

4th Philippine International Open

May 6 – 21, 2023

Coronado Lanes, Starmall, EDSA
Mandaluyong City, Philippines



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Organization and Sanction

This tournament is organized by the Philippine Bowling Federation (PBF) and duly sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) and International Bowling Federation (IBF). World Bowling playing rules and regulations shall apply on matters not covered herein.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to all current paid-up members of PBF Affiliates. Overseas participants must obtain clearances from their respective National Associations, Federations or Congresses.

3. Averages

Average will be based on the latest PBF lists of averages. Bowlers without established average shall furnish a copy of their average certification from their respective association signed by their President or Secretary; otherwise they will be classified as Class O bowler with an average of 196 for male and 186 for female bowler. Overseas bowlers must produce written confirmation of their averages from their respective Associations, Federations or Congresses. Any misdeclaration of average by bowlers will result in disqualification from the tournament and no refund shall be made. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to assign or change bowlers' classification with questionable average.

4. Classification

- Men's Open** - open to all male bowlers.
- Women's Open** - open to all female bowlers.
- Men's Graded** - open to all male bowlers with an average of 195 and below.
- Women's Graded** - open to all female bowlers with an average of 185 and below.
- Men's Associate** - open only to local male bowlers with an average of 180 and below.
- Women's Associate** - open only to local female bowlers with an average of 170 and below.
- Mixed Rookie** - open to all local bowlers with an average not exceeding 160 and who has never been a champion in any sanctioned tournament.
- Youth Boys Open** - open only to boys who were born January 01, 2002 or after.
- Youth Girls Open** - open only to girls who were born January 01, 2002 or after.
- Men's Open Senior** - open to all male senior bowlers.
- Men's Classified Senior** - open only to local male senior bowlers with an average of 180 and below.
- Women's Senior** - open to all female senior bowlers.

The senior's category is open only to bowlers 50 years old and above as of May 6, 2023. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to ask for documents that would attest to the bowler's age.

5. Manner of Play

MASTERS QUALIFYING

Qualifiers will be ranked based on their best two (2) blocks bowled. Each block shall consist of three (3) games. (Multiple attempts allowed). Last day of qualifying for a specific class will be the day before the scheduled master's finals.

MASTERS FINALS

Men's Open Masters (48 Qualifiers) – The top 6 locals and the top 6 overseas qualifiers will be seeded to round 2.

Round 1 - The 7th to 12th ranked qualifiers in each of both the local and overseas pools; together with the defending champion, the top twenty (20) qualifiers from the combined local and overseas pool, and the top three (3) qualifiers from the desperado squad shall play eight (8) games. Top twelve (12) bowlers based on total pinfalls, will advance to the next round.

Round 2 - The top twelve (12) bowlers from Round 1, shall be joined by the 1st to 6th ranked qualifiers from each of both the local and overseas pools. Starting from scratch, bowlers shall play eight (8) games. Total pinfalls to determine the top three (3) bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals.

Step-ladder Finals:

Match 1 - The 2nd and 3rd placers after the 2nd Round will bowl one (1) game to determine the challenger to the top finisher.

Match 2 - Winner of Match 1 will bowl against the top finisher in a one game title match.

Women's Open Masters (24 Qualifiers) – The top 3 locals and the top 3 overseas qualifiers will be seeded to round 2.

Round 1. The 4th to 6th ranked qualifiers in each of both the local and overseas pools; together with the defending champion, the top nine (9) qualifiers from the combined local and overseas pool, and the top two (2) qualifiers from the desperado squad shall play eight (8) games. The top six (6) bowlers based on total pinfalls, will advance to the next round.

Round 2. The top six (6) bowlers from Round 1, shall be joined by the 1st to 3rd ranked qualifiers from each of both the local and overseas pools. Starting from scratch, bowlers shall play eight (8) games. Total pinfalls to determine the top three (3) bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals.

The Format of the Step-ladder finals will be the same as in the Men's Open Masters.

Men's Graded Masters

The top ten (10) local qualifiers, top twenty (20) combined local and overseas pool, plus the top three (3) qualifiers from the desperado squad, will bowl 8 games to decide the winners.

Women's Graded Masters

The top four (4) local qualifiers, top six (6) from the combined local and overseas pool, plus the top two (2) qualifiers from the desperado squad will bowl 8 games to decide the winners.

Men's Associate Masters

The top thirty-three (33) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Women's Associate Masters

The top fifteen (15) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Mixed Rookie Masters

The top twenty four (24) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Youth Boys Open Masters

The top eighteen (18) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the top 3 bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals. Step-ladder format is the same as in the Men's Open Masters.

