RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Date

November 14-22, 2013

2. Venue

AMF Rooty Hill

3. Divisions and Brackets

Men's & Women's Division
Senior Bracket   : 50 – 59 years old
Grand Senior Bracket   : 60 years old or above

4. Events

Consists of the following events for the four brackets (Senior and Grand Senior Brackets for men and women)
Singles   :
Doubles   :
Four Players Team   :
All-Events   :
Masters   :

Note: In case there are less than 5 teams/bowlers entered for an event of a bracket, the event will not be conducted in the bracket.

5. Competition Schedule

Refer to the attached Schedule.

6. Eligibility

6.1   Only athletes representing a member federation of Asian Seniors Bowling Council are eligible to compete in the 12th Asian Senior Bowling Championships. Bowlers must be fifty (50) years old or above for Senior Bracket, sixty (60) years old or above for Grand Senior Bracket as of the end of the year 2013.

6.2   The athletes who take part in the 12th Asian Senior Bowling Championships shall meet the criteria stipulated in WTBA Constitution and Rules.

6.3. Each member federation of Asian Seniors Bowling Council may enter the maximum of four (4) Men's teams and four (4) Women's teams for Senior and Grand Senior Brackets.

6.4. In case a four player's team or a doubles team from the same division consists of the bowlers from both Senior and Grand Senior Brackets, the team has to be registered in Senior Bracket.

7. Entries
7.1 Entry Form
The deadline to submit the entry forms:

Form A
Form B, C, D & E
Passport size Photos (via e-mail or air mail)

7.2 Entry Fee
US$ 200 per bowler, official and US$150 per supporter.(fees for transportation from the airport to the centre, welcome reception and victory banquet included)

8. Competition Methods

8.1 Tournament Rules
The 12th Asian Senior Bowling Championships will be conducted in accordance with the latest WTBA Rules and Regulations. In case of translation-related disagreement over the rules, the English text shall take precedence. Any unforeseen incident not addressed by the rules shall be resolved as follows:
General Issues: Resolve in accordance with the Asian Senior Bowling Council Rules and Regulations.
Technical Issues: Resolve in accordance with the spirit of the WTBA Rules and Regulations.

8.2 Tournament Format
8.2.1 Style of Play
Each game shall be bowled on a pair of lanes. Teams and/or individuals shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and on the next frame alternate and use the adjoining lane until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair, completing the game.
When there is a question concerning which of any two bowlers shall bowl first, it is incumbent upon the bowler on the right to do so.

8.2.2 Competition Procedure
8.2.2.1 Singles
Open to all members of each squad. 6 games in one block across twelve lanes with, when feasible, two persons from the same federation scheduled per lane. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Players from a given federation shall be scheduled on at least two different squads.

8.2.2.2 Doubles
6 games in one block shall be conducted across twelve lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Two teams from each federation, one to be scheduled per lane. The teams of the same federation shall be scheduled on different squads when possible.

8.2.2.3 Four Players Team
6 games in two three-game blocks would be conducted in two days. Both blocks shall be bowled across six lanes. One team scheduled per lane with each game of a block bowled on a different pair of lanes. Line-up changes are not permitted during a block.

8.2.2.4   Masters Finals

Master Finals shall be round robin competition between the top 16 players based on their 18 qualifying games. A maximum of 4 players from each country will be eligible to qualify for the finals. All qualifying pinfalls will be dropped. One game matches will be played. The final match will be played as a position round, making a total of 16 games. The determination of champion is based on the total pinfalls (including bonus points) of 16 games.

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These 16 games shall be bowled over two days, 8 games on the first day and 8 games on the second day according to a pre-arranged schedule.

Position number for the pre- arranged schedule shall be decided by draw. However, the Technical Committee will select position numbers for players from the same federation to ensure such players will compete against each other within the first 8 games.

Standings shall be based on total pinfalls from each of the matches together with a bonus of ten for each match won, including the position round. Each player shall receive a bonus of five for a tie.

a. Any vacancies that may exist at the start of Master Finals shall be filled by the non-qualifiers available at the time and in order of finish in the qualifying competition. Ties between two or more players shall be decided by draw.
b. Any semi-finalist who has not registered in person for the first eight-game block prior to the time specified shall be replaced as described in (a) above.

