

4th DIBC OPEN BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2016

Dubai International Bowling Centre, Al Mamzar, Dubai - UAE
1-26 March 2016

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

OBJECTIVE

This tournament is organized to bring bowlers together in Dubai in the spirit of goodwill and camaraderie and promote the bowling sport.

1. Sanction & Playing Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by EBF & ABF, and playing rules will be in accordance with WTBA standards.

2. Eligibility

This tournament is open to bowlers in good standing with their federations/associations/clubs.

3. Divisions

The tournament will be played in the following divisions:

- ❖ Open Division: Men, Women & Youth including bowlers from the lower divisions.
- ❖ Graded A: Men, women and youth bowlers whose latest DIBC average is 190 and below.
- ❖ Graded B: Men, women and youth bowlers whose latest DIBC average is 175 and below.
- ❖ Graded C: Men, women and youth bowlers whose latest DIBC average is 155 and below.
- ❖ Players in all Graded Divisions must have played minimum 18 games (2014-2016) in any DIBC league.
- ❖ Ladies will receive 8 points handicap per game in all divisions up to the Final Rounds.
- ❖ Players in the higher divisions cannot qualify for the lower divisions, and players in the lower divisions must start qualifying in their own division before joining the higher divisions.

4. Format

ROUND 1: QUALIFYING ROUND

- ❖ Participants must bowl a total of 9 games in blocks of 3 games.
- ❖ Each 3-game block will be played on a pair of lanes.
- ❖ Lane assignments will be by draw.
- ❖ Participants may bowl multiple entries with the highest 3 blocks to count towards the 9-game total.
- ❖ Open Division:
 - Top 2 plus next 2 UAE qualifiers proceed to Round 3
 - Positions 5-22 + 2 from Desperado Squad advance to Round 2.
- Desperado Squad:
 - Played over 1 game with full entry fee (minimum 8 squads played), this squad is the last attempt to qualify in Round 1.
 - Top 2 bowlers will advance to Round 2.
- ❖ Graded Divisions A & B: Top 12 qualifiers in each division will advance to the Semi-Final Round.
- ❖ Graded Division C: Top 4 qualifiers will proceed to the stepladder finals.
- ❖ Last Qualifying Dates:
 - Graded B: 23 March 2015
 - Graded C: 24 March 2015
 - Graded A: 24 March 2015
 - Open: 25 March 2016

ROUNDS 2 & 3: SEMI-FINAL & FINAL ROUNDS

Division	No. of Qualifiers	No. of Games	Date & Time
OPEN (Top 24)	Top 2 + next 2 UAE bowlers receive bye & proceed to Round 3, Pos. 5-22 + 2 from Desperado Squad bowl in Round 2 (Cut to Top 10)	6 Games	ROUND 2 <u>26 March 2016, Saturday</u> 1:00pm
	Top 10 Plus Top 2 + 2 next UAE bowlers from Round 1 (14 Players)	6 games	ROUND 3 (SEMI-FINALS) <u>26 March 2016, Saturday</u> 6:00pm
	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler # 4 & 3 (1 game) Match 2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (#1 Finalist is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS (Immediately after S/F)
GRADED B Top 12	Top 12	6 Games	SEMI-FINALS <u>24 March 2016, Thursday</u> 8:00pm
	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler #4 & 3 (1 game) Match 2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (#1 Finalist is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS (Immediately after S/F)
GRADED C Top 4	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler #4 & 3 (1 game) Match 2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (#1 Finalist is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS <u>25 March 2016, Friday</u> (Same time as GRADED A)
GRADED A Top 12	Top 12	6 Games	SEMI-FINALS <u>25 March 2016, Friday</u> 2:00pm
	Top 4	Match 1: Bowler #4 & 3 (1 game) Match 2: M1 Winner vs.#2 (1 game) Match 3: M2 Winner vs. #1 (#1 Finalist is 2x to beat)	STEPLADDER FINALS (Immediately after S/F)

- ❖ Lane movement: One pair of lanes after every game. Bowlers assigned on the left lane move to the left while bowlers assigned on right lane move to the right.

5. Entry Fees	Open Division	Graded A & B	Graded C
Registration (with 1 Squad):	AED. 300	AED. 200	AED. 150
Entry Fee (per squad):	AED. 80	AED. 70	AED. 60
Desperado Squad:	AED. 100		
S/F & Final Rounds:	AED. 300	AED. 200	

- ❖ Entries on first come, first served basis.
- ❖ Players from a lower division pay the corresponding fees to join a higher division.

6. Refund

- ❖ Entry fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable. Any participant who fails to show up for the scheduled squad will be disqualified and the entry fees forfeited.

7. Dress Code

- ❖ Bowlers are required to be dressed with a sense of decorum and in accordance with accepted standards.
 - No cropped pants, sleeveless shirts and hats/caps for men
 - No very short skirts, sleeveless shirts and hats/caps for women
- ❖ Participants may be requested to wear the official tournament T-shirts if any.

8. Tie Breakers

- ❖ Last Qualifying Position:
 - Higher highest 3-game block, 2nd highest 3-game block, 3rd highest 3-game block in that order.
 - If a tie still exists, a one-ball roll off on a complete set of pins will be used and repeated to break the tie.
- ❖ Desperado Squad: One-ball roll off on a complete set of pins, repeated until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Last Semi-Final Round Position:
 - One-ball roll off on a complete set of pins will be used and repeated until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Final Positions:
 - Positions 1 to 4: One-ball roll off on a complete set of pins, repeated until the tie is broken.
 - For ties in any of final positions from 5th to 24th, prizes will be combined and divided by the number of winners in the tied positions.
- ❖ No handicaps will apply in any one-ball roll off.

9. Prizes

- ❖ Prizes will be awarded to the following (See separate list for breakdown):
 - Top 24: Open Division
 - Top 12: Graded A Division
 - Top 12: Graded B Division
 - Top 12: Graded C Division

10. Schedule

- ❖ Please refer to separate Squad Chart.
- ❖ The Tournament Management reserves the right to open additional squads.

11. Pacers

- ❖ No pacers are allowed throughout the Tournament unless appointed by the Tournament Management.

12. Interrupted Game(s)

- ❖ The Tournament Manager or his appointed official(s) on duty may authorize the completion of a game and/or series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes delays the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and/or series, which cannot be completed, must resume from the points of interruption.

13. Bowling on Wrong Lane

- ❖ When the bowler(s) bowl(s) on the wrong lane(s) and the error is discovered before another bowler has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the bowler(s) will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane(s). If the error is not discovered until the opposing bowler has bowled, the score shall count and the bowler shall be required to bowl his subsequent frame(s) on the correct lane.

14. Loss of Score during Black-outs/Power Failure or Equipment Failure

- ❖ In the event of power failure/TV monitor black out or equipment failure in the progress of the game, and game scores could not be traced after power supply resumes, bowler(s) concerned have to re-bowl that particular game. However, previous games where the score have been duly recorded shall remain unchanged.

15. Protests

- ❖ For protest and appeal procedures, WTBA Rules 3.9 & 3.10 will be observed.

16. Interpretation Clause

- ❖ In case of various interpretations of these rules, the Tournament Management's interpretation prevails.
- ❖ Matters not covered herein will be decided upon by the Tournament Management in accordance with standard rules, and the decision shall be final.

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