, 2008. Participants must be aged 8 or above on January 1, 2023.**

7. EVENTS

There is no limit of attempts in the Masters Qualifying.

a. Open Division

- i. Masters Qualifying (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- ii. Masters Finals – Stage 1 (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- iii. Men Top 16 from Stage 1 - Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Final



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iv. Women Top 8 from Stage 1 - Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Finals

b. Graded Division

- i. Masters Qualifying (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- ii. Masters Finals – Stage 1 (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- iii. Men Top 8 from Stage 1 - Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Finals
- iv. Women Top 4 from Stage 1- Semi-finals & Finals

c. Potential Division

- i. Masters Qualifying (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- ii. Masters Finals - Stage 1 (Men/ Women) (4 games)
- iii. Men Top 8 from Stage 1 - Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Finals
- iv. Women Top 4 from Stage 1 - Semi-finals & Finals

d. U20 Division (Boys & Girls)

- i. Masters Qualifying (Boys/ Girls) (4 games)
- ii. Masters Finals Stage 1 (Boys/ Girls) (4 games)
- iii. Boys Top 8 from Stage 1- Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Finals
- iv. Girls Top 4 from Stage 1 - Semi-finals & Finals

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. 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 (4 games)
- ii. Masters Finals – Stage 1 (4 games)
- iii. Top 4 from Stage 1 - Semi-finals & Finals

8. MASTERS FINALS

a. Open Division

The top **24 men** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **16 men** from Stage 1 will then compete in the knock-out format in Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

The top **12 women** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **8 women** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

b. Graded Division

The top **16 men** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **8 men** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.



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The top **10 women** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **4 women** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

c. Potential Division

The top **12 men** from the Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1. A total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **8 men** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

The top **8 women** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **4 women** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

d. U20 Division

The top **16 boys** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **8 boys** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

The top **8 girls** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **4 girls** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

e. U15 Division (Mixed)

The top **8 boys and girls** from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 and a total of 4 games will be bowled. The top **4 boys and girls** from Stage 1 will then compete in a knock-out format in Semi-finals and Finals to decide the winners.

9. KNOCK-OUT FORMAT

a. The competition format for each knock-out match is as follows:

- i. The competition will be conducted according to a prearranged draw from seedings based on the individual bowlers finishing position from the previous stage in respective division.
- ii. The individual bowlers shall compete in a one-game knock-out competition for respective division titles.
- iii. Individual bowlers eliminated in each round shall be positioned according to the higher score obtained in the round.
- iv. Lane assignments shall be designated by the Tournament Director whose decision shall be final and binding on all Bowlers.



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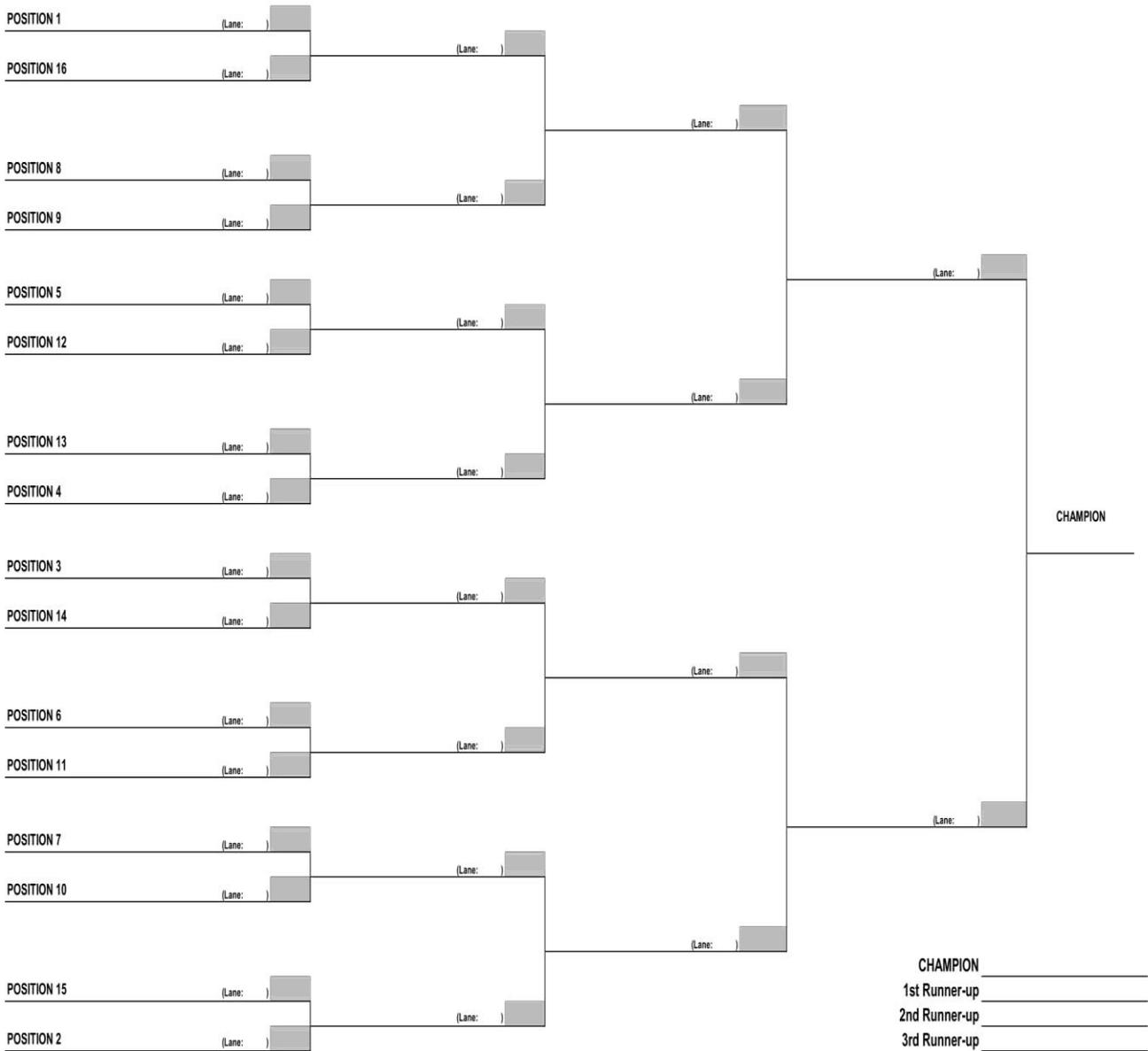
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***Each individual bowlers will be allowed two (2) practice throws per lane prior to the commencement of each game in the knock-out format.**

