

TOURNAMENT DATE : NOV. 25 – 30, 2025  
VENUE : SM CITY CEBU, NRA MABOLO, CEBU CITY  
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## TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following Tournament Rules & Regulations is hereby adopted and will govern the conduct of the 14<sup>th</sup> CETBA-NBT Open Bowling Championships 2025. 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 Philippine Bowling Congress (PBC) and will be the final leg of the 2025 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 2025, 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 Team and National Youth Teams, and Training Pool from 2016 – 2025 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:

Main Events:

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

**Novice Masters** – bowlers of all ages; entering average of 155 and below; have no record of winning a national level bowling tournament (top 3).

Bowlers who have previously won a Masters Championship (Rookie/Novice, Associate or Open) or runner up (up to 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up) in any open, graded/classified and associates are not allowed to play in the Novice Masters division regardless of average.

Side Event:

**Senior Masters** – bowlers aged 50 years old and above only; and entering average of 185 & below.

#### IV. FORMAT

- A. A modified Singles Classic Format is adopted for this tournament. Each player will bowl a minimum of **three (3) blocks of two (2) games per block**. The qualifying scores for the Masters events will be based on a bowler's best three 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

##### a. OPEN MASTERS

| AVERAGES    | HDCP | HDCP  |
|-------------|------|-------|
|             | MEN  | WOMEN |
| 196 & Above | 0    | 6     |
| 191-195     | 3    | 9     |
| 186-190     | 6    | 12    |
| 181-185     | 9    | 15    |
| 176-180     | 12   | 18    |
| 171-175     | 15   | 21    |
| 166-170     | 18   | 24    |
| 161-165     | 21   | 27    |
| 160 & Below | 24   | 30    |

##### b. SENIOR MASTERS

| AVERAGES    | HDCP | HDCP  |
|-------------|------|-------|
|             | MEN  | WOMEN |
| 181-185     | 0    | 6     |
| 176-180     | 3    | 9     |
| 171-175     | 6    | 12    |
| 166-170     | 9    | 15    |
| 161-165     | 12   | 18    |
| 156-160     | 15   | 21    |
| 151-155     | 18   | 24    |
| 146-150     | 21   | 27    |
| 145 & Below | 24   | 30    |

### c. NOVICE MASTERS

| AVERAGES    | HDCP | HDCP  |
|-------------|------|-------|
|             | MEN  | WOMEN |
| 151-155     | 0    | 6     |
| 146-150     | 3    | 9     |
| 141-145     | 6    | 12    |
| 136-140     | 9    | 15    |
| 135 & Below | 12   | 18    |
|             |      |       |

- A. Senior bowlers who are 60 yo and above as of opening day, Nov. 25, 2025 will be given an additional handicap; except in Novice category.

| AGE FACTOR       | ADDL HDCP |
|------------------|-----------|
| 60-69 YEARS OLD  | 5         |
| 70-79 YEARS OLD  | 10        |
| 80 YEARS & ABOVE | 15        |

Proof of age must be presented upon request. *No additional handicap for age factor in Novice Division.*

- B. RP Team/National Pool and RP Youth Team/Pool members (from 2020 to present) shall be given 0 handicap (men) and 6 (ladies)

- C. Maximum score is "300" including handicap.

## VI. PRIZES

### A. MASTERS EVENTS

| PRIZES (Php) | OPEN MASTERS          | SENIOR MASTERS        | NOVICE MASTER         |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| CHAMPION     | PLUS<br>70,000 TROPHY | PLUS<br>50,000 TROPHY | PLUS<br>30,000 TROPHY |
| 1ST RNR UP   | PLUS<br>35,000 TROPHY | PLUS<br>20,000 TROPHY | PLUS<br>15,000 TROPHY |
| 2ND RNR UP   | PLUS<br>20,000 TROPHY | PLUS<br>10,000 TROPHY | PLUS<br>7,500 TROPHY  |
| 3RD RNR UP   | 10,000                | 5,000                 | -                     |
| 4TH RNR UP   | 5,000                 | 4,000                 | -                     |

### B. SINGLES EVENTS

| PRIZES | OPEN MASTERS | SENIOR MASTERS | NOVICE MASTERS |
|--------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| NO. 1  | 3,000        | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| NO. 2  | 2,000        | 2,000          | 2,000          |
| NO. 3  | 1,000        | 1,000          | 1,000          |

### C. PERFECT GAME

|              |            |                                    |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| PERFECT GAME | PHP 10,000 | TO BE DIVIDED AMONG PERFECT GAMERS |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|

## VII. MASTERS FINALS

- A. **Senior Masters**. This event is open to all bowlers who are 50 yo and above as of opening day, November 25, 2025 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 28, 2025.**

Check-in Time/Registration at 9:00AM

Call on Reserves at 9:45AM and

Roll-off at 10:00AM.

