



47th AUSTRALIAN ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

4th October to 25th October 2008

Tournament Accreditation No.: A08/0100



Canberra International Bowl 76 Cowlishaw Street Tugge<mark>ranon</mark>g ACT 2901

1st National Restricted Teams Challenge 8th, 9th and 10th October 2008

2nd National Seniors Team Challenge 15th, 16th and 17th October 2008 46th Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament 21st, 22nd & 23rd October 2008

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RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

RULES - All TBA Tournament Rules and Regulations will apply. Tournament Accreditation Number A08/0100. All rules apply to Seniors Championships and the Adult Championships.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - The Championships will incorporate the National Seniors Championships. Seniors may enter the Adult, Seniors or both Championships, with the proviso that each individual entry will identify which Championship the bowler wishes to use that entry in.

SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP - Doubles and Teams entries in this Championship must comprise entirely of Senior bowlers. Seniors must attain the age of 50 or above in the year of the competition and must tick the relevant square on the Participation Registration Form to define whether the entry is in the Seniors Championship or the Adult National Championships. No ticks will mean Adult entry.

ELIGIBILITY - This tournament is open to all TBA Registered Players in good standing and who have attained the age of 18 years or above on or prior to the first day of the Championship. Current TBA Registered Player Cards must be presented at check-in.

NO REFUND AFTER ENTRIES CLOSE - Teams or Individuals who do not bowl in their allocated squads will not be entitled to claim a refund. Teams or Individuals who are unable to bowl in their event, can sell their spot to another competitor. Whilst the Tournament Committee will help where possible to reschedule entries, it is not the responsibility of the Tournament committee to sell or recover money for unused entries.

DRESS CODE - Bowler's must wear neat acceptable attire. Men to preferably wear dress slacks, no shorts. Ladies may wear dress shorts, skirts and skorts. No jeans, T shirts, tank tops, or hats are to be worn whilst competing.

ENTERING AVERAGES - Each bowler must use their highest current league average as at the 30th June 2008 which has been established over a minimum of 18 games in a TBA Accredited League or Tournament Organisation.

GRADINGS - Based on averages submitted, entries will be Graded in accordance with the Australian Adult Championship Gradings Table.

BOWLERS WITHOUT AN AVERAGE - Any bowler without an average as described may apply to TBA for classification prior to submitting an entry. If no such application is received, then an entering average of 199 for Men and 189 for Women will apply.

Note: Any bowler may enter in OPEN Grade.

AVERAGE REVIEW - The Tournament Director reserves the right to review the average and regrade any bowler at any time. Participation using an incorrect average may result in disqualification.

REPLACEMENTS - Any change from the original Entry or line-up must be reported to the Tournament Room prior to the scheduled starting time.

GAMES TO BE PLAYED - In each Grade a three (3) game series will be played in Teams, Doubles and Singles.

MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION -

TEAMS - The same five (5) bowlers may bowl together any number of times and in any different combination.

DOUBLES - Bowlers may have unlimited entries with the same or different partner.

SINGLES - Bowlers may have unlimited entries in their grade or any grade above their own classification.

ALL EVENTS - An All Events Champion will be declared for each average classification for which paid entries are received. Scores from each bowler's BEST appearance in Teams, Doubles and Singles will count towards their All Events total. Scores in the Mixed Doubles and Mixed Teams will count towards All Events. Entering average will determine All Events classification, unless application is received to upgrade a bowlers All Events entry.

Eligibility is subject to the payment of the **\$6.00 ALL EVENTS FEE.** This Fee must be paid BEFORE bowling in their first Event.

Participants can enter both the Championships All Events and the Seniors All Events. Either All Events will be accepted to satisfy eligibility into any event requiring an All Events entry.

Only Championships events will be counted in Championships All Events and only Seniors events will be counted in the Seniors Championships All Events.

