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2024 HKCTBC LOCAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT March 9, 17, 23 & 24, 2024, SCAA Bowling Centre

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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 who are permanent residents of the HKSAR that are born between January 1, 2002 to January 1, 2016.

3. OILING PATTERN

Kegel's Pattern Showcase | Episode 1 - Ultimate Blend
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MuyhbrG1hQ

4. VENUE

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

5. DATE

Masters Qualifying - March 9 & 17, 2024.
Masters Finals - March 23 & 24, 2024.

6. ENTRY PERIOD

U22, U20 and U15 division

Entries start from February 7 to March 4, 2024 on a first-come-first-serve basis. Office hour is Monday to Friday (except public holiday), 10:00-13:00 14:00-18:00. Entry can be submitted in person or by mail at Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress office (Room 2004, Olympic House, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay) provided that entry forms and cheque for entry fees are enclosed.

U12 division

Entry period starts from February 7 to March 22, 2024 on a first-come-first-serve basis. Office hour is Monday to Friday (except public holiday), 10:00-13:00 14:00-18:00. Entry can be submitted in person or by mail at Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress office (Room 2004, Olympic House, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay) provided that entry forms and cheque for entry fees are enclosed.

7. DIVISIONS

The tournament consists of 4 Divisions, **U22, U20, U15** and **U12** Divisions.



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a. U22 (Boys and Girls Division).

Minimum age for this division must be 16 years of age i.e., born on or before December 31, 2008.

Boys Division:

Open to boys born on or after January 1, 2002, HKSI Junior Squad Members or HKSI Potential Squad Members.

Girls Division:

Open to girls born on or after January 1, 2002.

b. U20 (Only Boys Division)

Open to boys born on or after January 1, 2004, HKSI Junior Squad Members or HKSI Potential Squad Members.

c. U15 (Mixed Boys and girls Division)

Open to boys and girls born on or after January 1, 2009 or HKSI Potential Squad Members.

d. U12 (Mixed Boys and Girls Division).

Minimum age for this division must be 8 years of age i.e., born on or before January 1, 2016.

Open to boys and girls born on or after January 1, 2012.

8. EVENTS

There is no limit of attempts in the Masters Qualifying. Masters Qualifying for U22, U20 and U15 divisions, the best of two sets must consist of **ONE set on FRESH OIL plus ONE set on NON-FRESH OIL.**

a. U22 Division

- i. Masters Qualifying (Boys/ Girls) (best of two sets of 3 games)
- ii. Masters Finals - Stage 1 (Boys/ Girls) (5 games)
- iii. U22 Boys Masters Finals - Stage 2 (pins carried forward) (3 games)
- iv. U22 Girls Master Finals - Stage 2 (pins carried forward) (3 games)

b. U20 Division (Boys Division Only)

- i. Masters Qualifying (best of two sets of 3 games)
- ii. U20 Boys Masters Finals - Stage 1 (5 games)
- iii. U20 Boys Masters Finals - Stage 2 (pins carried forward) (3 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 a 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



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

d. U12 Division

There is no Masters Qualifying for Boys and Girls in U12 Division, Boys and girls will bowl in the same Masters Finals. Entries for Masters Finals in U12 will be based on a first-come-first serve basis. Girl bowlers will receive a handicap of 5 pins per game in the Masters Finals.

- i. U12 Master Finals (4 games)

e. Inter-School Challenge Cup (Secondary School, Boys and Girls Division)

Team of 3 by invitations.

Team members must be current students from respective local schools.

- i. Inter-School Boys Challenge Cup (Team of 3 - 3 games)
- ii. Inter-School Girls Challenge Cup (Team of 3 - 3 games)

*Each team cannot have more than **one** Hong Kong National Junior Bowlers. 10 pins per game will be deducted from the score of Hong Kong National Junior Bowlers.

*If there are less than 6 teams participating in either Boys or Girls Division of the Inter-School Challenge Cup after the deadline on **March 18, 2024**, both Boys and Girls teams will be competing together, while each girl bowler will be given a handicap of 5 pins per game.

9. MASTERS FINALS

a. U22 Division

The top 18 boys from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1. A total of 5 games will be bowled. The top 10 boys 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 10 girls from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 to bowl 5 games. The top 6 girls 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 Boys Division

The top 18 boys from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1 to bowl 5 games. The top 10 boys 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.

c. U15 Division (Mixed)

The top 18 boys and girls from the Masters Qualifying will enter the Masters Finals Stage 1. 4 games will be bowled. The top 10 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. U12 Division (Mixed)

There is no Masters Qualifying for the U12 division. Entries will be on a first-come-first serve basis. Participating bowlers will directly enter into the Masters Finals to bowl 4 games to decide the winners.

10. FEES

a. Masters Qualifying

i. U22 Boys/ U22 Girls/ U20 Boys/ U15 HK\$ 150.00/ set

b. Masters Finals

i. U22 Boys/ U22 Girls/ U20 Boys HK\$ 320.00/ person
ii. U15 (Mixed) HK\$ 240.00/ person
iii. U12 (Mixed) HK\$ 160.00/ person

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

Change of bowlers in the Masters Qualifying 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.

11. ENTRIES

Game fees and entry forms are to be submitted upon purchase of entries. Entries will be accepted at Hong Kong, China 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 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 cheques payable to “**Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd.**” Entry Fee once paid is non-refundable.

Entry Deadline:

i. Entry Deadline for U22, U20 and U15 divisions is on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 18:00.
ii. Entry Deadline for U12 division is on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00.
iii. Entry Deadline for Inter-School Challenge Cup entries is on Monday, March 18, 2024 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 HKCTBC Website www.hktbc.org.hk.

12. AWARDS

a. Masters Qualifying

Medals and prizes will be awarded to the Champion, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up of Divisions as specified in the Prize List.

b. Masters Finals

Trophies will be awarded to the top three positions in the Masters Finals in all Divisions and prizes will be awarded up to the positions as specified in the Prize List for the various Masters Finals.

c. Inter-School Challenge Cups

For Inter-School Challenge Cup, a trophy will be presented to the Team Champion, 1st Runners-up and 2nd Runners-up.



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13. TIE SCORE

- a. In the case of a tie in Masters Qualifying for the last position for Masters Finals for Stage 1 in U22 Boys/ U22 Girls/ U20 Boys 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 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.

- c. In the case of a tie for any positions in respective Stages of Masters Finals in respective Division, the bowler with a lower score 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.

17. INCLEMENT WEATHER



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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.

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

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 schedule venue at his discretion when situation so requires. Prior notice will be given whenever possible.



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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 HKCTBC 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 HKCTBC in writing and within thirty days of its decision with a fee of US\$100 and in accordance with the procedure specified in the World Bowling Playing Rules as of September 2019.

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 (HKCTBC).

- 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 HKCTBC.

- 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

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