Youth Girls Open Masters

The top twelve (12) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the top 3 bowlers who will advance to the step-ladder finals. Step-ladder format is the same as in the Men's Open Masters.

Men's Open Senior Masters

The top thirty (30) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Men's Classified Senior Masters

The top thirty-six (36) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

Women's Senior Masters

The top fifteen (15) qualifiers will bowl eight (8) games to decide the winners.

HANDICAP: The following handicap is for Senior Masters Division only.

Handicap for Men's Open Senior will be based on age.

Senior bowlers over 60 years old shall have an additional one (1) handicap for every year of age.

From 61 onwards: 1 handicap for every year of age.

AVERAGE	MEN CLASSIFIED	AVERAGE	WOMEN'S SENIOR	ROOKIE		
176 – 180	0	176 and above	0	AVERAGE	MEN	WOMEN
171 – 175	2	171 - 175	2	156 - 160	0	8
166 – 170	4	166 – 170	4	151 – 155	2	10
161 - 165	6	161 – 165	6	146 – 150	4	12
156 – 160	8	156 – 160	8	141 – 145	6	14
151 – 155	10	151 – 155	10	136 – 140	8	16
146 – 150	12	146 – 150	12	131 – 135	10	18
141 – 145	14	141 – 145	14	130 and	12	20
140 and below	16	140 and below	16	BELOW	+5 to all senior bowlers	

Men's Classified Senior over 60 years old shall have an additional one (1) handicap for every year of age.

From 61 onwards: 1 handicap for every year of age.

Women's Senior over 55 years old shall have an additional one (1) handicap for every year of age.

From 56 onwards: 1 handicap for every year of age.

Desperado Squad

The Desperado Squad will be after the last squad on Friday, May 19, 2023. To be eligible to bowl in the Desperado Squad, a bowler must have at least 6 qualifying series in their respective category. One game will be bowled in this event. In case of tie, a one ball roll off will be held and will continue until the tie is broken.

6. Tie-breaking Procedure

When a tie occurs in the last position in the Masters Qualifying, a one game roll-of shall be held to determine the position. If tie still exists, a one ball roll-off will be held and will continue until the tie is broken. The time of the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

When a tie occurs in the top 3 positions in the Masters Finals for the Graded, Associate, Youth and Senior's division, a one game roll-of shall be held to determine the position. If tie still exists, a one ball roll-off will be held and will continue until the tie is broken. Tie that affects the prizes will be decided by the bowler's highest last game, if tie still exists, the 2nd last game will decide and will continue until the tie is broken.

When a tie occurs in the 6th position for the Men's Open and 3rd position in the Women's Open in the Masters Qualifying for both the local and overseas qualifiers, a one game roll-of shall be held to determine the position. If tie still exists, a one ball roll-off will be held and will continue until the tie is broken. The time of the roll-off will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

When a tie occurs in Round 1 and Round 2 of the Open Masters Finals, bowler's highest last game will decide, if tie still exists, the 2nd last game and will continue until the tie is broken.

In case of a tie in the step-ladder finals, a one ball roll off will be held and will continue until the tie is broken.

7. Tournament Schedule (SQUAD TIME)

Time	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:30
Date	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
May 6 Saturday	11:00 AM – Registration (Corporate Cup) Opening Ceremony								MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 7 Sunday									MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 8 Monday									MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 9 Tuesday									MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 10 Wednesday									MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 11 Thursday									MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 12 Friday									MQ	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 13 Saturday	Men's Classified Senior Masters Finals Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM								Lane Dressing	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ					
May 14 Sunday	Associate Masters Finals (Men & Women) Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM								Lane Dressing	Mixed Rookie Masters Finals Registration 2:00PM Roll-off 3:00PM						Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ		
The following squads are to be prioritized for overseas and out station bowlers.																												
May 15 Monday	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing				MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ							
May 16 Tuesday	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing				MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ							
May 17 Wednesday	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing				MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ							
May 18 Thursday	MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing				MQ	MQ	MQ	Lane Dressing								MQ	MQ	MQ							
May 19 Friday	Open Senior Masters Finals (Men & Women) Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM								Youth Masters Finals (Boys & Girls) Registration 1:00 PM Roll-off 2:00 PM								MQ	MQ	MQ	D								
May 20 Saturday	Men's Open – 1 st Block Registration 9:00 AM Roll-off 10:00 AM								Ladies Open – 1 st Block Registration 1:00 PM Roll-off 2:00 PM								Graded Masters Finals (Men & Women) Registration 5:00 PM Roll-off 6:00 PM											
May 21 Sunday	Men & Ladies Open – 2 nd Block Check-in 8:00 AM Roll-off 9:00 AM																											

- Each bowler can only book 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM squads twice each throughout the period of the competition.
- There will be lane dressing in between each Masters Finals.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to open additional squad, subject to all other squads being fully booked.

