



TOURNAMENT DATE : NOV. 26 – DEC. 1, 2024  
VENUE : SM CITY CEBU, NRA MABOLO, CEBU CITY

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following Tournament Rules & Regulations is hereby adopted and will govern the conduct of the 13<sup>th</sup> CETBA-NBT National Open Bowling Championships 2024. Any circumstances not explicitly stated and wherein these rules do not cover, IBA rules shall apply.

### I. ORGANIZATION & ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is organized by the Cebu Tenpin Bowling Association (CETBA). It shall be sanctioned in its entirety by the **National Bowling Tour (NBT)**, and is **open to all bowlers** regardless of class and affiliation.

### II. AVERAGES & CLASSIFICATION

Bowlers are classified according to the latest NBT averages. The latest NBT average, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024, shall be the basis for all entering averages for this tournament.

In the event that the bowler does not have an NBT average available, the following will be required:

1. Record of league results of any NBT-recognized or sanctioned Association/Club league or tournament with minimum number of 36 games can be used.
2. Latest club average from Association/Club duly certified by Tournament Director or Association President – with copies of at least 4 actual league results. The absence of certified league results shall invalidate any certification/s issued therein.

Bowlers without certified average, whom will register and play - will be automatically assessed playing averages of 196 for Men and 189 for Ladies, subject to confirmation of the Tournament Committee.

Members of the National and National Youth Teams and Training Pool from 2016 – 2024 will have an automatic entering average of 200 for Men and 195 for Ladies.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reclassify a bowler, as it may deem fit.

### III. CATEGORIES

There are 3 playing categories for this Tournament– the Open Masters Category, Associate Masters Category & Senior Masters Category.

**Open Masters** – open to all bowlers of all ages and average.

**Associate Masters** – open to bowlers of all ages; and average of 185 & below.

**Senior Masters** – open to bowlers aged 50 years old and above; and average 185 & below.

IV. **FORMAT**

- A. A modified Singles Classic Format is adopted for this tournament. Each player will bowl a minimum of two (2) blocks of three (3) games per block. The qualifying scores for the Masters events will be based on a bowler's best two blocks from the Singles event.
- B. Re-try is allowed. Any registered bowler can play multiple tries or as many sets he/she wants to try for the best qualifying score.
- C. Bowlers who wish to double-up their scores for 2 divisions, must inform the Tournament Committee/Secretariat prior to the start of their block of games.

V. **HANDICAP**

AVERAGES	OPEN CATEGORY		ASSOCIATE CATEGORY		SENIOR CATEGORY		ALL CATEGORY		
	HANDICAP		HANDICAP		HANDICAP		AGE FACTOR BONUS		
	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	60-69 YRS.	70 - 79 YRS	80 & ABOVE
196 & Above	0	3							
191 - 195	3	6							
186 - 190	6	9							
181 - 185	9	12							
176 - 180	12	15							
171 - 175	15	18	0	3	0	3			
166 - 170	18	21	3	6	3	6	5	10	15
161 - 165	21	24	6	9	6	9			
156 - 160	24	27	9	12	9	12			
151 - 155	27	30	12	15	12	15			
146 - 150			15	18	15	18			
145 & Below			18	21	18	21			
			21	24	21	24			
			24	27	24	27			

- A. Senior bowlers who are 60 yo and above as of opening day, Nov. 26, 2024 will be given an additional handicap as indicated in the **age factor bonus** above. Proof of age must be presented upon request.
- B. RP Team/National Pool and RP Youth Team/Pool members (from 2016 to present) shall be given 0 handicap (men) and 6 (ladies)
- C. Maximum score is "300" including handicap.

VI. **PRIZES**

A. **MASTERS EVENT PRIZES**

PRIZES	OPEN MASTERS	ASSOCIATE MASTERS	SENIOR MASTERS
<b>CHAMPION</b>	60,000.00 PLUS TROPHY	40,000.00 PLUS TROPHY	40,000.00 PLUS TROPHY
<b>1ST RUNNER UP</b>	40,000.00 PLUS TROPHY	20,000.00 PLUS TROPHY	20,000.00 PLUS TROPHY
<b>2ND RUNNER UP</b>	20,000.00 PLUS TROPHY	10,000.00 PLUS TROPHY	10,000.00 PLUS TROPHY
<b>3RD RUNNER UP</b>	10,000.00		
<b>4TH RUNNER UP</b>	5,000.00		

B. SINGLES EVENT PRIZES

PRIZES TOP QUALIFIER	OPEN DIVISION	ASSOCIATE DIVISION	SENIOR DIVISION
1	Php 3,000.00	Php 3,000.00	Php 3,000.00
2	Php 2,000.00	Php 2,000.00	Php 2,000.00
3	Php 1,000.00	Php 1,000.00	Php 1,000.00

C. PERFECT GAME

PERFECT GAME "300	10,000.00	To be divided equally among perfect gamers
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VII. MASTERS EVENTS

- A. **Senior Masters.** This event is open to all bowlers who are 50 yo and above as of opening day, November 26, 2024 with an average of 185 & below.