**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 sixteen (16) bowlers from the mixed pool

- B. **Novice Masters**. This event is open to bowlers that qualifies the following criteria: 1.) with average of not more than 155 (max); 2.) has not won a top 3 finished in any national level bowling tournament as per available NBT, PBC, or PBF records before this tournament. Qualifiers shall play six(6) games series with lane movement every two (2) games. The top three (3) finishers, based on total pinfalls plus handicaps, shall be declared Novice Masters Champions, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up respectively.

**Novice Masters Finals will be on Saturday, November 29, 2025.**

Check-in Time/Registration at 9:00AM

Call on Reserves at 9:45AM and

Roll-off at 10:00AM.

**Game fee (FINALS): PHP 3,000.00.**

Top 28 Finalists/Qualifiers shall be as follows:

- i. The top six (6) female
- ii. The top six (6) Males
- iii. The top sixteen (16) bowlers from the mixed pool

- C. **Open Masters**. 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, November. 30, 2025.**

Check-in time/Registration at 9:00AM,

Call on Reserves at 9:45AM and

Roll-off at 10:00AM.

**Game fees (FINALS): PHP 4,000.00.**

Top 35 Qualifiers shall be as follows:

- i. The Defending Champion (1)
- ii. The top six (6) female qualifiers
- iii. The top twenty-six (26) bowlers from the mixed pool
- iv. 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 elimination shootout 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 **14<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 **PHP4,000.00** 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 three (3) playing squads. NO refunds will be allowed. Additional PHP600 per category (for double up).

Re-try fee shall be Php400 per set of 2 games; and additional Php200 for double up.

## X. SQUAD TIMES & SCHEDULE OF GAMES

| SCHEDULE       | 9:00 am | 10:00 am              | 11:00 am | 12 NN              | 1:00 pm | 2:00 pm | 3:00 pm | 4:00 pm | 5:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 7:00 pm                  | 8:00 pm | 9:00 pm | 10:00 pm |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| NOV. 25<br>TUE |         |                       |          | OILING/<br>OPENING | Q       | Q       | Q       | Q       | OILING  | Q       | Q                        | Q       | Q       |          |
| NOV. 26<br>WED |         |                       |          | OILING             | Q       | Q       | Q       | Q       | OILING  | Q       | Q                        | Q       | Q       |          |
| NOV. 27<br>THU |         |                       |          | OILING             | Q       | Q       | Q       | Q       | OILING  | Q       | Q                        | Q       | Q       |          |
| NOV. 28<br>FRI | OILING  | SENIOR MASTERS FINALS |          |                    |         |         |         | Q       | OILING  | Q       | Q                        | Q       | Q       | Q        |
| NOV. 29<br>SAT | OILING  | NOVICE MASTERS FINALS |          |                    |         |         | Q       | Q       | OILING  | Q       | Q                        | Q       | DESP    |          |
| NOV. 30<br>SUN | OILING  | OPEN MASTERS FINALS   |          |                    |         |         |         |         |         |         | STEPLADDER &<br>AWARDING |         |         |          |

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 25-29, 2025.** 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 EACH CATEGORY** will be the last squad of the day prior to the respective finals schedule.

## 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 be allowed to enter the playing area.

## XIII. OILING

Uniform oiling will be used throughout the tournament.

## XIV. BALL MANAGEMENT

- Bowlers are only allowed to change the surface of their ball in between games, at an area designated by the Tournament Committee.
- Tournament balls must have NO BALANCE HOLE, so defined as an extra hole that is not use in play
- 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. Should a tie still persist, the bowler with **least difference between the highest and the lowest qualifying set** will prevail. This shall also be applied in the last qualifying slot.
- 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 game** will prevail. Should a tie still ensue, the bowler with the higher last qualifying (2-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 14<sup>th</sup> CETBA-NBT Open Bowling Tournaments Rules & Regulations is reviewed and duly approved by the CETBA Tournament Committee:

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