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BELAIR BOWLING 9th HONG KONG INDIVIDUAL OPEN TENPIN BOWLING (LOCAL) TOURNAMENT

RULES AND FORMATS

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

This tournament, organised by **Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKTBC)** will be conducted in accordance to the 2015 WTBA Playing Rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all current members of **HKTBC** bearing the status of a permanent resident in the HKSAR.

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

Qualifying - March 7 & 8, 2015 (Saturday & Sunday)

Masters - March 14 & 15, 2015 (Saturday & Sunday)

5. CLASSIFICATION

Competition is divided into Open, Men Graded, Women Graded, Men Potential, Women Potential and Youth Division respectively. Women bowlers in Open Division will be given a handicap of **10 pins** for each game. Girl bowlers in Youth Division will be given a handicap of **12 pins** for each game.

a. Open For men bowlers whose average is 201 above
For women bowlers whose average is 191 above

b. Men Graded For men bowlers whose average is 200 or under.
Women Graded For women bowlers whose average is 190 or under.

c. Men Potential For men bowlers whose average is 175 or under.
Women Potential For women bowlers whose average is 165 or under.

d. Youth **ONLY** open to boys and girls born on **January 1, 1995 or after.**

Notes for Graded & Potential Division

Bowler entering these two divisions **must** produce certificate (including Chinese and English name) with **their highest league average over a minimum of 21 games established within 12 months before this tournament (from March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015)** 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 tournaments that were being organized by our Congress in 2014-2015, including the 8th Individual Open Tenpin Bowling (Local) Tournament, Bank of China (Hong Kong) 57th Festival of Sport – 2014 Tenpin Bowling Competition and the 40th 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 certification by the bowler's bowling Club be accepted.



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ORIGINAL certificates must be submitted to the Tournament Office at the time of registration 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. 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.

The Man and Woman Champion of the Graded Masters A in any local or International tournaments organised by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress are not eligible to bowl in Graded Division. Bowlers will have to bowl in Open Division

The Man and Woman Champion of the Potential Masters/Grade B Masters in any local or International tournaments organised by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress are not eligible to bowl in Potential Division. Bowlers will have to bowl in Graded or Open Division.

6. EVENTS

a. Open Division

- i. Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Masters 10 games & Step ladder Finals for top 6 (10 games)

b. Graded Division

- i. Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Men Graded Masters & Step ladder Finals for top 3 (8 games)
- iii. Women Graded Masters & Step ladder Finals for top 3 (8 games)

c. Potential Division

- i. Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Men Masters (8 games)
- iii. Women Masters (8 games)

d. Youth Division

- i. Qualifying (4 games)
- ii. Masters (8 games)

(Women bowlers will be given a handicap of 10 pins per game in Open Division. Girl bowlers will be given a handicap of 12 pins per game in Youth Division for Qualifying and in the Masters Event respectively.)

7. Open Masters

The top 30 bowlers (including Men and Women) in the Open Division will enter the Masters. A total of 10 games will be bowled. The top 6 bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 10 games will enter the Step ladder Finals.

The Step ladder Finals starts with the 4th, 5th & 6th position bowlers bowling 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 first position bowler in a one plus one game match. In the event that the first position bowler wins the 1st game, he/she will be declared the Champion. If the first position bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

8. Men and Women Graded Masters

The top 18 men bowlers and top 10 women bowlers in the respective Graded Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 8 games will be bowled in the Men and Women division. The top 3 men and 3 women bowlers with the highest total pinfalls after 8 games will enter the Step-ladder. In the Step-ladder Finals, the 3rd position bowler will bowl against the 2nd position bowler in a one game match starting from scratch. The winner will 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/she will be declared the Champion. If the



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1st position bowler loses the 1st game, there will be one more game (sudden death) roll off starting from scratch to decide the Champion.

9. Potential Masters

The top 16 men bowlers and top 8 women bowlers in the Potential Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 8 games will be bowled. Overall total pinfalls after the 8 games will decide the Champions, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up.