Qualifiers shall play an eight (8) game series with lane movement after every two (2) games. The top three (3) finishers, based on total pinfalls plus handicaps, shall be declared Senior Master Champions, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up respectively.

**Senior Masters Finals will be on Friday, November 29, 2024.**

Check-in Time/Registration at 8:00AM

Call on Reserves at 8:45AM and Roll-off at 9:00AM.

Game fee (FINALS) : PHP 3,500.00.

Top 28 Finalists/Qualifiers shall be as follows:

- i. The top six (6) female
- ii. The top six (6) male qualifiers
- iii. The Top twelve (16) bowlers from the mixed pool

- B. **Associate Masters.** This event is open to bowlers of all ages; with bowler average limit at 185 and below.

Qualifiers shall play an eight (8) game series with lane movement after every two (2) games. The top three (3) finishers, based on total pinfalls plus handicaps, shall be declared Associate Masters Champions, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up respectively.

**Associate Masters Finals will be on Saturday, November 30, 2024.**

Check-in Time/Registration at 8:00AM

Call on Reserves at 8:45AM and Roll-off at 9:00AM.

Game fee (FINALS) : PHP 3,800.00.

Top 28 Finalists/Qualifiers shall be as follows:

- i. The top six (6) female
- ii. The top six (6) male qualifiers
- iii. The Top twelve (16) bowlers from the mixed pool

C. **Open Maters.** This event is open to all bowlers regardless of age & averages.

Qualifiers shall play a ten (10) game series with lane movement **after every game**. The top five (5) bowlers based on total pinfalls plus handicaps, shall advance to the Step-Ladder Finals.

**Open Masters Finals will be on Sunday, December 1, 2024.**

Check-in time/Registration at 8:00AM,

Call on Reserves at 8:45AM and Roll-off at 9:00AM.

Game fees (FINALS) : PHP 4,000.00.

Qualifiers shall be as follows:

- i. The Defending Champion
- ii. The top six (6) female qualifiers
- iii. The top eight (8) male qualifiers
- iv. The top nineteen (18) bowlers from the mixed pool
- v. The top two (2) from the desperado squad

Qualification for Desperado: Bowlers must have played at least six (6) sets in the Open Masters qualifying to be able to play in the Desperado Squad. Top 2 bowlers with highest score with handicap shall advance to the finals. Desperado fees: Php1500.00

VIII. **STEP-LADDER FINALS (Open Masters Division)**

The top five (5) bowlers after the preceding 10 games in the Open Masters finals shall advance to the SLF as follows:

**Quarterfinals:** The No. 3, 4 and 5 seeds shall play a one-game elimination match (with handicap), with the surviving bowler advancing to the next round.

**Semifinals:** The winner of the Quarterfinals shall face the No. 2 seed over one (1) game, with handicap. The surviving bowler will advance to the Grand Finals.

**Grand Final:** The winner of semifinals shall face the Top seed, with the Top seeded bowler enjoying a twice-to-beat advantage. The winner shall be declared the **13<sup>th</sup> CETBA-NBT OPEN MASTERS CHAMPION.**

IX. **REGISTRATION & TOURNAMENT FEES**

The registration of all duly accomplished entries and corresponding payments shall be accepted prior to the start of the games. Entries shall be accepted subject to lane availability and squad time. A one-time Registration fee of **PHP3,900.00** per bowler will be charged for ALL participants. Registration fee is to be paid **prior** to playing the first squad games and is inclusive of two (2) playing squads. NO refunds will be allowed. Additional PHP600 per category (for double up)

**X. SQUAD TIMES & SCHEDULE OF GAMES**

	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 NN	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM
NOV. 26 TUE					OILING	OPENNING	SQ	SQ	SQ	OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	SQ
NOV. 27 WED					OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	SQ	OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	SQ
NOV. 28 THU					OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	SQ	OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	SQ
NOV. 29 FRI	OILING	SENIOR MASTERS FINALS						SQ	SQ	OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	SQ
NOV. 30 SAT	OILING	ASSOCIATE MASTERS FINALS						SQ	SQ	OILING	SQ	SQ	SQ	DESP
DEC. 1 SUN	OILING	OPEN MASTERS FINALS							STEP LADDER		AWARDING		VICTORY PARTY	

If preferred squad times indicated on the entry forms are not available, the Tournament Director/s or their Assistants reserve the right to reallocate squad times at their discretion. The Tournament Director/s reserve the right to open additional squad as deemed fit.

**Qualifying Round. November 26-30, 2024.** Bowlers with reserved slots must be physically present at the tournament area thirty (30) minutes before their reserved time. Slots for reserved players who are NOT present will be FORFEITED and given to other bowlers five (5) minutes before the squad time. The **LAST QUALIFYING SQUAD FOR MASTERS** will be last squad of the day prior to the respective finals.

**XI. CHECK IN TIME**

All Participants are encouraged to check-in at the tournament counter at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled squad time. The Bowling Center time shall be the official time of the tournament.

**XII. PLAYING AREA**

Other than the players, officials and individual/team coaches, only tournament officials including scorers and bowling lane mechanics shall allowed to enter the playing area.