8.2.3   Tournament Rules

8.2.3.1   Bowling Ball Inspection

All participants must register and submit their bowling balls for inspection to confirm that their weight and other specifications are in compliance with the WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations. The score of participants bowling with non-registered balls shall be declared invalid.

8.2.3.2   Order of Bowling

Once a block of games has begun, no changes shall be made in the line-up for that block.

8.2.3.3   Substitution

A player who has already started in competition shall not be replaced. A player having already participated in the same event shall not replace another player. When a player replaces another player during a game under this rule, he/she shall forfeit his/her All-Events score.

8.2.3.4   Interrupted Game

The Tournament Director may authorize the completion of a game and/or series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and/or series that cannot be completed on the same day must be resumed from the point of interruption on the next day.

8.2.3.5   Bowling on Wrong Lane

When a single player, or one player from each team on a pair of lanes, bowls on the wrong lane, and the error is discovered before another player has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the player(s) shall be required to re-bowl on the correct lane(s). When more than one player on the same team has bowled on the wrong lane, the game shall be completed without adjustment and the next game started on the correctly scheduled lane.

In singles match play competition, where a player bowls two frames each time it is his/her turn to bowl, and the other player bowls on the wrong lane, a dead ball shall be declared and the player

required to re-bowl on the correct lanes, providing the error is discovered before the opposing player has made a delivery. Otherwise, the score stands as bowled, with all subsequent frames the game bowled on the correct lanes.

8.2.4   Tie-Break Procedures

8.2.4.1   The player or team with the highest score in each event shall be the winner. When equal scores (ties) are registered for any of the first three places in the Four Player Teams, Doubles and Singles events, co-champions or co-winners shall be declared. That is: in case of a tie for the 1st position, for example, the individuals or teams involved shall be declared as gold medallists, and 2nd and 3rd positions shall be filled from the next highest scores.

8.2.4.2   When a tie occurs for sixteenth place in the All-Events total, a one-game roll-off shall be held.

8.2.4.3   In case of a tie in the Master Final before the position round (after 15 games) between places 2-3,4-5,6-7 and so on, the player with the higher position is the one who in the round robin has:

a. The higher total scratch pinfall.
b. Won their match.
c. Won more matches.
d. The least difference between the highest and the lowest game.
e. The higher game.

8.2.4.4   When a tie occurs after the position round for first or third place, a one game roll off shall be held.

8.2.5   Slow Bowling

Bowlers who are ready to step on approach to deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

8.2.5.1   They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.

8.2.5.2   They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right.

8.2.5.3   Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lanes immediately adjacent to them on the left and right are clear.

8.2.5.4   If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in 8.2.5.1, 8.2.5.2, and 8.2.5.3 above, it may be construed as slow bowling. Such player shall be warned by an authorized tournament official with a white card for the first offence (no penalty) and a yellow card for the second offence (no penalty). For third and subsequent offences in any given block of games, the bowler shall be shown a red card and given a zero pinfall for the frame.

Note: A block of games is defined as six games for Singles, Doubles, and Four Player Teams. Each of the eight games on the first day and eight games on the second day of the Masters Semi-finals shall be considered a separate block. The number of warnings shall not carry over from one

block to another.

For interpretation of the enforcement of the rules concerning slow bowling, the Delegate of the Day shall specifically monitor any player or team that gets more than four frames behind the leader in a Singles, Doubles or Masters Event, or more than two frames behind in a Four Player Team event, excluding the end pairs of lanes.

8.2.6   Code Numbers and Lane Assignments
Code Numbers shall be drawn by lot and used to schedule lane assignments for each federation.

8.2.7   All Line-up shall be submitted to the Tournament Office one day prior to the day of the event.

8.2.8   Handicap System
8.2.8.1   Handicap will be allotted during the championship on the basis of age and only after the age of 65 is obtained during the year of the championship. Bowlers who have not attained the age of 65 years during the championship will compete on a scratch basis.