16 PLAYER DRAW



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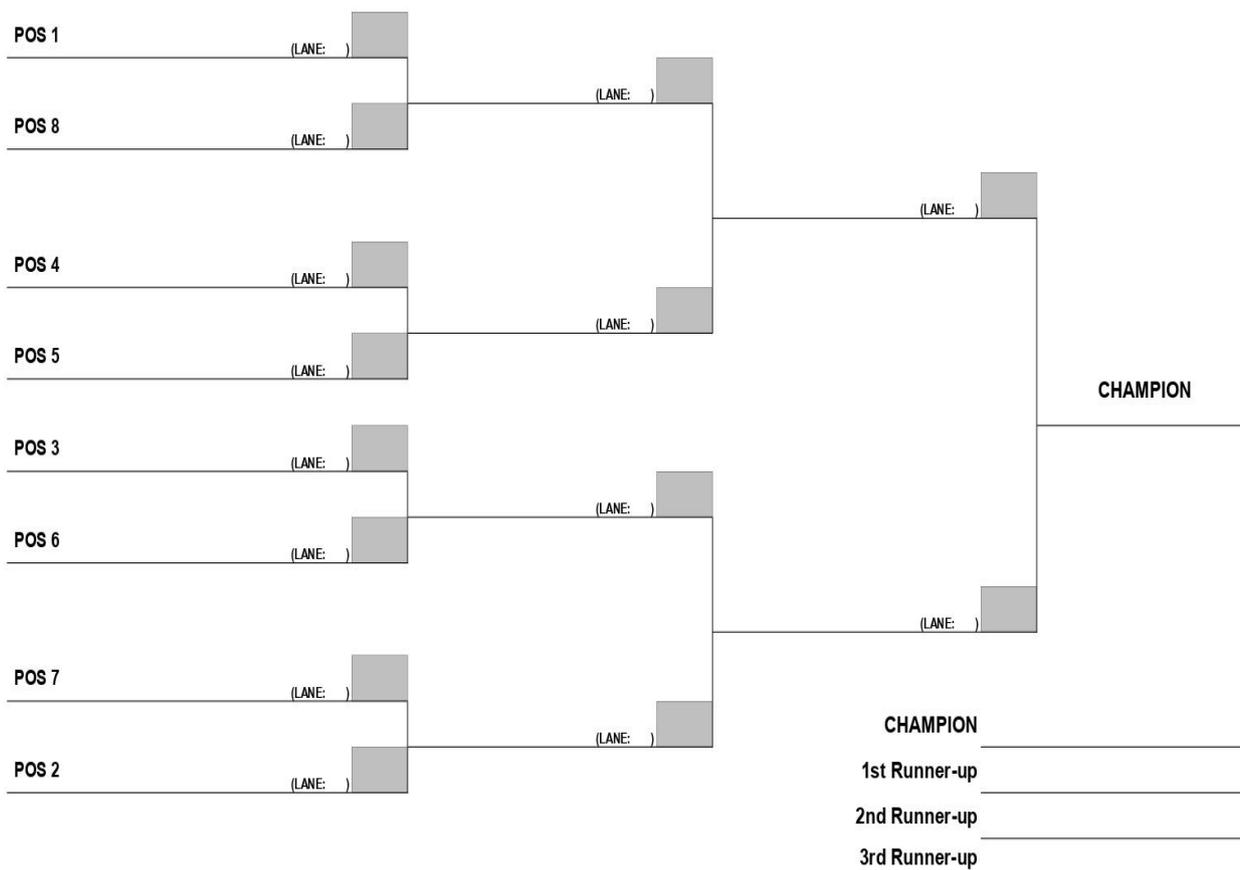
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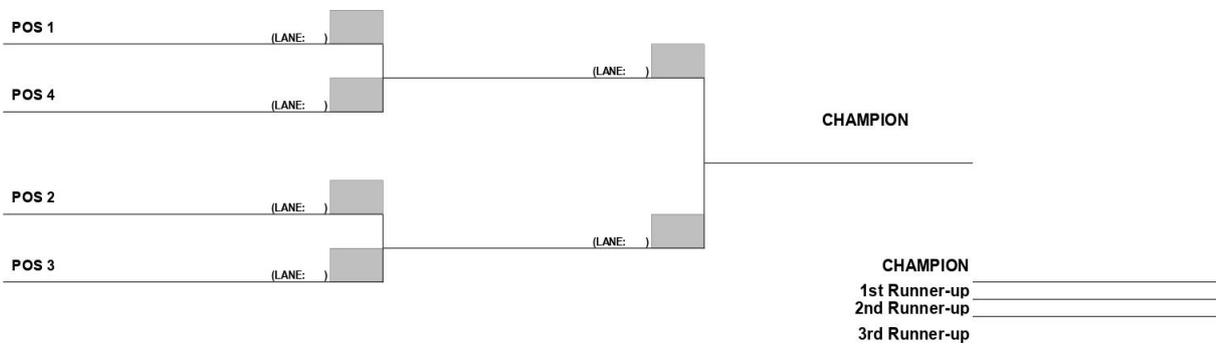
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QUARTER-FINALS DRAW



