

2012 MACAU CHINA INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Rules and Formats

1. Rules and Regulations

This Championship, organized by Macau China Bowling Association (MCBA) and sanctioned by Asian Bowling Federation (ABF), will be conducted in accordance with the WTBA Playing Rules.

This tournament is an Asian Ranking Tournament.

2. Eligibility

This Tournament is open to all members of the Macau China Bowling Association as well as members of overseas Bowling Congresses/Associations that are current paid-up members of WTBA.

3. Venue

Complexo Desportivo Internacional do COTAI – Bowling Center, Macau

4. Date

9th June – 16th June, 2012

5. Classification

Competition will be divided into Open and Graded Divisions for all categories i.e. Men, Women, Youth (Mixed), Senior (Mixed)

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| a. | Men's Open | All male bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division. |
| b. | Women's Open | All female bowlers including graded and youth are eligible to participate in this division. |
| c. | Men's Graded | All male bowlers with an average of 185 and below are qualified to play in this division. |
| d. | Women's Graded | All female bowlers with an average of 180 and below are qualified to play in this division. |
| e. | Youth Division | Only open to boys and girls born on <u>1st Jan, 1992 or after.</u> |
| f. | Senior Division | Only open to bowlers born on <u>9th June, 1962 or before.</u> |

Note: Overseas bowlers will be required to produce certification from their respective Bowling Congresses/Associations as proof of their overseas status.

The Men and Women Champion of the Graded (A) Masters of any ABF/WTBA sanctioned International Open for the year 2010, 2011 and 2012 are not eligible to bowl in Graded Division.

6. Events

Open and Graded division will be divided into Men and Women Respectively:

a. Open Division

Men

- i. Singles (3 Games)
- ii. Masters (16 Games)

Women

- i. Singles (3 Games)
- ii. Masters (16 Games)

b. Graded Division

Men

- i. Singles (3 Games)
- ii. Masters (8 Games)

Women

- i. Singles (3 Games)
- ii. Masters (8 Games)

c. Youth Division (Mixed)

- i. Youth Masters (8 Games) are opened to all boys and girls.
- ii. Girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 8 points per game for qualifying into Youth Masters in the Singles Event and in the actual competition of the Masters Event.

d. Senior Division (Mixed)

- i. Senior Masters (6 Games) are opened to all Men and Women.
- ii. Bowlers will be given a handicap per game for qualifying into the Senior Masters in the Masters Qualifying and in the actual competition of the Masters Event. Handicaps are allocated according to the following age categories:

MEN

- 50-55 years of age : 0 points
- 56-60 years of age : 6 points
- 61 years of age and above: 12 points

WOMEN

- 50-55 years of age : 8 points
- 56-60 years of age : 14 points
- 61 years of age and above: 20 points

7. Masters Qualifying

Scores obtained by the bowlers in the best two set of Singles in respective division making up a total of 6 games series will be used for the Masters Qualifying.

8. Masters

8.1 Men's Open Masters.

The 40 Masters Finalists (as listed below) will bowl a total of 16 games (8 games in Block 1 and 8 games in Block 2)

The top 6 Bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 16 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 competition starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will then 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 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.

- i. National Team Representative 4
- ii. Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event 6

iii.	Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	11
iv.	Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	19
	Total	40

8.2 Women's Open Masters

The 30 Masters Finalists (as listed below) will bowl a total of 16 games (8 games in Block 1 and 8 games in Block 2)

The top 6 Bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 16 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 from another one game competition starting from scratch. The bowler with the highest score will then meet the 1st position bowler in a one plus one game match. In the event that the 1st position bowler wins the 1st 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.

i.	National Team Representative	3
ii.	Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	4
iii.	Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	9
iv.	Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	14
	Total	30

8.3 Graded Masters

Men's Graded Top 24 Men Qualifiers in the Grand Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled

Women's Graded Top 16 Women Qualifiers in the Grand Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled

8.5 Youth Masters

Youth (Mixed) Top 20 Youth Qualifiers in the Youth Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 8 games will be bowled

i.	National Team Representative	3
ii.	Top Local Bowlers in the Singles Event	4
iii.	Top Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	5
iv.	Top Local/Overseas Bowlers in the Singles Event	8
	Total	20

8.5 Senior Masters

Senior (Mixed) Top 12 Senior Qualifiers in the Singles Event will enter the Masters Final. A total of 6 games will be bowled

**** In the event that there are less than 6 participants, The Senior Masters Event will be cancelled. Trophies will then be awarded to the top 3 positions in the Masters**

Qualifying.