PRIZE FUND - Trophies, medallions, shirts, awards and any other prizes will be purchased from the total prize fund received in each event. The Championship prize fund distributed in cash or cheque, will be the balance remaining after purchases have been made and will be paid in the ratio of one (1) prize for every ten (10) entries, except in All Events where the ratio will be one (1) prize for every twenty (20) entries.

NOTE - Any matters arising which are not covered by these Tournament Rules will be determined by the TBA Tournament Committee.

SMOKING and CONSUMPTION of ALCOHOL will be prohibited during a session of continuous games. Contravening this rule will incur penalties defined in the TBA Code of Conduct.

INJURY/DAMAGES - All participants enter this event entirely at their own risk. TBA shall not be liable for any injury or loss that might occur as a result of the bowlers participation.

MOBILE PHONES - Competitors mobile phones must be turned off while competing in an event.

EVENT QUALIFYING - \$10.00 qualifying fees for RESTRICTED CUP, SENIORS CUP AND MASTERS are to be paid in the Tournament Room prior to the relevant singles or doubles squad being used for qualifying. No pre paid qualifying fees will be accepted prior to the event.

BREAKDOWN OF ENT	RY FEES					
All Events entry fee per person \$6.00						
STANDARD ENTRY FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT						
BOWLING FEE	\$16.80					
PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHY FUND	\$7.00					
TOURNAMENT EXPENSES	\$6.20					
TOTAL (Inclusive of GST)	\$30.00					

ENTRIES MUST BE PAID IN FULL. UNPAID ENTRIES CANNOT BE PROCESSED

PLEASE ENTER 1st & 2nd SQUAD PREFERENCE ON THE ENTRY FORM (Separate document)

NO SMOKING - THE CENTRE WILL BE "SMOKE FREE" THROUGHOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

TBA RESTRICTED CUP - Handicap event with qualifying in any 3 game Singles or Doubles event. All finalists must have completed an All Events entry in the Championship. Finalists must check in by 1.30pm on Monday 6th October for a 2.00pm start. Refer to TBA Restricted Cup Tournament details for further information.

NATIONAL RESTRICTED TEAMS CHALLENGE - The schedule begins on Tuesday 7th October. Refer to the National Restricted Teams Challenge Rules on the TBA web site.

TBA SENIORS CUP - Open to all Male and Female bowlers who must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition. Qualifying in any 3 game Singles or Doubles event within the Championship. All finalists must have completed an All Events entry in the Championship.

Finalists must check in by 1.30pm on Monday 13th October for a 2.00pm start. Refer to TBA Seniors Cup Tournament details for further information.

TBA CLASSIC CUP - Qualifying in any 3 game Singles or Doubles event. All finalists must have completed an All Events entry in the Championship.

Finalists must check in by 8.30am on Monday 20th October for a 9.00am start.

Refer to TBA Classic Cup Tournament details for further information.

TBA GRAND SENIORS TOURNAMENT - Open to all Male and Female bowlers who must attain the age of 60 years or above in the year of the competition.

Refer to TBA Grand Seniors Tournament for further information.

NATIONAL SENIORS TEAM CHALLENGE - The schedule begins on Tuesday 14th October. Refer to the National Seniors Team Challenge Rules on the TBA web site.

WALTER RACHUIG TROPHY TOURNAMENT - Opening Ceremony 9.00am Tuesday 21st October. Play will commence immediately after the Opening Ceremony. Refer to the Walter Rachuig Rules on the TBA web site.

TBA NATIONAL ADULT MASTERS - Qualifying in any 3 game Singles or Doubles event. All finalists must have completed an All Events entry in the Championship. All Finalists must check in by 2.30pm on Friday 24th October. Refer to TBA National Adult Masters Tournament details for further information.

YEAR PINS - Year Pins will be available free from the Tournament Room for people who have attended more that 5 Australian Championships. Please identify the years of participation in the "Address" section of the Participant Registration Form.