**XIII. OILING**

Uniform oiling will be used throughout the tournament.

**XIV. BALL MANAGEMENT**

- a. Bowlers are only allowed to change the surface of their ball in between games, at an area designated by the Tournament Committee.
- b. Tournament balls must have NO BALANCE HOLE.
- c. The use of liquids, creams and other similar materials applied on the ball, will not be allowed once a block of games has already started.

Violation of these rules will result in the ball in question being taken out and the game being given a (O) score.

**XV. UNIFORMS**

Bowlers are encouraged to wear the uniform of their respective clubs/associations. Male bowlers are NOT allowed to wear singlets (Sando) or sleeveless shirts, or any headgear/caps

while bowling. *Wearing of shorts in the qualification round is allowed. However, Long pants are required to be worn in the finals.*

Female bowlers may wear shorts, half-length slacks (skorts) or skirts. Any bowling uniform shall be allowed that is reflected of their association, club or sponsor. The Tournament Committee shall not allow a participant to bowl wearing improper attire.

**XVI. HEADGEAR**

No headgears of any sort, shall be allowed during play. This shall include but not limited to caps, hats, headbands (for men), headsets, earphones. Hearing aids and Hijabs shall be the only exception.

**XVII. SCORESHEET**

It is the responsibility of the bowler to verify the correctness of his/her score after each game by signing on the official score sheet. If bowler fails to sign the official score sheet, it is deemed correct and NO protests will be entertained. Errors in the scoring or calculation in a tournament play must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon the discovery of such error. Questionable errors shall be declared/decided by the Tournament Committee. Any bowler who deliberately tampers his/her score sheet shall be disqualified immediately from the participating the tournament.

**XVIII. TIE-BREAKERS**

- a. When a tie occurs in any position of the **singles event**, the bowler with lower handicap shall prevail. Should a tie still ensue, the bowler with **least difference between the highest and the lowest game (including handicap)** of the series shall occupy the higher position.
- b. When a tie occurs in any position in **Masters qualifying**, the bowler with the lower handicap will prevail. Should a tie still persist, the bowler with **least difference between the highest and the lowest qualifying** will prevail. This shall also be applied when there is a tie for the last qualifying slot. Should a tie still ensue, the bowler with the higher series (3-game) shall prevail.
- c. When a tie occurs during the **Masters Final**, the bowler with the lower handicap shall prevail. In case the tie continues, the bowler with the higher last game (with handicap) shall prevail. Should a tie still continue, the bowler with the higher second to the last game will prevail. This will continue until the tie is broken.
- d. Ties in the Step-Ladder matches will be broken by a ONE BALL ROLL-OFF until the tie is broken.

**XIX. OPEN BOWLING RESTRICTION**

Upon the start of the tournament, participants shall NOT be allowed to play open or practice bowling regardless of lane availability.

**XX. MISSING OR DOWN PIN**

Frames with missing pin (s), once the ball is rolled shall be treated as good ball. Frames with fallen or down pin (s) on the pin deck must be re-bowled, Bowlers are NOT allowed to reset the pins, only the lane attendant, tournament officials and official scorers are allowed.

**XXI. WRONG LANE**

When the bowler bowls on the wrong lane(s) and the error is discovered before another bowler bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the bowler will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane. If the error is NOT discovered until the opposing bowler have bowled, the

score shall be counted and the bowler shall be required to bowl his subsequent frame (s) on the correct lane.

**XXII. LANE BREAKDOWN**

Should a single pair of lanes be rendered unusable for more than twenty (20) minutes before or during the game, the tournament committee reserves the right to assign any available lanes provided by the bowling center to affected participants. An interrupted game or series must resume from the point (frame) of interruption. NO shadow bowling will be allowed.

**XXIII. LOSS OF SCORE DURING TECHNICAL PROBLEM**

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

**XXIV. SLOW BOWLING**

Players shall be ready to bowl when it is his/her turn as indicated in the scoreboard and shall not delay the start of his approach or delivery if the lanes immediately adjacent to him/her on both right and left are clear. A player failing to observe these procedures and consistently delaying the pace of the game shall be warned for *slow bowling* by authorized tournament official.

**XXV. PROTEST**

Protest must be done in writing addressed to the Tournament Committee NOT later than twenty-four (24) hours after the game in which the infraction/violation was committed, or prior to the awarding of prizes, whichever comes first. Otherwise, such protest shall NOT be entertained. Each protest under this rule shall be specific in it and shall NOT be constructed to cover a similar or previous violation.

**XXVI. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES & REGULATION**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make the final interpretation in any of the rules and regulations mentioned above and to decide any matters NOT covered by the aforementioned rules and regulations. **The decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be considered FINAL**, and shall be appealable ONLY to the NBT Board of Trustees, subject to its final arbitration. Where not covered by these Rules and Regulation, IBA rules shall apply.

**XXVII. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

This 13<sup>th</sup> CETBA-NBT National Open Bowling Tournaments Rules & Regulations is reviewed and duly approved by the CETBA Tournament Committee:

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