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INTRODUCTION

A. Name & Nature

The **Dubai Filipino Bowling Club (DFBC)** is a dedicated and vibrant bowling club that is committed to promoting the sport of bowling within the community since its formation in 1992. As a non-profit, non-political, and non-religious organization, DFBC aims to provide continuity in its members' bowling activities while ensuring the organization's stability and growth.

In 2015, DFBC expanded its affiliations by becoming a member of the Magallanes Bowling Association (MBA) in the Philippines and the Philippine Bowling Federation (PBF). The PBF is recognized by the Philippine Olympic Committee and the Philippine Sports Commission as the national governing body for bowling in the Philippines.

As such, DFBC's league rules are generally aligned and in accordance with the latest IBF universal playing rules, ensuring consistency and fairness in play (refer to <https://bowling.sport/playing-rules/#ch1>).

On March 24, 2024, DFBC received its CDA accreditation through membership with the Filipino Social Club under **Accreditation No. FILSOC-CDA-008-2024**. This achievement was spearheaded by the 2024 DFBC Vice-President, alongside the Officers and Working Committees.

DFBC is dedicated to fostering camaraderie, sportsmanship, and a competitive spirit among its members. By organizing leagues, tournaments, and various events, DFBC provides an engaging platform for bowlers of all skill levels to improve their game, achieve personal milestones, and relish the thrill of competition. Through its structured activities and emphasis on teamwork, DFBC plays a vital role in enhancing the local sports culture and encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle.

B. Officers

Hashim Guinomla	President
Uella Marcial	Vice-President & Sports Director
Olan Baldivino	Secretary
Marivic Alfaro	Treasurer
Reggie Dolor	Auditor

C. Technical Committee

Uella Marcial	Chairperson
Larry Dolor	Member
Mel Aviles	Member
Raul Cariaga	Member
Alfie Fernandez	Member
Vic Abejero	Member

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D. Board of Advisers

Elsie Marcial
Gaddi Luarca
Irene Serrano
Ariel Serrano
Larry Dolor

Chairman of the Board
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Member
Member

1) LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

Sports Director, Technical Committee & Officers

Duties and responsibilities as also defined in Articles 10 & 11 in the 2024 Revised Constitution & By-Laws (CBL).

The league's governing body is composed of the **Sports Director, Technical Committee, and the Officers** duly elected and sworn.

1.1 The **Sports Director**:

- 1.1.1 Is responsible for overseeing all bowling competitions, tournaments, invitational events, and leagues in any form. He/she is also in charge of organizing all the Club's sports activities.
- 1.1.2 Adopts the league rules and prize list as set forth by the Technical Committee and Officers, and decides on tokens, if any, to be given to the league tabulators and marshals.
- 1.1.3 Ensure a balanced schedule of lane assignments for all teams (Round Robin system).
- 1.1.4 In conjunction with the Technical Committee, decides on all protests involving league rules, including but not limited to questionable scoring, calculation errors, disputes concerning prize money, and issues not covered by these rules.

1.2 The **Technical Committee**:

- 1.2.1 Provides expertise, opinions, and knowledge, serving as the de facto think-tank for the Club's long-range planning, forecasting, and strategizing.
- 1.2.2 Handles and resolves a wide range of important issues and matters, including but not limited to the revision of the constitution.

1.3 The **President** shall carry out the responsibilities and functions as defined in the CBL.

1.4 The **Vice-President** shall lead in the President's absence and assist the President as mandated, performing all other related responsibilities as may be required.

1.5 The club **Secretary**, as defined in CBL, shall also perform the following duties:

- 1.5.1 In the absence of both President and Vice-president, he/she shall preside over the meetings and shall discharge their functions.
- 1.5.2 He/she shall be the custodian of all the property, official documents and records of the club, including all the membership records.
- 1.5.3 Announce to all members the newly elected/re-elected Officers.
- 1.5.4 Furnish the incoming secretary with all information and records as defined in **Section 1.5.2** above.
- 1.5.5 Send reminder notice to the Officers of their monthly meetings and

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announce the general meetings as mentioned in CBL's Article 12. Keep records/minutes of the officers' meetings, technical committee meetings, and the general/team captains' meetings.

- 1.5.6 Share the league rules with all members and the approved prize list with each Team Captain, Sports Director and Technical Committee.
- 1.5.7 Provide copy of the league schedule to all team captains and members.
- 1.5.8 In cooperation with the Membership & Finance Committees, the secretary shall:
 - a. Share the club's membership registration forms with new members (they have an option to choose either full or league membership), including the collection of membership fees in cooperation with the Membership & Finance Committees.
 - b. Hand over the duly filled-up new membership registration forms and the collected membership dues to the Treasurer within 30 days from the joining date.
 - c. Membership card applications (and the corresponding fees) shall also be handed over to the Treasurer within 30 days of receipt.
- 1.5.9 Coordination with the Statistics & Tabulation Team:
 - a. Keep a record/master list of all full & league members including the teams' list of players.
 - b. Provide a weekly league standing and share all tournament results with all members.
 - c. Handover of the season-ending averages to the incoming governing body.
 - d. Gather all the list of awards for each conference to be shared with the Treasurer.
- 1.5.10 Perform all other related responsibilities as may be required.
- 1.6 The club **Treasurer**, as defined in CBL, shall also perform the following duties:
 - 1.6.1 Responsible for all league receipts & disbursements.
 - 1.6.2 Work hand-in-hand with the President to open an account, whenever possible, in the league's name at an insured and recognized bank, credit union or in-house banking service, with at least two league officers' signatures required for all withdrawals.
 - 1.6.3 Deposit funds in the league's account within seven (7) days of receipt.
 - 1.6.4 In the absence of a Club bank account, the Club's funds are to be handled/kept by 3 Officers including the President, Treasurer and one more officer to avoid the embezzlement of funds similar to the incident during the year 2023.
 - 1.6.5 Reconcile with the President, as also mentioned in **Section 1.6.3** above, to verify the league's account balance at least once a month.
 - 1.6.6 Issue cheques or money orders made payable to the club to cover membership dues and to local and foreign vendors.
 - 1.6.7 Advise the President, Secretary, & Membership Committee if any league members are delinquent in paying league & membership fees.
 - 1.6.8 Be responsible for the collection of fees as stated in **Section 4.8 (lane fees & penalties)** and all other general club fees in accordance with the league rules.
 - 1.6.9 Upon distribution of the prize fund, provide a comprehensive financial overview, including receipts, disbursements, transactions, and a list of prizes.

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- 1.6.10 Distribute the prize fund within 21 days after the league schedule ends, unless the corps of officers decides otherwise.
- 1.6.11 Provide and share financial overview upon request of the President, Officers or Board of Advisers. Report as often as expedient to the corps of officers, working committees and board of advisers the condition of the finances with recommendations as deemed necessary for raising funds.
- 1.6.12 Coordinate and reconcile records with the Sponsorship Committee.
- 1.6.13 Hand over all league books, documents, and monies to the next Treasurer. All financial records, whether in the possession of the former or the current Treasurer must be retained for 120 days after the league schedule ends.
- 1.6.14 Comply with audit proceedings as required:
 - a) Support regular audits by cooperating with auditors and providing necessary documentation.
 - b) Ensure accurate and transparent financial reporting.
 - c) Address discrepancies and implement auditor recommendations.
 - d) Adhere to legal and regulatory requirements.
- 1.6.15 Perform all other related responsibilities as may be required.
- 1.7 The club **Auditor**, is responsible for using his/her professional skills and experience to audit all financial reports and business transactions of the Club to ensure financial transparency and integrity.
 - 1.7.1 Regular Audits: Conduct regular or monthly independent audits of the club's financial records, including funds received (e.g., membership fees, registration fees, BOM, etc.), expenses, and all supporting documents such as receipts, invoices, and bank statements. This is to ensure accuracy, adherence to internal policies, and upholding financial integrity in compliance with international auditing standards.
 - 1.7.2 Detailed Audit Reports: Prepare detailed audit reports outlining findings, discrepancies, and recommendations for improvement. These reports should be presented to club officers and/or members only, when necessary, especially in the event of adverse audit findings or upon request.
 - 1.7.3 Compliance: Ensure adherence to legal and regulatory requirements and monitor compliance with the club's financial policies.
 - 1.7.4 Independence: Maintain independence and objectivity in the auditing process, refraining from any activities that could compromise impartiality.
 - 1.7.5 Improvements: Provide recommendations to enhance financial practices and controls within the club.
 - 1.7.6 Trust and Confidence: Foster trust and confidence among club officers and members through diligent auditing practices.
 - 1.7.7 Internal Controls: Assess the effectiveness of the club's internal controls and suggest improvements. This includes evaluating processes for handling cash, managing expenses, and recording financial transactions.
 - 1.7.8 Avoid Conflicts of Interest: The Auditor should not participate in any working committees that would conflict with their duties to ensure impartiality and independence from influence by other officers.