SQUAD TIMES - Please refer to the Squad Times and Schedule of Events for further information.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION - Players requesting copies of Entry Confirmations must provide a stamped self-addressed envelope when submitting their Entries. Alternatively, these can be faxed if a facsimile number has been supplied. (Refer Registration Form)

Entries should be submitted by Friday 26th September 2008

Late entries will be accepted in the Tournament Room subject to lane availability

47th Australian Adult National Championship 2008										
Squad Times & Program of Events										
Canberra International Bowl										
Sat 4 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Sun 5 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Mon 6 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am SD	11.00am SD	*2.00p	m Restricted Cu					
	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Tue 7 Oct	National Restricted Teams Challenge									
	9.00am Photos 12			12.00	pm Managers Meeting					
Wed 8 Oct	*9.00am Men's Singles *1.30pm Women's S			nen's Singles	5.00pm Singles Medal Presentation					
Thu 9 Oct	*9.00am Women's Doubles *1.30			n's Doubles	5.00pm Do	oubles Medal Presentation				
Fri 10 Oct	*9.00am Tea	ams (3 Gms)	*1.30pm Tea	*1.30pm Teams (3 Gms)		5.00pm Teams and All Events Medal Presentation				
Sat 11 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Sun 12 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Mon 13 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am SD	11.00am SD	*2.00	pm Seniors Cup					
	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Tue 14 Oct	National Seniors Team Challenge									
	9.00am Photos 12.0			12.00	pm Managers Meeting					
Wed 15 Oct	*9.00am Men's Singles *1.30pm Won			nen's Singles	5.00pm Si	sentation				
Thu 16 Oct	*9.00am Women's Doubles *1.30pm Mo			n's Doubles	5.00pm Doubles Medal Presentation					
Fri 17 Oct	*9.00am Teams (3 Gms)		ams (3 Gms)	Gms) 5.00pm Teams and All Ever Medal Presentation		7.00pm Presentation Dinner				
Sat 18 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Sun 19 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am T	*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Mon 20 Oct	*9.00am Classic Cup Final		*1.30pm SD	3.00pm T	*7.00pm SD	8.30pm SD				
Wion 20 Oct	2.00pm R			achuig Managers Meeting						
Tue 21 Oct	*9.00am Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament Day 1					*6.00pm SD	7.30pm SD			
Wed 22 Oct	*9.00am Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament Day 2					*6.00pm SD	7.30pm SD			
Thu 23 Oct	*9.00am Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament Day 3					*6.00pm SDT	7.30pm SD			
Fri 24 Oct	*8.00am SD	9.30am SD	11.00am SD 12.30pm SD *3.00pm National Adult Masters Rd 1 & 2							
Sat 25 Oct	*9.00am National Adult Masters Rounds 3 to 6.					7.00pm Prese	ntation Dinner			

AUSTRALIAN ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP GRADINGS (also Seniors)									
	SINGLES & ALL EVENTS		DOUBLES		TEAMS		MIXED	MIXED	
GRADE	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	DOUBLES	TEAMS	
OPEN	200 & Over	190 & Over	399 & Over	379 & Over	996 & Over	946 & Over	389 & Over	971 & Over	
"CLASSIC"	185-199	175-189	370-398	350-378	925-995	875-945	360-388	900-970	
"A"	170-184	160-174	340-369	320-349	850-924	800-874	330-359	825-899	
"B"	150-169	140-159	300-339	280-319	750-849	700-799	290-329	725-824	
"C"	130-149	125-139	260-299	250-279	650-749	625-699	250-289	625-724	
"D"	129 & Below	124 & Below	259 & Below	249 & Below	649 & Below	624 & Below	249 & Below	624 & Below	

SD denotes Singles and Doubles events. T denotes Teams events. * Denotes lane dressing prior to squad.

TBA RESTRICTED CUP

ELIGIBILITY - This a handicap event based on 100% of 200 and is open to all Adult TBA Registered players whose averages are 184 and Under for Men and 174 and Under for Women. To be eligible to compete in the final, every bowler (including the Defending Champions) must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Championship.