8.2.8.2   Bowlers 64 years of age and below will not be given handicap. Bowlers between the ages of 65 or who will turn 65 during the year of the championship until the age of 69 will be awarded five (5) pins of handicap per game. Bowlers between the ages of 70 to 74 shall receive ten (10) pins of handicap per game. Bowlers between the ages of 75 to 79 shall receive fifteen (15) pins of handicap per game, with additional five (5) pins of handicap being awarded thereafter to bowlers over 80 years in blocks of five (5) years.

8.2.8.3   Grand Senior Bowlers competing in the Senior Division will not be given handicap when bowling with the Senior Division for doubles or team event. However, handicap, based on age as described in 8.2.8.2, will be added for their All-Events standings.

8.2.8.4   If there is a total of four representatives and two are bowlers eligible for the Grand Senior while the other two members are eligible for the Senior Division, they shall be separated into two divisions during the doubles event by age category in order for the handicap to apply for the older aged bracket.

9. Uniform
All players shall wear a standard uniform approved by their federation. Individual variations are not permitted. The uniform and advertising shall be in accordance with stipulations of WTBA Rules.

10. Equipment
Asian Senior Bowling Council will use equipment meeting FIQ-WTBA approved standards.

11. Competition Management

11.1   Responsibility for management of the competition will be assumed, under the guidance of the WTBA, ABF and ASBC, by an organization of competition officials belonging to and appointed by Tenpin Bowling Australia.

11.2   Technical Organization
11.2.1 Tournament Director
The host federation shall select a Director for the tournament. He and his designated representatives shall supervise and direct the tournament. This shall include responsibility to the Technical Committee, Delegates of the Day, compliance with the WTBA Rules and Regulations and other WTBA directives.

11.2.2 Technical Committee
The Technical Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, the Technical Delegate and Technical Committee Member. The President of the A.S.B.C. shall appoint all members of the

Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee shall advise and counsel the host Tournament Committee and the Tournament Director regarding lane conditioning procedures and techniques on a daily basis during competition as well as prior to its start, from a date as agreed in advance between the Technical Delegate and the Organizing Committee. Should there be disagreement between the host Organizing Committee and the Technical Delegate, the decision of the Technical Committee shall final.

11.3   Officials
11.3.1   Delegates of the Day

The Technical Committee shall appoint one or more Delegates of the Day, who shall be responsible for enforcing the WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations, uniform requirements and code of conduct as well as issues of disqualification for any conduct detrimental to tournament operation. They shall work in cooperation with the Tournament Director and his representatives involved in daily management of the competition.

Any matter that cannot be settled by the Delegate of the Day shall be heard and reviewed by the Technical Committee. The decision of the Technical Committee is final unless there is an appeal to the Jury of Appeal within 24 hours. Protests on eligibility arising after the conclusion of the tournament shall be filed directly with the Jury of Appeal within 30 days.

11.3.2   Jury of Appeal
A three-member Jury of Appeal shall be appointed and empowered to cite before it all papers and persons involved in the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting. Alternatively, if deemed appropriate, the Jury of Appeal may decide an issue by mail vote after all material involved in the matter has been studied by each of its members.

11.4   Protests
11.4.1   Eligibility
Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred, or before prize presentation, whichever is the sooner. If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration of the 24 hours period, the game or games shall stand as bowled. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

11.4.2   Errors
Errors in scoring or errors in calculation must be corrected by a responsible tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Committee. The time limit for filing protests concerning scoring errors shall be one hour from the end of the event or block of games for each day of the tournament, but must precede the victory ceremony or the start of the next round (in an elimination event), whichever is sooner. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule shall not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

11.4.3   Appeals Procedure
All appeals concerning the Technical Committee's decisions must be filed in writing with the Delegate of the Day or with any member of the Jury of Appeal. Such appeals may also be filed with the General Secretary of the WTBA. Each appeal must be specific and be accompanied by a fee of US $100. If the

Jury of Appeal does not uphold the appeal, the fee shall be forfeited to the FIQ WTBA.