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2) TEAM REGISTRATION

2.1 Eligibility & Participation Requirements

This league is open to all Filipino, DFBC Full members (as defined in CBL Article 9) or League Members who are:

- 2.1.1 Philippine passport holders
- 2.1.2 Holders of a valid UAE residence visa / Emirates ID
- 2.1.3 Holders of UAE visit visas who were previous league or club members
- 2.1.4 Non-Philippine passport holders (limited to 2nd generation only) with proven Filipino affinity/roots, i.e., at least one parent is a natural-born Filipino.
- 2.1.5 Men and women who are registered members of the DFBC regardless of membership status.

2.2 Rights and Duties of Members

- 2.2.1 To always maintain his/her status as a member in good standing.
- 2.2.2 Members must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while participating in leagues and/or tournaments. Any violator will not be allowed to continue his/her ongoing games.
- 2.2.3 A member may lose his/her membership on any of the grounds as set forth in Article 14 of CBL.

2.3 Team Captains and Assistant Team Captains

Team Captains and Assistant Team Captains may either be full or league members who represent their team, unless they designate another teammate, and shall be responsible for:

- 2.3.1 Ensuring that the team and its members are eligible to bowl as defined in **Section 2.1** (*eligibility*) and **Section 2.5** (*team composition*), in accordance with the league rules.
- 2.3.2 The collection of team registration and individual membership dues as stipulated in **Section 2.6**, as well as lane fees & penalties as described in **Section 4.8**, and to submit the collections to the Treasurer.
- 2.3.3 The team captain and assistant team captain shall be the team's representatives in all matters related to behavior, eligibility, line-up, penalties, league fees, and compliance with all the league rules and regulations. Any protests from team members shall be relayed to the governing body by the team captain and/or assistant team captain only.
- 2.3.4 Manual input of the team members' lineup/names on the bowling center's scoreboard/monitor before the league begins.
- 2.3.5 Writing down the league game scores, ensuring that the scoresheet is duly filled, properly computed, and signed by both team captains or assistant team captains.
- 2.3.6 Informing the team members of all club announcements.
- 2.3.7 Ensuring the league rules and all matters being discussed during the Team Captains' meetings will be relayed to the team members.
- 2.3.8 Reporting any incident such as bullying, injury, illness, emergency or force majeure and other causes during the games to the governing body or any of the marshals without any further delay.

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2.4 Team Captains' Meeting

- 2.4.1 There shall be a joint meeting between the governing body, team captains & assistant team captains one week prior to the start of the league to review and adopt these league rules & regulations and to draw their team's number for the scheduling of lane assignments.
- 2.4.2 The governing body will proceed with the scheduled timing of the meeting and consider it to have a quorum if fifty percent (50%) +1 of the confirmed participating teams are represented.
- 2.4.3 A special meeting prior to the team captains' meeting may be called by the Governing Body as it may deem proper and necessary.

2.5 Team Composition

- 2.5.1 Each team shall be composed of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of ten (10) men and women players including the team captain, assistant team captain.
 - a. No NEW Foreign players will be accepted.
- 2.5.2 Although this is not typically allowed, under justifiable circumstances, a bowler may be permitted to transfer to another team, provided they **have not played more than 9 games** with their current team.
- 2.5.3 However, as an exception to the "more than 9-game rule", the governing body may waive this rule upon receiving a written petition from the bowler with reasonable and just cause, such as withdrawal of his/her team from the league. Internal issues must first be resolved among the members of the team. The bowler must file the petition within seven (7) days, from the formal withdrawal of his/her team from the league, failing which shall constitute a waiver to continue with the league; thereafter the bowler may not be allowed to play.
- 2.5.4 In deciding the petition, the governing body shall take into consideration the nature and reason for the team's withdrawal from the league and the petitioner / bowler's individual standing and circumstances.
- 2.5.5 Transfer of players shall be approved upon mutual agreement of both team captains, provided the transfer is within the deadline.
- 2.5.6 The deadline for submission of additional and changes or replacement of players shall be halfway through the league.
- 2.5.7 Replacement of any player after the deadline but not within the last 5 weeks, shall be allowed for specific reasons such as sustained injury of the player, illness and/or other medical condition that would render the player physically unfit to continue the league, permanently leaving the country, being reassigned beyond the 160-kilometer radius of Dubai for a prolonged period of time, Federal, Local, legal and civil related matters.

2.6 Cross-Membership with Other Clubs

- 2.6.1 Members and bowlers from other bowling Clubs may join the Club as League Member by Invitation. In this case, the Committee on Membership shall send an invitation to him/her to join the Club.

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- 2.6.2 A Full Member who subsequently joins another bowling Club as member shall be required by the Membership Committee to re-validate and re-confirm his/her standing with the Club. He/she shall be requested to declare his/her mother club and re-affirm allegiance to the Club. In case he/she provides positive validation in favor of the Club, he/she shall retain his/her Full membership subject to the full satisfaction of the Membership Committee who may at its sole discretion place the same **under probation period of one (1) year.**
- 2.6.3 He/she shall be given sufficient time to comply with this requirement and his/her failure to comply shall result in his/her being removed as Full Member. In this case, he/she may appeal his/her case to the Membership Committee who will then make the proper recommendation to the Corps of Officers for decision.
- 2.6.4 A Full Member who subsequently joins another bowling Club as member and concurrently as **officer either elected or appointed**, shall immediately be removed as Full Member with immediate effect and without further notice. There is no appeal for re-instatement of Full Membership. If the Member is currently playing at the DFBC league, he/she may continue as League Member for the remainder of his paid membership fee. No refund is allowed.

2.7 Team Registration and Individual Membership Fees

2.7.1 Team Registration Fees

- a. All teams shall pay a non-refundable registration fee as determined by the governing body to the club's Treasurer. Team entry fees shall include prizes, trophies, medals and other miscellaneous expenses.
- b. The governing body shall inform all participating members on the final payment of entry fees, not to exceed half of the scheduled current league. The mode of payment shall be set accordingly.
- c. Only current dated "cash" cheques shall be accepted as a guarantee in lieu of cash payment.
- d. Cheques issued by sponsors shall be made payable to the bowling center's name (i.e. Dubai International Bowling Centre).
- e. A team with a sponsor shall pay the fees once the team receives the sponsorship fund with no further delay.
- f. It shall be the responsibility of the team captain and/or assistant team captain to ensure that the above-mentioned fees are settled on time.
- g. Any team not complying with the above shall be served with notice of non-payments and potentially be disallowed from continuing in the league.
- h. Members of a team that disallowed due to non-payment of entry fee shall bear the cost to be divided equally and shall be responsible for settling their share of the unpaid entry fee.
- i. Any Member who fails to settle his/her established share on the unpaid entry fee shall not be allowed to participate in any DFBC leagues until such unpaid share is settled.

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2.7.2 Individual Membership Fees

- a. There shall be a minimal levied amount of DFBC membership fee for old and new members.
- b. An additional annual membership for MBA Sarimanoks, shall be available, with a separate fee for the jersey (optional).