FORMAT - Handicap event with divisions for Men and Women and conducted in two (2) separate stages.

Stage 1 Qualifying - Qualifying will be the highest three (3) game singles or doubles plus handicap attempt bowled during the Championship. Qualifying will cease on completion of the 11.00am squad Monday 6th October. Any Singles or Doubles attempt used for Restricted Cup qualifying will incur an additional qualifying fee of \$10.00 (Ten dollars) which must be paid in the Tournament Room prior to the squad in which the bowler is participating. This applies to State representatives as well.

Stage 2 Final - 24 Men and 24 Women qualifiers will compete in the final. The final field will be made up of the Defending Restricted Cup Champions (if eligible), the various State Restricted Cup representatives and the balance based on the highest placed Men and Women qualifiers according to their qualifying scratch score plus handicap. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, a single game will be played to break the tie. Scratch pinfall plus handicap will decide. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken.

Finalists will bowl 8 games, with a lane change after each game, scratch pinfall plus handicap to count. The field will then be cut to the top eight (8) with pinfall and handicap carrying over. The top eight will then play seven (7) games of head to head, each match based on pinfall plus handicap with 20 bonus points for a win and 10 bonus points for a draw. Total pinfall plus handicap plus bonus points will determine the overall winners. In the event of a tie, a single game will be played to break the tie. Scratch pinfall plus handicap will decide. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken.

FINAL Monday 6th October 2008 Check-in by 1.30pm for 2.00pm Start.

COST Cost for Final will be \$100.00, State Representatives \$100.00—they will be

required to qualify the same as other bowlers.

Defending Champions have a free entry.

PRIZES 1ST TROPHY, MEDALLION, SHIRT AND 50% OF PRIZE FUND

AND RIGHT TO DEFEND TITLE AT 2009 RESTRICTED CUP

2ND MEDALLION AND 30% OF PRIZE FUND 3RD MEDALLION AND 20% OF PRIZE FUND

Note: Defending Champions are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements to participate in the tournament.

Bowlers reporting after the advertised check-in time will be disqualified and replaced by the next available reserve. TBA Tournament Committee shall determine any other matters not determined by these rules.



TBA Seniors Cup—National Seniors Ranking Points will be allocated to all players registered for senior ranking points in both the male and female divisions of this event. See separate page for event details.

TBA National Adult Masters—National Ranking Points will be allocated to all players registered for adult or senior ranking points in both the male and female divisions of this event. See separate page for event details.

National All Events—National Ranking Points will be allocated to all players registered for ranking points in both the male and female All Events in the Championship. Non Open Grade bowlers will have their All Events included in the points calculation and yet still remain in consideration for the as entered All Events grade.

National Seniors All Events—National Ranking Points will be allocated to all players registered for ranking points in both the male and female Seniors All Events in the Championship. Non Open Grade bowlers will have their All Events included in the points calculation and yet still remain in consideration for the as entered All Events grade.

TBA SENIORS CUP

ELIGIBILITY - This tournament is open to all TBA Registered Players who must attain the age of 50 years or above in the year of the competition. Proof of age may be requested. To be eligible to compete in the final, all bowlers (including the Defending Champions) must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Championship.

FORMAT - This is a scratch event conducted in two stages with separate divisions for Men and Women.

Stage 1 Qualifying - Qualifying will be the highest three (3) game singles or doubles attempt bowled during the Championship. Qualifying will cease on completion of the 11.00am squad on Monday 13th October. Any three (3) game singles or doubles attempt used for Seniors Cup qualifying will incur an additional fee of \$10.00 (Ten dollars) which must be paid in the Tournament Room prior to the squad in which the bowler is participating. This applies to State Seniors representatives as well.