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10. FEES

- a. **Masters Qualifying (4 games)**
Masters Qualifying for all divisions **HK\$ 170.00**

- b. **Masters Finals Stage 1 (4 games)**
Masters Finals Stage 1 for all divisions **HK\$ 200.00**

- c. **Knock-out Format**
Each game for all divisions **HK\$50.00/ game**

All Masters Finals Stage 1 fees are to be paid at the time of check-in for the Masters Event.

All Masters Finals knock-out fees are to be paid before the commencement of each round of the knock-out matches.

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 form/s and cheque/s for entry fees will be accepted. Bowlers are encouraged to confirm their entries by phone for mail entries. 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 cheque/s payable to “**Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd.**” Entry Fee once paid is non-refundable.

Entry Deadline:

The Entry Deadline is **Friday, October 13, 2023 at 17:30.**

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

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 for the various Masters Finals.

13. TIE SCORE

- a. In the case of a tie in Masters Qualifying for the last position for Masters Finals for Stage 1 in Open/ Graded / Potential/ U20 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.

- b. In the case of a tie in Masters Qualifying for the last position for Masters Finals for Stage 1 in U15 Divisions, a one game roll-off with handicap shall be held. If a tie still exists, a one ball roll-off will be held until the tie is broken.

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

- c. In the case of a tie for any positions in respective Stages (except Top 16, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals) in Masters Finals of respective Division, the bowler with a lower score difference



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between the highest and the lowest games in the previous stage will be declared the higher position. If a tie still exists, the bowler with a higher game in the previous stage will be declared the higher position. If a tie still exists, the bowler with the higher last game in the previous stage will be declared the higher position.

- d. In the case of a tie in any of the matches in the Top 16, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals of Open/ Graded/ Potential/ U20 Division, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be held until the tie is broken.
- e. In the case of a tie in any of the matches in the Semi-finals and Finals of U15 Division, a one ball roll-off will be held until the tie is broken.
- f. If a tie exists for the bowlers that were eliminated in the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, bowlers with equal scores will share the prize between them (if applicable).

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 in person 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. 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.

15. PROTESTS

a. **Protests - Foul or Legality of Pinfall**

A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the bowler. Tournament Committee and the official representatives of the Congress shall then resolve 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 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 will be further notified.



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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 wearing any kind of hats/caps 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 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 CONDITIONS

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.

22. SPECIAL NOTE

The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-allocate squad time and assigned lanes at his discretion when the 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 kinds of 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



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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, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKTBC).

- i. 2016-2017 Purple Hammer - identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7"**
- 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.