3) BOWLERS CLASSIFICATIONS

Entering Averages, Handicap Scores, and Classifications

3.1 Entering Averages

- 3.1.1 The fixed entering average for an active bowler shall be based on his/her final average from the latest league conference or new entering average after reclassification and shall be the basis of the drop-of-5 rule throughout the league. If a bowler has no established average in DFBC from the latest league conference, his/her established average from the immediate previous conference or from other ongoing recognized bowling leagues will be used.
- 3.1.2 The assigned entering average for new bowlers (in case average is not available) shall be fixed at one hundred eighty (180) for men and one hundred seventy (170) for women, shall be applicable for the first three (3) games only, and shall be calculated on a floating basis until completion of 9 games on which the entering average and handicap will be based. **The assigned entering average will be used for calculating the bonus average for the first 3 games**, refer to **Section 4.3.3 (calculation of points)**.
- 3.1.3 The fixed entering average for an inactive bowler who did not participate in the last concluded league will be his last known DFBC average from the past 2 years **or more** and shall be the basis for computing his/her entering handicap and the drop-of-5 rule throughout the league, please refer to **Section 3.3.3 (inactive members)**. **The last known entering average will also be used as the bonus average for the first 3 games**, refer to **Section 4.3.3 (calculation of points)**.
- 3.1.4 A bowler who does not complete the initial nine (9) games to establish a fixed entering average either during the previous league or throughout his/her DFBC bowling career shall be considered as a new bowler and **Section 3.1.2 (entering averages)** shall apply.
- 3.1.5 For the purpose of establishing a fixed entering average, a bowler who periodically (2 successive conferences) missed completing the initial nine (9) games in each conference shall be assigned a fixed entering average by the governing body based on the bowler's actual average in two (2) conferences. This fixed entering average shall be used for calculating the team's bonus averages.

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3.2 Handicap Scores

3.2.1 The initial handicap for a new bowler is applicable for the first three (3) games only:

- 18 pins (fixed handicap for men)
- 30 pins (fixed handicap for women)

(NOTE: An initial handicap of zero (0), a classification of 'O or A' and an entering average of 195 will be given to bowlers (M/W) known to achieve an average equal to or greater than 195. This will be determined by the governing body and communicated to the player accordingly.)

3.2.2 The initial handicap for active or inactive bowlers will be based on his/her final established entering average from previous season/and or conference. This initial handicap will be used for the first three (3) games, after which the handicap will be calculated from the running average, limited by the drop of 5 rule.

3.2.3 The computation of handicaps starts after completing the required three (3) games and will be calculated weekly on a floating basis, with limitation on the maximum drop of five (5) only based on the entering average. To clarify, Drop of Five (5) rule means a player's handicap will not increase by more than five (5) from his/her initial handicap, (calculated from his/her entering average), despite significant drops in their current moving average compared to their entering average.

3.2.4 For individual performance awards, individual handicaps will be calculated at a baseline of 200 minus the current running average, multiplied by either ninety percent (90%) for men or one hundred percent (100%) for women. Decimal places will be dropped with no rounding off.

3.2.5 The maximum applicable handicaps for men and women are as follows:

Male Division:

Class O = 0
Class A = 10 max
Class B = 20 max
Class C = 35 max
Unclassified = 40 max

Female Division:

Class O = 0
Class A = 20 max
Class B = 35 max
Class C = 50 max
Unclassified = 50 max

This decision is based on the fact that our bowlers have tremendously improved and may continue to become better bowlers without relying on the handicaps.

3.3 Classifications - Promotions & Demotions

3.3.1 New Bowler

- a. A New Bowler is a player with no known and verifiable history of having previously played in the official leagues of the DFBC **or any other recognized Filipino bowling club**. As a special provision, **Section 3.1.2** (entering average) shall apply.

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- b. The provisions on handicap (**Sections 3.2.1**) and classifications (**Section 3.3.1**) shall apply.

3.3.2 Active Bowler

- a. An Active Bowler is a player currently participating in the official leagues of DFBC.
- b. Active bowler shall be reclassified once every one (1) year or after two conferences, with averages calculated based on his/her final combined conference averages. Reclassification of bowlers shall be effective from the start of the 1st Conference of the current league year.
- c. A year-end review of bowler's classification and reclassification / classification of inactive & new bowlers, provided they have completed twenty (21) games, shall be based on the following average brackets:

Classifications	Male	Female
Class O	190 & above	
Class A	180 - 189	171 & above
Class B	170 - 179	151 - 170
Class C	169 & below	150 & below

3.3.3 Inactive Members

- a. An inactive **member** is a **bowler** with verified history playing in DFBC official leagues **from the past 2 years or more**.
- b. **An inactive member shall be classified as per his/her last known classification, whichever is higher.**
- c. For inactive **members** who completed the minimum number of games, the succeeding provisions shall apply.
- d. The inactive bowler's average will be compared to the minimum requirement for classification after completing 9 games.
- e. If the average obtained is within the declared class, the bowler's class shall be maintained.
- f. If the average obtained is above the declared class, the bowler's class shall be upgraded accordingly.

3.3.4 Demotions

Demotions are applicable under the following conditions:

- a. **No demotion will be applied on active bowlers.**
- b. **Injury or debilitating illness.**
- c. **Inactive Member (Section 3.3.3): if the average obtained is below the declared class (after completion of minimum number of games), the bowler's class shall be demoted by one rank lower.**

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4) LEAGUE RULES AND PROCEDURES

4.1 Lane Conditioning

The following lane conditioning requirements shall apply to all leagues and tournaments.

The general goal for all DFBC conducted and sanctioned leagues & tournaments shall be to achieve a fair and equitable scoring condition that emphasizes the bowler's accuracy and consistency. The Technical Committee, in consultation with the Sports Director and President, shall ensure a procedure that provides consistent ball reaction characteristics across the entire width and length of the lanes for the duration of the league.

The oiling pattern is decided by the Technical Committee with information dissemination to the President and Sports Director before the start of each conference.

The oiling pattern to be used during Masters, Semi-Masters and Bowler of the Year will be the corresponding season ending oiling pattern.

Graphs shall be taken frequently before bowling and made available for inspection upon request.

The Technical Committee is authorized to publish additional detailed guidelines whenever there are further queries from the club officers and members.

{{Oil pattern graph in next page}}

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DFBC SUNDAY LEAGUE 2025 (44ft)

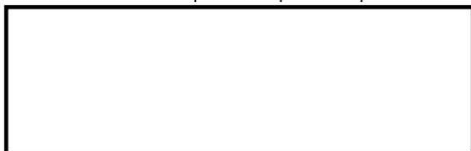


Oil Pattern Distance	44	Reverse Brush Drop	33	Oil Per Board	45 ul
Forward Oil Total	22.3 mL	Reverse Oil Total	6.75 mL	Volume Oil Total	29.05 mL
Tank Configuration	N/A	Tank A Conditioner	Kegel	Tank B Conditioner	Kegel