Stage 2 Final - 24 Men and 24 Women qualifiers will compete in the final. The final field will be made up of the Defending Seniors Cup Champions, the various State Seniors representatives and the balance based on the highest placed Men and Women qualifiers according to their qualifying score. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, a single game will be played to break the tie. Highest pinfall will decide. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken.

Finalists will bowl 8 games, with a lane change after each game, scratch pinfall to count. The field will then be cut to the top eight (8) with pinfall carrying over. The top eight will then play seven (7) games of head to head with 20 bonus points for a win and 10 bonus points for a draw. Total pinfall plus bonus points will determine the overall winners. In the event of a tie, a single game will be played to break the tie. Highest pinfall will decide. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken. A tie for second or third will be decided by high game in Matchplay. If still tied, second highest game and so on.

FINAL Monday 13th October 2008 Check-in by 1.30pm for 2.00pm start.

COST Cost of final will be \$100.00 State Representatives \$100.00—they will be

required to qualify the same as other bowlers. Defending Champions have a free entry.

PRIZES 1ST TROPHY, MEDALLION, SHIRT AND 50% OF PRIZE FUND AND

RIGHT TO DEFEND TITLE AT 2009 TBA SENIORS CUP

2ND MEDALLION AND 30% OF PRIZE FUND 3RD MEDALLION AND 20% OF PRIZE FUND

Note: Defending Champions are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements to participate in the tournament.

Bowlers reporting after the advertised check-in time will be disqualified and replaced by the next available reserve. TBA Tournament Committee shall determine any other matters not determined by these rules.

TBA GRAND SENIORS TOURNAMENT

ELIGIBILITY - This tournament is open to all TBA Registered Players who must attain the age of 60 years or above in the year of the competition. Proof of age may be requested. To be eligible to compete in the final, all bowlers must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Championship and compete in the Stage 2 Final of the Seniors Cup

FORMAT - At the completion of the 8 games bowled in Stage 2 of the Seniors Cup, the top three eligible male and female bowlers will be awarded first, second and third placed Grand Seniors.

Any ties will be decided on highest Stage 2 game. If a tie still exists, then second highest game will be used and so on.

COST No additional charge

PRIZES 1st \$100 plus Medallion

2nd Medallion 3rd Medallion

TBA Tournament Committee shall determine any other matters not determined by these rules.



TBA CLASSIC CUP

ELIGIBILITY - This tournament is open to all TBA Members with averages of 199 and under for Men and 189 and under for Women. To be eligible to compete in the final, every bowler (including the Defending Champions) must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Championship.

FORMAT - This is a scratch event with separate divisions for Men and Women and is conducted in two (2) separate stages.

Stage 1- Qualifying - Qualifying will be the highest three (3) game singles or doubles attempt bowled during the Championship until completion of the 7.00pm squad on Sunday 19th October. Any Singles or Doubles attempt used for Classic Cup qualifying will incur an additional qualifying fee of \$10.00 (Ten dollars) which must be paid in the Tournament Room prior to the squad in which the bowler is participating.

Stage 2 - Final - 12 Men and 12 Women qualifiers will compete in the final. The final field will be made up of the Defending Champions (if eligible) and the balance based on the highest placed Men and Women qualifiers according to their qualifying scratch score. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, a single game will be played to break the tie. Scratch pinfall will decide. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken. Finalists will bowl 6 games, scratch pinfall to count. The field will then be cut to the top six (6) with pinfall carrying over. The top six (6) will then play five (5) games of head to head with 20 bonus points for a win and 10 bonus points for a draw. Total pinfall plus bonus points will determine the

overall winners. In the event of a tie, a single game will be played to break the tie. Scratch pinfall will decide. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken.

FINAL Monday 20th October 2008 Check-in by 8.30am for 9.00am start

COST Cost for Final will be \$80.00

Defending Champions have a free entry.