MASTERS FINALS

CLASS	DATE	CHECK IN	Call on Reserves	ROLL-OFF
Men's Classified Seniors	Sat. May 13	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Associate (Men & Women's)	Sun. May 14	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Mixed Rookie	Sun. May 14	2:00 pm	2:46 pm	3:00 pm
Seniors (Men & Women's)	Fri. May 19	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Youth (Boys & Girls)	Fri. May 19	1:00 pm	1:46 pm	2:00 pm
Graded (Men & Women's)	Sat. May 20	5:00 pm	5:46 pm	6:00 pm
Women's Open (1 st Block)	Sat. May 20	1:00 pm	1:46 pm	2:00 pm
Women's Open (2 nd Block)	Sun. May 21	8:00 am		9:00 am
Men's Open (1 st Block)	Sat. May 20	9:00 am	9:46 am	10:00 am
Men's Open (2 nd Block)	Sun. May 21	8:00 am		9:00 am

8. Registration

All entries shall be duly accomplished and the corresponding payments shall be submitted to the PBF Secretariat, except those entries which are on "Charge Account", said entries will be allowed only when the "Charge Account" is accompanied by a blank check issued payable to Philippine Bowling Federation Inc. All entries shall be subject to availability of lane and squad. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entry, as well as adjust the playing schedule as the need arises or the situation warrants. Overseas bowlers should confirm reserved bookings upon arrival. If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Director or his Assistant reserves the right to reallocate squad time at their discretion. Should a bowler wish to participate in more than one division, the fee will be charged based on the higher division price.

9. Fees

Registration	PHP 2,500.00	All Division
Masters Qualifying (MQ)	PHP 2,000.00	Open Masters Division
	PHP 700.00	Graded Division
	PHP 600.00	Associate Division
	PHP 600.00	Youth & Senior Division
Master Finals	PHP 10,000.00	Men's Open Masters
	PHP 6,000.00	Women's Open Masters
	PHP 5,000.00	Men's Graded Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Women's Graded Masters
	PHP 3,500.00	Men's Associate Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Women's Associate Masters
	PHP 2,500.00	Mixed Rookie Masters
	PHP 5,000.00	Men's Open Senior Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Men's Classified Senior Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Women's Senior Masters
	PHP 3,000.00	Boys Youth Masters
Desperado	PHP 4,000.00	Open Division
	PHP 2,000.00	Graded Division

10. Check-in Time

All participants must check-in at the tournament counter at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled squad time. The Center clock shall be the official timepiece of the tournament.

All Master Finalists must check-in personally at least thirty minutes before the scheduled time for the master's Finals. Reserves will be called fifteen minutes before roll-off. Players who are seeded to round 2 in the open master's finals, need not to register on the first day.

In the event that a Masters Qualifier from a prioritized group being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the same prioritized list. Masters Qualifier from Open Division Local Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Local Pool Reserve List. Masters Qualifier from Open Division Overseas Pool being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Overseas Pool Reserve List. Masters Qualifier from Open Division Mixed Pool (Local/Overseas) being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Mixed Pool (Local/Overseas) Reserve List. Masters Qualifier from the Desperado Squad being absent, the vacancy will be filled from the Desperado Squad. **Bowling center clock will be the official timepiece.**

11. Verification of Score

It is the responsibility of each bowler and/or the team captain to verify the correctness of each game bowled by signing on the official entry form of each event. Once signed, the score shall stand unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee.

In the event of any interruptions caused by power failure, the following procedure shall be followed. Any part of a game that cannot be recalled will be re-bowled from the first frame. If more than one game cannot be recalled, the series shall be declared null and void and a fresh series be rescheduled. If only one frame is missing, the bowler shall continue from the last frame bowled.

12. Lane Breakdown

If a pair of lanes becomes unusable or unplayable for more than 20 minutes before or during the squad games, any available pair of lanes provided by the bowling center shall be assigned to affected participant(s) or shall wait for the next available squad. In case of machine breakdown during the masters final, vacant lanes shall be assigned to affected finalists. Any interrupted game or series must resume from the point (frame) of interruption. No shadow bowling shall be allowed.

13. Registration of Bowling Balls, Illegality and Disqualification

All participants are advised to check their bowling balls used in the tournament are certified as legal for weight and other specifications before they compete in their events. The onus is on the bowler to ensure that all balls he/she uses are certified legal as above. If at any time a bowler is found to have used an illegal ball even if previously certified legal by the Tournament Office, he/she shall be disqualified from the entire tournament and stripped of all his/her winnings or positions standing.