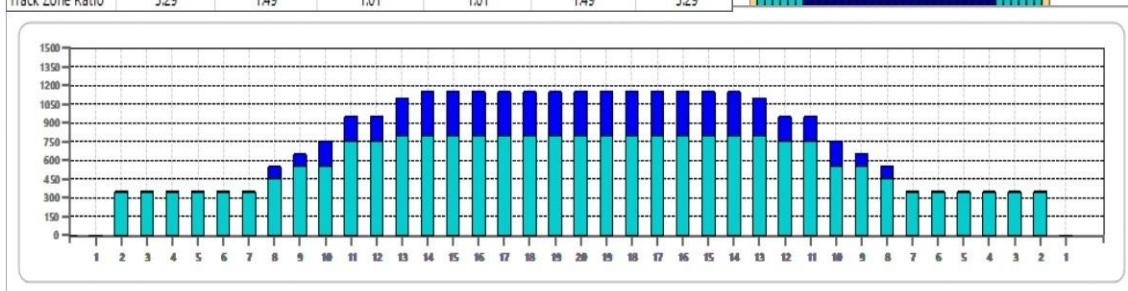
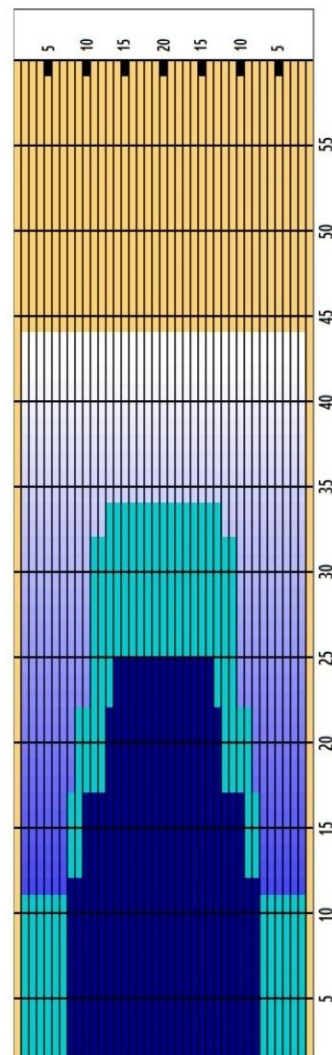
START	STOP	LOADS	SPEED	BUFFER	TANK	CROSSED	START	END	FEET	T.OIL
1	2L	2R	7	14	3	A	259	0.0	11.9	12950
2	8L	8R	2	18	3	B	50	11.9	17.0	5.1
3	9L	9R	2	18	3	A	46	17.0	22.1	5.1
4	11L	11R	4	18	3	B	76	22.1	32.3	10.2
5	13L	13R	1	18	3	A	15	32.3	34.8	2.5
6	2L	2R	0	22	3	A	0	34.8	37.0	2.2
7	2L	2R	0	22	2	A	0	37.0	41.0	4.0
8	2L	2R	0	22	1	A	0	41.0	44.0	3.0

START	STOP	LOADS	SPEED	BUFFER	TANK	CROSSED	START	END	FEET	T.OIL
1	2L	2R	0	30	3	A	0	44.0	25.0	-19.0
2	14L	14R	1	22	3	B	13	25.0	21.9	-3.1
3	13L	13R	2	18	3	A	30	21.9	16.8	-5.1
4	10L	10R	2	18	3	B	42	16.8	11.7	-5.1
5	8L	8R	2	18	4	A	50	11.7	6.6	-5.1
6	2L	2R	0	14	4	A	0	6.6	0.0	-6.6

Cleaner Ratio Main Mix 4:1 Forward
Cleaner Ratio Back End Mix 4:1 Reverse
Cleaner Ratio Back End Distance 59 Combined
Buffer RPM: 4 = 700 | 3 = 500 | 2 = 200 | 1 = 100



Item	3L-7L-18L-18R	8L-12L-18L-18R	13L-17L-18L-18R	18L-18R-17R-13R	18L-18R-12R-8R	18L-18R-7R-3R
Description	Outside:Middle	Middle:Middle	Inside:Middle	Middle:Inside	Middle:Middle	Middle:Outside
Track Zone Ratio	3.29	1.49	1.01	1.01	1.49	3.29



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4.2 Playing Rules & Regulations

- 4.2.1 Each team shall play three (3) games in every league match.
- 4.2.2 Only five (5) players in each team may play in a game. It shall be a 5-aside team competition with a minimum of one (1) female bowler required in the lineup.
- 4.2.3 A team shall have a minimum of three (3) players to form a legal lineup and proceed with the match with **two (2) blind scores** applied. Otherwise, it shall be considered in default and may be allowed to play as a pacer, subject to **Section 4.2.5 (playing rules & regulations)** below.
 - The minimum three (3) players may be **all female or all male**.
 - A team may also field **four (4) male players**, provided that the **blind (missing) player is counted as a female**, in order to fulfill the **mandatory female player requirement** in the lineup.
- 4.2.4 The substitution of any player can only be done prior to the start of the succeeding game.
- 4.2.5 Pacers can only play on BYE lanes upon the discretion of the opposing playing team.
- 4.2.6 **Shadow bowling – one throw per turn during practice games; no resetting of pins (to be confirmed).**
- 4.2.7 **One-lane courtesy only during the league proper.**
- 4.2.8 **There will be 2 oiling patterns to be used in each conference (please refer to the above graphs).**
- 4.2.9 An injured bowler is given a maximum grace period of ten (10) minutes reckoned from the time of injury or to rest for a period equivalent to two (2) frames whichever is shorter. During the rest period of 2 frames, both teams shall play at their normal pace with no attempt to delay. The injured bowler shall be allowed to play the remaining frames after recovery within the grace period.
- 4.2.10 In the event a player cannot continue his/her game due to:
 - a. major injury, illness, disability, and other causes requiring discontinuation of the game, the unfinished frames shall be credited with nine (9) pinfalls per frame with full handicap.
 - b. outside emergency for family or work-related matters requiring discontinuation of the game, the unfinished frames shall be credited with nine (9) pinfalls per frame with prorated handicap
- 4.2.11 Pre-Bowling will be allowed under the following conditions:
 - a. A bowler, who is a member of the DFBC delegation, who will represent the club in the annual GCC and WOFBT tournaments will be allowed to pre-bowl on any day before the next league. **Pre-bowling scores should only be applicable for the immediate league day (1 round only) and not to be used on the next or 2nd league day (i.e. 2nd set of double-headers and/or the following league day).**

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- b. Each team is granted a one-time privilege to pre-bowl in each of the two conferences. This can be done by the entire team or by a subset of the team (4, 3, 2, or 1 player). The pre-bowl must take place on the same league day prior to the scheduled match or on any of the days immediately preceding the scheduled match, using the same league oil pattern and preferably on the designated spare lanes.
 - c. The Sports Director and the opposing team must be notified of the intention to pre-bowl at least within a week prior and the pre-bowling shall be scheduled at an approved date & time set by the Sports Director.
 - d. The pre-bowling shall be supervised by the Sports Director, anyone from the Technical Committee, or any Officer.
 - e. Pre-bowling is not allowed on the last 3 rounds of the league.
 - f. Only those bowlers who will pre-bowl will be allowed to play.
 - g. Cost of oiling pattern will be borne by those who will pre-bowl (e.g. AED50 per lane, AED100 in a pair of lanes).
 - h. Failure to meet any of the above conditions will result in the pre-bowling being nullified.
- 4.2.12 In the event of any oversight or failure to comply with the above league rules, the below will be implemented:
- a. The score of the bowler in the line-up with the lowest current average will not be counted and will be replaced with a blind score of one hundred thirty (130) pinfalls, excluding any handicap. This rule acts as a penalty for not adhering to the league regulations and ensures that the team does not gain an unfair advantage from the non-compliance. The blind score is a predetermined value that serves as a placeholder, and it aims to maintain the integrity and fairness of the competition.

4.3 Calculation of Points

- 4.3.1 Two (2) points for each game won shall be awarded to the winning team. Win points shall be divided between the opposing teams in case of a tie.
- 4.3.2 Two (2) win points shall be awarded to the team who made the highest number of pinfalls (higher total 3-game series) in one league match.
- 4.3.3 One (1) bonus point per game shall be awarded to a team that exceeds its total scratch average of fielded players by 51 pinfalls or more, and two (2) more bonus points per game for exceeding the total scratch average of fielded players by 101 pinfalls or more.
- 4.3.4 If the opposing team is considered in default (or bye), the playing team shall be awarded one (1) win point per game in case the team does not beat its current team average. Should the playing team exceed its total scratch average of fielded players, less 10 pinfalls per player plus one (1) pinfall, another one (1) win point will be earned. Bonus points will be earned as per **Section 4.3.3** (calculation of points) above.

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- 4.3.5 Teams without a complete lineup (only 3 or 4 players), are not eligible for the team's bonus points.
- 4.3.6 The scoring system for the entire conference from game one of the first round up to and including the final round shall be cumulative and shall determine the final standings of all teams (champion, 1st runner-up, etc.).