PRIZES 1ST TROPHY, MEDALLION, SHIRT AND 50% OF PRIZE FUND AND RIGHT TO

DEFEND TITLE AT 2009 TBA CLASSIC CUP 2ND MEDALLION AND 30% OF PRIZE FUND 3RD MEDALLION AND 20% OF PRIZE FUND

Note: Defending Champions are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements to participate in the tournament. Bowlers reporting after the advertised check-in time will be disqualified and replaced by the next available reserve. TBA tournament committee shall determine any other matters not determined by these rules.

TBA NATIONAL ADULT MASTERS

Eligibility - This is a scratch event which is open to all adult TBA Registered Players. To be eligible to compete in the final, every bowler (including the Defending Champions) must have completed an "All Events" entry in the Championship. There will be a male and female division and all rules apply to both divisions.

Qualifying - Qualifying series will be the highest three (3) game singles or doubles attempt bowled during the Championship until completion of the 12.30pm squad on Friday 24th October. Any Singles or Doubles attempt used for qualifying will incur an additional qualifying fee of \$10.00 (Ten dollars) which must be paid in the Tournament Room prior to the squad in which the bowler is participating. This applies to State representatives as well. Maximum of 40 qualifiers per Division will compete in the final.

Seedings - Seeded number one will be the Defending champion, if still eligible. Seeded 2 to 4 will be the bowlers with the highest qualifying scores. State and Territory Masters Champions will be seeded 5 to 13, seeded by order of their qualifying scores unless seeded 2-4 by qualifying score. If any State or Territory Masters Champion does not exercise their right to participate in the Final, or is seeded 2 to 4, the number of qualifying positions available will be increased by one for each right not exercised. The remaining bowlers will be seeded based on qualifying scores from the TBA National Championships. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, a single game will be played to break the tie. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken.

Final - Round 1

Bowlers seeded positions 1 through 4 will receive a double round bye to Round 3. Bowlers seeded positions 5 through 16 will receive a single round bye to Round 2. Bowlers filling qualifying positions 17 through 40 will compete in Round 1 single elimination format. Each match will be the best of 5 games.

Final – Round 2

Bowlers seeded positions 5 through 16 will be seeded and compete against the winners from Round 1. Each match will be the best of 5 games.

Final - Round 3

Bowlers seeded positions 1 through 4 will be seeded and compete against the winners from Round 2. Each match will be the best of 5 games.

Final - Round 4

Winners from Round 3 will compete in a single elimination format. Each match will be the best of 5 games. Round 4 Losers will finish 5th equal for the purposes of prize fund distribution.

Final - Semi Final

Winners from the Round 4 will compete in a single elimination format. Each match will be the best of 5 games. Semi Final Losers will finish 3rd for the purposes of prize fund distribution.

Final - Grand Final

Winners from the Semi Finals will compete in a single elimination format. Each match will be the best of 5 games. The Winner will be declared the 2008 National Adult Masters Champion.

Ties - In the event of any ties in a match, total pinfall over the 5 games in a match will determine the winner of that match. Any subsequent tie will require a 10th frame playoff until the tie is broken.

Check-in Times Final

Check-in by 2.30pm Friday 24th October 2008. ALL Bowlers including those receiving bye(s).

If a player fails to check-in for the Finals, the highest available non-qualifier will be invited to replace the absent player. The replacement bowler will be added into the final in seeding order based on qualifying score. After the first match, no further replacements will be permitted. Non-appearance will result in forfeiture of the match with the player present bowling without opposition, and advancing to the next round. All players will be given practice on the pair of lanes assigned for their single elimination match

Fees for Finalists will be \$150.00 per Qualifier. The Defending Champions have a free entry.

PRIZES Trophy, Medallion, Shirt and 40% of the Prize Fund and the right to Defend the Title at the 2009 TBA Adult Masters

> Medallion and 20% of the Prize Fund 2nd

3rd 2 equal winners - Medallion and 10% of the Prize Fund each

4 equal winners - 5% of the Prize Fund each.

Note: Defending Champions are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements to participate in the tournament. TBA Tournament Committee shall determine any other matters not determined by these rules.