There should be no altering of the surface of the bowling balls nor application of any kind of liquid (including water) on the surface of the ball during or in between games. Altering the surface of bowling ball may only be done in between block of games. If the surface is adjusted during a game, the penalty is zero pinfall in that game. If the surface is adjusted during games, that ball will be taken away from the competition until that block or round of games/ competition is finished.

The specification eliminating the use of balance holes will be in effect in this tournament.

14. Dress Code

Only proper bowling uniform (Polo Shirt and Crew neck T-Shirt) and proper bowling shoes will be allowed during competition. Bowlers in singlet and sleeveless t-shirt will not be allowed to bowl. Female bowlers can wear skirts, shorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts. 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.

15. Slow Bowling

Bowlers, who are in readiness to step on the approach to deliver a ball, shall have the following rights and obligations. They may claim right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their left. They may give right of way over anyone moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and should not delay going to the approach, when the lanes immediately adjacent to them on the left and right sides are clear. Penalty shall be imposed to bowler who is four (4) frames slower from the leader not counting the end pair of lanes. The Penalty will be forfeit of the score in the next frame.

16. Restrictions at the Bowler's Area

Other than the registered player, only tournament officials and coach of player shall be allowed to enter the bowler's area. Only one registered coach shall be allowed for each bowler. When leaving the playing area during the competition, the bowler is requested to ask permission from the marshal or any other tournament official. Smoking, eating, drinking alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in the bowler's area are strictly prohibited. Bowlers are not allowed to use powder or any other substance to enhance slides in the lanes. Bowling shoes must be wiped off before one attempt to start bowling.

17. Protest

Scores - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 2 hours of the event, and in the case of an elimination round, before the next round. In the case of the last match of the Step-Ladder Finals of the master's event, such protests, if any should be addressed to the same officials before prize presentation. No protest made after the prize presentation will be entertained.

Foul - Must be brought to the attention of the Lane Marshal before the delivery of the next ball. No complaints made after the 2nd ball has been bowled shall be entertained.

Eligibility - Must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Directors or their Assistants within 24 hours of the first infringement or before the next round or prize presentation or whichever is earlier.

18.Special Note

The Tournament Committee reserve the right to accept or reject any entry as they see fit. Any matters arising during the Championships which are not covered by this set of rules and regulations will be decided by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to an appeal to the PBF. Such appeal should be made in writing and within 24 hours of the decision by any of the above. Notwithstanding the above, an appeal for the decision of PBF may still be lodged with the Asian Bowling Federation but through PBF and within 30 days.

Prizes (in Philippine Peso PHP)

RANK	Men's OPEN	Men's GRADED	Men's ASSOCIATE	Men's SENIOR
Champion	600,000	120,000	50,000	100,000
1 st Runner-up	300,000	60,000	25,000	50,000
2 nd Runner-up	150,000	30,000	13,000	25,000
4 th Place	70,000	15,000	7,000	12,000
5 th Place	60,000	10,000	6,000	6,000
6 th Place	50,000	8,000	5,000	5,000
7 th Place	40,000	6,000	4,000	4,000
8 th Place	40,000	4,000	3,000	3,000
9 th Place	30,000			
10 th Place	30,000			
11 th Place	30,000			
12 th Place	25,000			
13 th Place	25,000			
14 th Place	25,000			
15 th Place	25,000			
16 th Place	20,000			
17 th Place	20,000			
18 th Place	20,000			
19 th Place	20,000			
20 th Place	20,000			
21 st Place	15,000			
22 nd Place	15,000			
23 rd Place	15,000			
24 th Place	15,000			

RANK	Women's OPEN	Women's GRADED	Women's ASSOCIATE	Men's Classified SENIOR
Champion	300,000	50,000	40,000	50,000
1 st Runner-up	150,000	25,000	20,000	25,000
2 nd Runner-up	75,000	13,000	10,000	15,000
4 th Place	40,000		5,000	10,000
5 th Place	30,000			6,000
6 th Place	25,000			4,000
7 th Place	20,000			3,000
8 th Place	20,000			2,000
9 th Place	15,000			
10 th Place	15,000			
11 th Place	15,000			
12 th Place	15,000			

RANK	Boys OPEN	Girls OPEN	Women's SENIOR	Rookie
Champion	40,000	30,000	40,000	30,000
1 st Runner-up	20,000	15,000	20,000	15,000
2 nd Runner-up	10,000	10,000	10,000	8,000
4 th Place			5,000	4,000

Plus trophy to the top 3 winners.

Tournament Committee

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