4.4 Scoring & Score Sheets

- 4.4.1 Scoring on official score sheets shall be done by the team assigned on the odd-numbered lanes during the first two (2) games, while teams assigned on even-numbered lanes shall score during the 3rd game.
- 4.4.2 Teams assigned to odd-numbered lanes shall be the first to list the lineup of players.
- 4.4.3 Score sheets shall be duly signed by either team captain/assistant team captain/a representative before submitting to the governing body. The opposing team captain shall duly initial erasures.
- 4.4.4 Any missing calculations may be done by the governing body, and the team captain shall be informed accordingly.
- 4.4.5 Questions regarding the score sheets shall be presented to the governing body within three (3) days after the game in question has been played. No protest shall be entertained thereafter.
- 4.4.6 League game(s) or frame(s) within a game that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process are invalid. The game(s) or frame(s) must be re-bowled unless the governing body rules otherwise. If all scores on a pair of lanes can be documented, the game shall be continued from the point of interruption.

4.5 Default and Tardy Bowlers

- 4.5.1 A team shall be given a grace period to proceed with the game from the official roll-off time, provided that the opposing team has not completed their third frame, to complete its lineup before being declared in default for any particular game in progress.
- 4.5.2 Late bowler(s), whether one or the entire team, shall be allowed to play in an ongoing game, provided that the anchor bowler (the fifth bowler in the lineup) of the opposing team has not completed his/her turn on the third frame.
- 4.5.3 A team with 1 or 2 players who are not physically present but has teammates who are intentionally delaying their frame to stall for time for their tardy teammates shall be warned of the penalty and should bowl immediately. Otherwise, said bowler will be credited with zero (0) pinfall. The Team Captain of the opposing team should approach the Sports Director to complain about the matter.
- 4.5.4 If a bowler whose turn to bowl is not physically present (tardy bowler/s), he/she shall be credited with zero (0) pinfalls for every frame he/she fails to bowl. If the bowler missed the 3rd frame and the opposing anchor already bowled his/her 3rd frame, the bowler should be automatically in default and a blind score to apply.

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- 4.5.5 Any player whose team has been declared in default may be allowed to play as a pacer for purposes of achieving individual awards, but the score shall not be credited as a team output. **Section 4.8 (lane Fees and penalties)** shall apply for missed frames.
- 4.5.6 The team present who are playing against a team in default shall play its regular game as though the game is being contested and shall be awarded win points, provided they beat their scratch team average less ten (10) pinfalls each player by at least 1 point, please refer to **Section 4.3.4 (calculation of points)**.
- 4.5.7 No practice balls shall be allowed for any tardy bowler/s.
- 4.5.8 Any team that fails to play in three (3) consecutive scheduled matches shall not be allowed to continue the conference. Paid registration fees shall not be refunded, and any outstanding accounts shall remain collectible. **The team shall pay a penalty equivalent to the lane fees for 3 games each player, and it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to collect and settle this penalty.**
- 4.5.9 **Teams that do not bowl on the final round will incur the same penalty as in Section 4.5.8 (default & tardy bowlers).**
- 4.5.10 **Until the penalties are settled, the team will not be allowed to play in the next conference.**

4.6 Parade of Uniforms

- 4.6.1 There shall be a parade of uniforms on the fifth (5th) week of the league conference.

4.7 Uniforms, Dress Codes, Bowlers' Safety and Violations

Uniforms

- 4.7.1 Official team uniforms shall be of the same color and design. No mixed colors and designs of uniforms shall be allowed.
- 4.7.2 Official team uniforms are required for all bowlers playing in any scheduled match from week five (5) until the end of the conference.
- 4.7.3 Alternative or substitute uniforms are allowed provided that:
 - a. The majority (3 or 4) of the players are in uniform.
 - b. If 2 players use alternative uniforms, both must wear the same alternative uniforms as allowed by the Technical Committee as follows **(samples of the below-mentioned shirts will be posted)**:
 - DFBC Official Uniform **(2024 DFBC-FILSOC Red)**
 - Annual MBA Sarimanok shirts from the present year to **previous year (2 years only)**.
- 4.7.4 DFBC and FILSOC logos (optional) are now suggested to be included in the team uniforms as DFBC is finally registered and accredited by the CDA-Filipino Social Club (FILSOC).

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Dress Codes

- 4.7.5 Bowlers are required to be dressed with a sense of decorum, and in accordance with accepted local (with due deference to local customs) and international standards.
- 4.7.6 Traditional collared shirts, mock-collared shirts and collarless bowling jerseys (round/v-neck/dry fit) all are permitted.

Men:

Men are advised to wear slacks.

Prohibited attires during leagues and tournaments for men includes:

T-shirts (cotton), cropped pants, shorts/bermudas, denim blue jeans, sleeveless shirts (singlets), tight yoga pants, leggings, and caps/headgear (except for medical reasons with supporting documents from a medical professional)

Women:

Women may wear pants, shorts, skirts, culottes, skorts (that extend beyond their fingers when their arms are extended down by their sides), and leggings/tights worn under a short pants/skirt (due deference to local customs).

Prohibited attires during leagues and tournaments for women includes:

T-shirts (cotton), tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti strap tops, denim blue jeans, sleeveless shirts (singlets), tight yoga pants, leggings not covering the front and back, and caps/headgear (except for medical reasons with supporting documents from a medical professional)

Bowlers' Safety:

- 4.7.7 Headphones and earphones are not allowed when bowlers are on the approach to bowl. They are only allowed when at the bowlers' area.
- 4.7.8 Proper bowling shoes must be worn. Shoes are permissible provided that (a) they are not the same shoes a bowler wore when walking in from the street, (b) the shoes have non-marking soles, and (c) cannot create a hazard (wet, gritty, etc) on the lanes.
- 4.7.9 The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other athletes having normal conditions is also prohibited.
- 4.7.10 This includes, but is not limited to, substances such as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes; also, soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach are prohibited.
- 4.7.11 Players who do not observe this safety rules may not be allowed to play the game until they comply with the above rules.

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Violation of Dress Codes and Uniforms:

- 4.7.12 For players not adhering to the above rules in **Sections 4.7.1 to 4.7.6 (uniforms and dress codes)** will incur a penalty of 10 pinfalls per player per game, which shall be deducted from the team's total pinfalls with handicap (for playing in any scheduled game without official uniform and prohibited dress codes).
- 4.7.13 Players not adhering to the above rules in **Sections 4.7.3 (alternate uniforms)**, the following will be applied:
- should the remaining 2 bowlers play in any scheduled game wear 1 different alternate uniform that are prescribed herein.**
 - the same penalty of 10 pinfalls per player per game shall be deducted from the team's total pinfalls with handicap;**
- 4.7.14 Players not adhering to the above rules in **Sections 4.7.7 to 4.7.11 (bowlers' safety)** despite being cautioned by the governing body, shall receive the following penalties:
- First Offense:** The player will receive a warning and a reminder to comply with the bowler's safety regulations. If the player fails to comply within the first three (3) frames, the following shall apply:
- The bowler will receive a **score of zero (0) for those non-compliant frames only** (not the entire game).
 - If compliance is achieved **by the 4th frame**, the player may continue without further penalty.
 - If **non-compliance continues beyond the 3rd frame**, the player will not be allowed to complete the game and will be given a **blind score of 130**.
 - The same rule will apply for subsequent games until compliance is observed.
- Second Offense:** Deduction of fifty (50) pinfalls from the violator's total pins count per game.
- Third Offense:** Fine of AED100 and a penalty of a 3-game suspension.

4.8 Lane Fees and Penalties

- 4.8.1 **Lane fees must be paid at the DIBC Reception Counter, and receipts must be submitted to the Treasurer on or before the end of Game 2, duly verified by the opposing team and acknowledged by the Treasurer (or by the Auditor only if the Treasurer or their committee is not available).**
- If a player fails to settle and submit the lane fee payment receipts on or before the end of Game 2, and the receipts were only submitted at the start of Game 3, a deduction of 10 points per player (per game) will be applied to both Games 1 and 2. Example: if all 5 players didn't submit the receipts on the above-mentioned deadline, 100 points will be deducted from the total team score with handicap (50 points deduction in Game 1 and another 50 points deduction in Game 2).**

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- b. If 3 or 4 players already paid the lane fees, receipts must be submitted in advance to the Treasurer to avoid deduction of points for the whole team.**
- c. Deductions will not affect the individual score, only from the total team score (per game) including handicap.**

The above deductions will impact the team's total game score and total series. The Team Captain must comply with these rules as agreed during the Team Captains' Meeting and according with DIBC's strict payment regulations; the Opposing Team Captain and/or the Technical Committee should verify compliance.