9. Attempts

No limit of attempts is imposed. A bowler must attempt at least 2 sets of Singles (total of 6 games)

10. Fees

10.1 Registration Fee for Open Division is **MOP\$280.00** per person and **Mop\$200.00** per person for all other divisions. Registration fee which is inclusive of Victory Banquet must be paid before commencing the first attempt

- I. Singles (Open and Graded)..... MOP\$200.00/Person
- II. Singles (Youth and Senior)..... MOP\$150.00/Person

10.1.1 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 amendment fee of **MOP\$100.00** per bowler is paid 10 minutes before the close of the check-in time.

10.1.2 Change or upgrade event will be accepted. This will require an amendment fee of **MOP\$80.00** per bowler.

10.2 Masters

- i. Men's & Women's Open..... MOP\$800.00/Person
- ii. Men's and Women's Graded..... MOP\$600.00/Person
- iii. Youth (Mixed)..... MOP\$400.00/Person
- iv. Senior (Mixed)..... MOP\$300.00/Person

Note: Appropriate entry-forms are available for purchase at the reception counter, except all Masters Event of 10.2 . Fees will be collected at the time of check-in.

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 Macau China Bowling Association Office.

12. Awards

- Open and Graded Division

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.

Individual High Game

In both Men and Women Section for the Open & Graded Divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective division **excluding Masters Events**. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers for the score, all will be awarded.

- Youth and Senior Division

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.

Individual High Game

Youth and Senior divisions, medals will be presented to bowlers who score the highest game in their respective division **excluding Masters Events**. Should there be a tie among two or more bowlers for the score, all will be awarded. Handicap is excluded for this award.

300 Perfect Game award MOP3000 (each game)

13. Tie Score

- 13.1 Whenever a tie occurs in any of the first three positions in the Singles Events, players with equal scores will share the prize between them.
- 13.2 In the case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for the Masters Events, a one game roll-off shall be held. If a tie still exists, repeat a 9th & 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee.
- 13.3 If a tie occurs in the Men's and Women's Open Masters Final (Block 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 shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, another 9th and 10th frame roll off will be held until the tie is broken.

14. Check-In

Check-in will open one hour and close 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 bookings). For those who fail to check-in personally at the prescribed time, their placing as well as the fees will be forfeited. The vacancy will be allocated to the next pre-booked reserved bowler.

15. Protests

- 15.1 Protests – Foul or Legality of Pinfall
A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by the competitor. The Tournament Committee and the official representatives of the Association shall then solve the problems.
- 15.2 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 or before the Prize Presentation.
- 15.3 Protests – Errors
The time limit for filing protests on scoring shall be one hour from the end of the event.

16. Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification

All bowling balls used in the Championships must be registered by the ball-examiner 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 fees paid will not be refunded. If the Tournament Committee is of the opinion that such usage was deliberate and was intended to cheat, he/she may be further reported to the MCBA 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.

17. 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.

18. Bowlers' Attire

Men Bowlers in shorts, singlet's, sleeveless T-shirts and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Women Bowlers in singlet's, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans also will not be allowed to bowl. Shorts and skirts are allowed for women bowlers. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Crew neck T-shirt is 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 than 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.

19. Smoking and Drinking

The bowlers must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or alcoholic drink while in competition, i.e. during the entries 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 and all fees paid will not be refunded.

20. 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 Championship which is 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 MCBA 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 MCBA in writing and within thirty days of its decision and in accordance with the procedure specified in the 2010 WTBA Playing Rules.

*** In case there is different interpretation in the Chinese translation of the rules, the ENGLISH version of the Rules and Regulations and WTBA Playing Rules shall apply**