10. Youth Masters

The top 16 bowlers (including Boys and Girls) in the Youth Divisions will enter the Masters. A total of 8 games will be bowled. Overall total pinfalls after the 8 games will decide the Champions, 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up.

11. QUALIFYING ATTEMPTS

There are no limits on the number of attempts.

12. FEES

- a. Qualifying (4 games).....HK\$150.00 per person
- b. Open Masters (10 games).....HK\$450.00 per person
- c. Men Graded Masters (8 games).....HK\$360.00 per person
- d. Women Graded Masters (8 games).....HK\$360.00 per person
- e. Men Potential Masters (8 games).....HK\$360.00 per person
- f. Women Potential Masters (8 games).....HK\$360.00 per person
- g. Youth Masters (8 games)..... HK\$260.00 per person

Note: The Tournament Director reserves the right to re-allocate squad time, schedule and venue 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 time.

Attention: Game fees and entry forms need to be submitted upon purchase of entries, except all the Masters events which will be paid at the time of check-in.

Only Cash/Cheque will be accepted. Cheque please make payable to “Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd.”

13. ENTRIES

ENTRY FORM(S) will be available for purchase at Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress office **commencing 3 February 2015 (Tuesday)**. We also accept entry by mail provided that cheque for entry fees is enclosed.

Registration Fee must be paid before any entry will be accepted. **ENTRY FORM (S)** must be purchased and fully filled before making any entry. The deadline of the entry would be 48 hours before the competition commences.

** Entry Fee is not refundable once it is submitted**



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Upon request by tournament official or staff, all local bowlers must produce their 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 HKTBC membership card for examination. (Bowlers can apply for HKTBC membership at the time of registration. New application for membership would be treated as membership for 2015-2016)

For those bowlers who would like to participate in the Graded or Potential event, he/she must submit the ORIGINAL certificates to the Tournament Office at the time of registration. (Refer to point 5 for details.)

14. AWARDS

Open, Men Graded, Women Graded, Men Potential, Women Potential and Youth Divisions

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.

15. TIE SCORE

- a. In the case of a tie in qualifying for the last position for all Masters Events, a one game roll-off shall be held. The time for the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee.
- b. If a tie occurs in the Open Masters Final (Stepladder) for the 1st, 3rd, & 6th position, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, there will be a one ball roll off on a full set of pins until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists, the players will switch lanes and repeated the one ball roll off until the tie is broken.
- c. If a tie occurs in the Graded Masters (Stepladder) for the 1st & 3rd position, a one game roll-off shall be held to break the tie. If a tie still exists, there will be a one ball roll off on a full set of pins until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists, the players will switch lanes and repeated the one ball roll off until the tie is broken.
- d. If a tie occurs in the Masters Step ladder Finals, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played. If a tie still exists, the players will switch lanes and repeated the roll-off until the tie is broken.

Under the rules of one ball roll-off, no handicap will be given.

16. CHECK-IN

Check-in will open one hour and close 30 minutes before the scheduled squad time in both the Qualifying and Masters event unless otherwise stated (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.

17. 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 submitted in writing to a responsible tournament official no later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred. Regarding the appeal of the certificate of the highest league average, **if the submitted certificates were found to be false or forged, penalty would be given.** The maximum penalty would be suspending the bowler/s from participating in any competition organized by the Congress and any competition that is sanctioned by the Congress in the coming year.





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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.

18. 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. 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.

19. BOWLERS' ATTIRE

Men Bowlers in shorts, singlet, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans will not be allowed to bowl. Women Bowlers in singlet, sleeveless T-shirt and jeans also will not be allowed to bowl. Short and skirt will be allowed for women bowlers. Only proper bowling uniforms (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be 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 then 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.

20. SMOKING AND DRINKING

The players must not use tobacco products and consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol, i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where 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.

If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game.

21. SPECIAL NOTE

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 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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