- 4.8.2 There shall be a penalty in the 3rd, 6th & 9th frames of each game, otherwise called the "3-6-9 penalty frames" for players who do not make any mark (spare or strike) on those frames as follows:
 - a) AED3.00 for any Class O & A men's bowlers
 - b) AED2.00 for any Class B & C Bowlers
 - c) AED2.00 for ladies regardless of Class
 - d) AED1.00 for Junior & Youth bowlers (17 years old and below)
- 4.8.3 It shall be the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that the above penalties are collected and turned over to the Treasurer right after the last game. Team(s) that did not settle last games due will not be allowed to play further and all fees the team and its members already paid will be forfeited.

5) AWARDS AND PRIZES

5.1 Best in Uniform Award

- 5.1.1 The contest for "Best in Uniform" will be judged accordingly.
- 5.1.2 **Votes for the Best in Uniform shall come from any third party, comprising of at least 3 judges from selected non-DFBC Officials/Members, and/or sponsors.**
- 5.1.3 **The criteria for determining the winners will be communicated to all Team Captains in advance, prior to the start of the parade of uniforms, and are as follows:**
 - **Appropriateness of the outfit as per bowling standards – 40%**
 - **Design creativity and uniqueness – 40%**
 - **Overall appeal – 20%**

Prizes/awards will be given to the top 3 winners:

- a. Best in Uniform**
- b. 1st Runner-Up**
- c. 2nd Runner-Up**

Weekly Awards

5.2 Team of the Week

- 5.2.1 The team with the highest pinfalls (scratch + handicap) in a three-game series shall be declared as the team of the week. **Winners shall be limited to two (2) wins per conference only.**

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5.3 Bowler of the Week (Men & Women)

5.3.1 Bowlers with the highest game (scratch + handicap) shall be declared as winners and **shall be limited to two wins per conference only.**

5.4 High Series of the Week (Men & Women)

5.4.1 Bowlers with the highest three-game series (scratch + handicap) shall be declared as winners and **shall be limited to two wins per conference only.**

5.5 Winner Take All (WTA)

WTA entries will be accepted on or before the 3rd frame has been bowled. If a bowler is playing on the spare lanes but is later asked to play in the team's ongoing games (team's current lineup), then his/her game within the team's games will be considered for his/her WTA entry, and his/her games in the spare lanes will be nullified.

Monthly Awards

5.6 Bowler of the Month (BOM)

Men's and Women's Divisions

- 5.6.1 Bowler of the month shall have separate Men's and Women's divisions.
- 5.6.2 Qualifying for male bowlers of the month shall be based on their current classifications (Class O, A, B & C).
- 5.6.3 Qualifying for female bowlers of the month shall be based on their current classifications (Class A, B & C).
- 5.6.4 New and inactive bowlers must have played a minimum of **9 games** prior to joining the Bowler of the Month.
- 5.6.5 The qualifying format shall be a three-game series (scratch + handicap) based on scheduled league games. A player should be part of the official playing lineup or have played on the spare lane with prior notification to the Sports Director.
- 5.6.6 Multiple BOM qualifying entries are allowed each month. BOM entries will be accepted on or before the 4th frame has been bowled. If a bowler is playing on the spare lanes but later is asked to play in the team's ongoing games (team's current lineup), then his/her game within the team's games will be considered for his/her BOM entry, and his/her games on the spare lanes will be nullified.
- 5.6.7 A cut-off time of qualifying entries will be up to the 3rd frame after roll-off. No entry will be accepted after the 3rd frame has been completed.
- 5.6.8 BOM winners shall be limited to one win only.
- 5.6.9 **Bowlers must declare which division to qualify (either classification or seniors).**
- 5.6.10 **Bowlers are not allowed to qualify in the higher classifications or other divisions.**
- 5.6.11 Bowlers are not allowed to qualify below their current classification.
- 5.6.12 **Bowlers who have already won in their current classification/division will not have their entries considered, and any fees paid will be refunded.**

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- 5.6.13 Qualifying and stepladder matches to be played as scheduled by the governing body.

Seniors' Division:

- 5.6.14 There will be separate divisions for Seniors Men and Women aged 55 years old and above.
- 5.6.15 This will be an open category for each division (men and women), disregarding bowlers' classification.
- 5.6.16 A handicap of 1 point per year for players aged 61 and above will apply per game (e.g. age 61=1, age 62=2 and so on).
- 5.6.17 The same rules in above **Sections 5.6.4 to 5.6.13** shall be applied accordingly.

Step-Ladder – Men, Women and Seniors Divisions:

- 5.6.18 A BOM qualifier should be in the bowling area at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time as arranged by the Sports Director.
- 5.6.19 Stepladder matches shall strictly start at the scheduled time.
- 5.6.20 Top 3 qualifiers shall advance to a stepladder match. Handicaps will no longer be applicable for Men's & Women's Divisions since bowlers play according to their classifications.
- 5.6.21 **For the Seniors Divisions, the top 3 qualifiers shall advance to a stepladder match, with corresponding handicaps applicable.**
- 5.6.22 If the stepladder has commenced and the tardy bowler is not around to throw his/her 1st frame after the other player has done so, he/she shall be given a zero (0) point in every frame until the 3rd frame. If the bowler missed the 3rd frame and the opposing bowler already bowled his/her 3rd frame, the bowler should be automatically in default.
- 5.6.23 The 1st match shall be given a 5-minute practice **or as agreed with DIBC management** and the game shall commence right after the practice.
- 5.6.24 All 2nd matches will start simultaneously, and if the top qualifier is not around to throw his/her 1st frame after the other player has done so, same rule in **Section 5.6.22** will be applied.
- 5.6.25 Stepladder matches will only have a 1-game knockout and there will be no twice-to-beat advantage for the top seed.

The Technical Committee reserves the right to add Bowler of the Month and/or Bowler of the Year divisions (e.g. potentially a youth division in the future).

The Technical Committee will also introduce an Open Tournament among league members, with the mechanics to be decided later.

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Semi-Annual Awards

5.7 Masters Event

- 5.7.1 To qualify for the league conference's ending showdown, the bowler must have played a minimum of **forty percent (40%)** of the total league games. The Masters Event shall be played a week after the final round of the league games as scheduled by the governing body.
- 5.7.2 The Masters Event shall be played by the following:
 - a. Men: Top 32 based on average & no. of games
 - b. Women: Top 24 based on average & no. of games
- 5.7.3 In the event that the Masters qualifiers cannot be completed, the next ranked bowlers will be tapped to join the Masters category, as detailed below:
 - a. Men: If a Masters qualifier opts out due to unavailability, the next Semi-Masters qualifiers will move up to join the Masters.
 - b. Women: Above rule in men will not be applied. They will remain in the Semi-Masters due to a significant difference in averages.
- 5.7.4 The format shall be a 6-game scratch series with no handicap. After the conclusion of the 6 games, the top 5 will play in the stepladder matches.
 - a. Positions 3, 4 & 5 will play a one (1) game shoot-out (Match 1)
 - b. The winner of Match 1 will challenge the number 2 position (Match 2).
 - c. The winner of Match 2 will challenge the number one (top seed) position (Match 3), with the top seed having a twice-to-beat advantage.
- 5.7.5 The registration fee, inclusive of lane fees, will be set by the governing body.

5.8 Semi-Masters Event

- 5.8.1 To qualify for the league conference's ending showdown, a bowler must have played a minimum of **twenty percent (20%)** of the total league games. The event shall be played a week after the final round of the league games, on the same day as the Masters Event. **Men's Class O and Women's Class A bowlers are not eligible to bowl in the Semi-Masters.**
- 5.8.2 The Semi-Masters Event shall be played by the following:
 - a. Men: From 33rd position & below based on average
 - b. Women: From 25th position & below based on average
- 5.8.3 **The format shall be a 5-game series. Fixed Handicaps will be applied as set forth by the Technical Committee.**
- 5.8.4 The registration fee, inclusive of lane fees, will be set by the governing body.