12. Prizes

Awards Ceremonies shall normally be held following the completion of each event. Players participating in awards ceremonies shall wear their uniforms.

The following prizes will be awarded:

Individual Events:

First Prize: Gold medal for the winner.
Second Prize: Silver medal for the runner-up.
Third Prize: Bronze Medal for the third-placed player.

Team Events:

First Prize: Gold medal for each member of the winning team.
Second Prize: Silver medal for each member of the runner-up team.
Third Prize: Bronze Medal for each member of the third-placed team.

13. Country Championship Trophy Points System

An overall championship trophy will be awarded to the country that has gathered the most number of points from winning performances by the bowlers/teams of each country in accordance with the table below.

	Singles Event	Doubles Event	Team Event	All Events	Masters Finals
Champion	5	10	20	10	20
2nd Place	3	5	10	5	10
3rd Place	1	2	4	2	4

In case of tie for 1st and 2nd places, the two teams or bowlers will share equally the total points for the two said positions. For example, if two teams are co- champions in the team event each team will earn (20 + 10)/2 or 15 points. Similarly points will be shared in case of a tie for 2nd and 3rd place.

In case of a tie by two or more countries in total points earned, the country with the greater number of points from Champion (gold medal) performances will be declared the country champion. In case of further tie, then the country with the greater points from the 2nd place performances will be declared the winner. In case a tie still exists, then the countries will be declared co-champions.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENTS
Thursday, 14 November, 2013	0900-1700	Arrival of Delegates / Ball Registration
	1400-1600	A.S.B.C Executive Committee Meeting
	1600-1800	A.S.B.C General Assembly Meeting
	1800-1930	Team Managers' Meeting
Friday, 15 November, 2013	0900-1700	Ball Registration (continued – if necessary)
	0730-0830	Lane Maintenance
	0900-1030	Official Practice Squad 1
	1030-1130	Lane Maintenance
	1130-1300	Official Practice Squad 2
	1300-1400	Lane Maintenance
	1400-1530	Official Practice Squad 3
	1800-1900	Opening Ceremony
	1900-2000	Welcome Reception
Saturday, 16 November, 2013	0730-0830	Lane Maintenance
	0830-1200	Singles Grand Senior Women
	1200-1300	Lane Maintenance
	1300-1630	Singles Grand Senior Men
	1630-1730	Lane Maintenance
	1730-2100	Singles Senior Men and Women
Sunday, 17 November, 2013	0730-0830	Lane Maintenance
	0830-1200	Doubles Grand Senior Men
	1200-1230	Awards Ceremony – Singles Event
	1200-1300	Lane Maintenance
	1300-1630	Doubles Senior Men and Women
	1630-1730	Lane Maintenance
	1730-2100	Doubles Grand Senior Women
Monday, 18 November, 2013	0730-0850	Lane Maintenance
	0900-1230	Team of Four - Senior and Grand Senior Men - Block 1
	1230-1300	Awards Ceremony – Doubles Event
	1230-1330	Lane Maintenance
	1330-1700	Team of Four - Senior and Grand Senior Women - Block 1
Tuesday, 19 November, 2013	0730-0850	Lane Maintenance
	0900-1230	Team of Four - Senior and Grand Senior Women - Block 2
	1230-1330	Lane Maintenance
	1330-1700	Team of Four - Senior and Grand Senior Men - Block 2
	1700-1800	Awards Ceremony – Team Event
Wednesday, 20 November, 2013	0730-0850	Lane Maintenance
	0900-1130	Masters Finals – Senior Women and Grand Senior Women, 1st Block
	1130-1230	Lane Maintenance
	1230-1500	Masters Finals – Senior Men and Grand Senior Men, 1st Block
Thursday , 21 November, 2013	0730-0850	Lane Maintenance
	0900-1130	Masters Finals – Grand Senior Men and Senior Men, 2nd Block
	1130-1230	Lane Maintenance
	1230-1500	Masters Finals – Grand Senior Women and Senior Women, 2nd Block
	1500-1530	Awards Ceremony - Masters Event
	1900-2300	Victory Banquet
Friday, 22 November, 2013	All Day	Departure of Delegates