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5.9 Semi-Annual Major Team Awards

5.9.1	Champion team	Cash Prize + team trophy + Individual Medals
5.9.2	1st runner-up	Cash Prize + team trophy + Individual Medals
5.9.3	2nd runner-up	Cash Prize + team trophy + Individual Medals
5.9.4	3 rd runner-up	Cash Prize
5.9.5	4 th runner-up	Cash Prize
5.9.6	5 th runner-up	Cash Prize
5.9.7	6 th runner-up	Cash Prize
5.9.8	7 th runner-up	Cash Prize
5.9.9	8 th runner-up	Cash Prize
5.9.10	9 th runner-up	Cash Prize

Note: The team Trophy is an addendum to the cash prize i.e. cash prize is viewed as a 100% team entitlement. Individual Medals for the team members shall be provided up to the 2nd Runner-up (3rd Place) only. If the **3rd runner-up** (4th Place) requests for individual medals, these shall be borne by the team.

Depending on the budget, team prizes may be awarded to more than 10 positions and as approved by the governing body.

5.10 Semi-Annual Major Individual Awards

To qualify for the following individual awards, the bowler shall play a minimum of **40%** of the total number of games per conference:

5.10.1	Master's Champion to 4 th R-Up	Cash Prize (M & W)
5.10.2	Highest average	Cash Prize (M & W)
5.10.3	High series scratch	Cash Prize (M & W)
5.10.4	High series with handicap	Cash Prize (M & W)
5.10.5	High game scratch	Cash Prize (M & W)
5.10.6	High game with handicap	Cash Prize (M & W)

Any individual who qualifies for more than one award as mentioned in **Sections 5.10.3 to 5.10.6** (*semi-annual major individual awards*) above shall be awarded only the highest award;

Except for the individual high average (**Section 5.10.2**, *semi-annual major individual awards*), he/she **will be entitled to another individual award to be won in Sections 5.10.3 to 5.10.6**.

5.11 Semi-Annual Team Special Awards

5.11.1	High series scratch	Trophy
5.11.2	High series with handicap	Trophy
5.11.3	High game scratch	Trophy
5.11.4	High game with handicap	Trophy
5.11.5	Best in uniform	Trophy or Cash

Any team that qualifies for more than one award as mentioned in **Sections 5.11.1 to 5.11.4** (*semi-annual team special awards*) shall be awarded only the highest award.

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Annual Awards

5.12 Bowler of the Year (BOY) – Men, Women and Seniors Divisions

- 5.12.1 The bowler of the year shall be awarded in **five (5)** different classes for men's division (O/A/B/C/**Seniors**) and **four (4)** different classes in women's division (A/B/C/**Seniors**).
- 5.12.2 The BOY shall be played in one schedule. The format shall be 6-game scratch series for men's and women's divisions **and 6-game series with handicaps for seniors' division**. The top-3 qualifiers from each class and division shall advance to a stepladder match. The top-qualifier in each class and division shall have a twice to beat advantage.
- 5.12.3 Only Bowlers of the Month champions of each class are allowed to play.
- 5.12.4 The BOY shall have 12 contending players in each division (men, women **and seniors**). If a BOM winner will not be able to play, **there will be no replacements** to fill the vacated slots and this rule may vary based on the decision of the Technical Committee.
- 5.12.5 The registration fee shall be fixed by the governing body.

5.13 Most Improved Player Award

- 5.13.1 This award is given to both male and female "Class B & C" bowlers who **have bowled at least 40% of the games and who have shown** the greatest improvement from the previous season/entering average.
- 5.13.2 The average difference will be calculated by deducting the bowler's previous ending average from the final average in the current season. Other award criteria considered by the governing body include individual awards garnered by bowlers.

5.14 Rookie of the Year Award

- 5.14.1 This award is given to one male and one female "new bowlers" (refer to the definition of bowlers) who have bowled at least **40%** of the total league games for two (2) conferences and have made the greatest improvement in terms of average difference and other awards.
- 5.14.2 The average difference will be calculated by deducting the bowler's starting average (calculated after 9 games of the first conference) from the current ending average (end of the second conference). Other award criteria considered by the Governing Body include individual awards garnered by bowlers.

5.15 Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award

- 5.15.1 This award shall be given to both male and female bowlers who have garnered the most individual award points after two conferences. The point system for MVP shall be calculated as follows:

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Award	Points	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
300 Perfect Game (M/F)	15			
800 Series (3-Game Scratch M/F)	14			
High Average (A/B/C – M/F)		13	9	5
3-Game Scratch Series 750 Men / 700 Female	12			
3-Game Scratch Series 700 Men/650 Female	11			
Accumulator	10			
Bowler of the Year (O/A/B/C)		9	6	3
Masters (M/F)		8	5	2
Top 3 Teams (player)		7	5	3
3-Game Scratch Series 650 Men / 600 Female	6			
High Series Award (Scratch/Handicap)		5	3	2
High Game Award (Scratch/Handicap)		4	2	1
Bowler of the Month (O/A/B/C/) once per player	3			
Bowler of the Week	2			
High Series of the Week (Handicap)	2			

5.16 Annual Major Individual Awards

To qualify for the following individual awards, the bowler shall play a minimum of **40%** of the total number of games per conference:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 5.16.1 Most Valuable Player | Cash Prize + Trophy (M & W) |
| 5.16.2 Bowler of the Year (1 st to 2 nd R-Up) | Cash Prize and/or Jacket (M & W) |
| 5.16.3 Most Improved Player | Cash Prize + Trophy (M & W) |
| 5.16.4 Rookie of the Year | Cash Prize + Trophy (M & W) |

5.17 Order of Priority

The order of priority for **individual awards** shall be as follows:

- 5.17.1 Most Valuable Player
- 5.17.2 Bowler of the Year
- 5.17.3 Masters
- 5.17.4 High Average
- 5.17.5 Most Improved Player
- 5.17.6 Rookie of the Year
- 5.17.7 High series scratch
- 5.17.8 High series w/ handicap
- 5.17.9 High game scratch
- 5.17.10 High game with handicap
- 5.17.11 High series of the week
- 5.17.12 Bowler of the week

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The order of priority for **team awards** shall be as follows:

- 5.17.13 Team Champion (1st R-UP and so on)
- 5.17.14 Team High series scratch
- 5.17.15 Team High series with handicap
- 5.17.16 Team High game scratch
- 5.17.17 Team High game with handicap
- 5.17.18 Team of the week

5.18 Accumulator Award

5.18.1 Accumulator prizes during the preliminary round will be awarded to players who score a scratch game as follows:

Male Division:	Female Division:
Class O = 280	Class A = 260
Class A = 279	Class B = 250
Class B = 270	Class C = 240
Class C = 260	

- 5.18.2 The above corresponding accumulator award shall receive a prize as may be set by the governing body with consideration of the number of teams and weeks, and winners, at the time the score was recorded.
- 5.18.3 The same procedure continues until the end of the league.
- 5.18.4 In case there is more than one winner during a week's 3-game schedule, the prize shall be divided equally among all winners.
- 5.18.5 For the first week only, the accumulator award will be set at the usual minimum amount in case the amount carried forward from the previous league is less.
- 5.18.6 In the event the entire accumulator award or any portion thereof remains at the end of the current league, an amount equivalent to ten (10%) percent of the remaining accrual will be carried forward to the succeeding league.

5.19 Perfect Game

- 5.19.1 Any bowler who scores a perfect 300 game during the league up until the last event of the year, shall receive a DFBC - customized gold ring award, or cash award set by the governing body and a plaque.
- 5.19.2 The maximum prize to be awarded for each conference will also be set and announced to players at the beginning of the conference.
- 5.19.3 If a bowler scores multiple perfect games, he/she will receive an award for each, within the maximum cap for the conference.

6) TIE BREAKERS

6.1 Team Standing

- 6.1.1 This rule applies from round 1 up to the final round of each conference.
- 6.1.2 In case of a tie, the highest team series with handicap will be used to break the tie. If still tied, the next tie break will be the highest team series scratch until the winner has been decided.

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6.2 Bowler of the Month (BOM), Masters Event and Bowler of the Year (BOY)

6.2.1 Tie-breakers in the qualifying rounds (BOM) and semi-finals (6-game series in both Masters/BOY):

- The highest single game within the series will be used (with handicap for BOM/BOY and scratch for Masters).
- For further ties: one ball roll-off on a complete set of pins and repeated until a winner is decided
- If the winner concedes after the tie break is decided before the stepladder match, he/she will automatically be declared the 2nd Runner-Up in BOM/BOY and the 5th place winner in Masters.

6.2.2 Tie breakers during the stepladder first and second matches: One ball roll-off on a complete set of pins and repeated until a winner is decided.

6.2.3 Tie breakers during the stepladder final match: The top seed with a twice-to-beat advantage wins the match in case of a tie in the first game. No further game will be played as the challenger only tied and has not beaten the top seed twice.

6.3 Semi-Masters Event

6.3.1 Tie-breaker in the final ranking after the 5-game series:

- The highest single game with handicap within the series
- For further ties: one ball roll-off on a complete set of pins and repeated until a winner is decided

6.4 Individual Awards

6.4.1 In case of a tie for any individual award, the following will be used to determine the winners.

a. High Average (male or female):

- Based on Two decimal places
- Most number of games played

b. High Series Scratch (male or female):

- High single game (scratch) w/in tied series

c. High Series Handicap (male or female):

- Highest game with handicap w/in the tied series. If still tied, next highest game with handicap.
- Handicap used will be based on the current average

d. High Game Scratch (male or female):

- Next highest game scratch score

e. High Game Handicap (male or female):

- Next highest game with handicap score

6.5 Most Valuable Player (MVP)

6.5.1 In case of a tie for the MVP, the above rules in Sections 6.1, 6.2 & 6.4 will be used to break the tie.

6.5.2 For further ties: the highest number of 1st place positions in the individual events and awards (Sections 6.2 & 6.4)

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7) UN-SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT & VIOLATIONS

The Governing Body may give a warning to any player displaying unsportsmanlike conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct is assessed as follows:

- 7.1 Boisterous cheering, uttering annoying remarks, and/or producing any loud distracting sounds or nuisances while a player is on the approach to deliver a ball.
- 7.2 Running tirades, continuous criticism or griping, cursing or blaspheming an official, member or bowler, and other excessive misconduct shall be sufficient to remove a bowler from the game.
- 7.3 Taunting.
- 7.4 Verbally abusing and physically contacting a member of the Governing Body or other members/bowlers.
- 7.5 Violators of **Sections 7.1 to 7.3** shall be penalized as follows:
 - 7.5.1 First Offense: Warning & reprimand with no penalty.
 - 7.5.2 Second Offense: Deduction of **fifty (50) pinfalls** from the violator's total pins count in the league, **fine of AED100 and a penalty of a 3-game suspension.**
 - 7.5.3 Third Offense: Expulsion and a ban from the club, prohibiting the violator from joining any other club activities.
- 7.6 Violation of **Section 7.4** shall be penalized with a deduction of fifty (50) pinfalls from the violator's total pin count in the league, fine of **AED 500 and the responsibility of the Team Captain to collect the penalty**, 3-game suspension, plus the forfeiture of any individual award. Failure to comply shall result in a suspension for a minimum of twenty (20) games. If the present league cannot enforce the penalty, it shall be carried forward to the next league.
- 7.7 Penalties (i.e. reduction in pin count) incurred shall not affect the match results or standing of the violator's team.

8) MARSHALLS

- 8.1 To strictly implement the rule as mentioned in **Sections 4.7 to 4.7.6** (*uniforms, dress codes*) a Marshall will be assigned to check every team prior to the start of each game. The score sheet of the team with any player not in uniform will be marked "Less 10" and signed by the Marshall.
- 8.2 Each team shall designate a player to be assigned as Marshall. The team captain shall designate the team's Marshall.
- 8.3 The Governing Body shall prepare a roster listing the Marshalls assigned for each play day.
- 8.4 While on duty, the Marshall shall be assigned specific tasks by the Governing Body/Officers. These tasks shall be discussed as part of the induction.

9) DECISIONS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

9.1 Interpretation of the Rules

- 9.1.1 The Governing Body shall decide protests brought before them in the following order of precedence in the interpretation & application of rules:

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- a. Specific rules within the league rule and **latest IBF universal playing rules**. In case of conflict within this level, the world bowling rule shall prevail.
- b. General rules within the league rule and/or world bowling rules. In case of conflict within this level, the **latest IBF universal playing rules** shall prevail.
- c. In the absence of the above conditions, the decisions shall be based on the past decisions, tradition, practice, understanding and/or convention, provided that they do not violate any of the above.
- d. In case of conflicts within this level, past decisions shall have precedence over other factors.
- e. In case of conflicts within previous decisions, the most recent decision shall be given more weight, though it is not necessary to follow the same if it is less suitable or effective.
- f. If none of the above conditions apply, the Governing Body/Officers shall make a precedent decision that becomes part of the current league rules with the same force & effect as any other rule.
- g. In the succeeding league, the Governing Body shall endeavor to amend the league rules to include new rules=resulting from their precedent decision.

9.2 Decisions of the Governing Body:

- 9.2.1 For the purpose of preventing the league operation from being paralyzed, the decision of the Governing Body shall be considered as final and executable for the majority of protests.
- 9.2.2 Protests shall be filed in writing with the Governing Body by the complainant party within two (2) days of the incident.
- 9.2.3 Governing Body shall decide on the protest within three (3) days after the complaint is filed.
- 9.2.4 While any protest is pending, the results of the game shall be binding and shall be used for the purpose of calculating the results of the games. A provisional ball, as per the **latest IBF universal playing rules**, shall be allowed.
- 9.2.5 The Governing Body shall deliberate on protests filed for decision. Members whose team is a party to the dispute shall abstain from the deliberation. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to constitute a quorum and render a decision.
- 9.2.6 In the event the quorum is not met, the corps of officers may appoint additional interim members to resolve the dispute.
- 9.2.7 The operation of **Section 9.2.2** shall not apply under the following conditions:
 - a. The adverse decision of the Governing Body shall result in the complainant team to lose the 3-game match. For this provision to apply, the complainant team must clearly demonstrate their loss because of the Governing Body's decision favoring the opponent team. If the decision affects only one (1) game and the complainant team win two (2) out of three (3) games, the provision does not apply.

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- b. The complainant team has the right to a single and final appeal against the Governing Body's decision.
- c. The complainant team shall file its appeal within three (3) calendar days from receipt of the decision. Failure to comply shall mean the waiver to the right to appeal.
- d. The appeal shall be decided and disposed of within three (3) days upon receipt.
- e. While any appeal is pending, the previous decision of the Governing Body shall be binding and shall be used for the purpose of calculating the results of the games.
- f. Governing Body shall deliberate on an appeal filed for decision. Members whose team is a party to the dispute shall abstain from the deliberation. A minimum of five (5) and a maximum of seven (7) members must be present to constitute a quorum and render a decision.
- g. The corps of officers shall appoint additional interim members to satisfy the minimum requirement to constitute a quorum.

NOTE: Above rules and the latest IBF universal playing rules shall be enforced/implemented and shall serve as the basis/guideline when making decisions in case of contested disputes or protests.

9.2.8 In cases where no specific guiding rules are covered in the league rules, the general guiding rules will be:

- a. To follow precedents and
- b. The general interest of:
 - Member Teams and
 - Individual Team members shall be considered in that order of priority when making a decision.

10) PROTESTS AND APPEALS Form (Triplicate copies)

Instructions: Triplicate form to be distributed as follows: 1 copy to DFBC upon submission of protest, 1 copy to opposing team and last copy to be retained by petitioner team.

Team Name:	Petitioner:
Team Captain:	Date of Filing:
Background Information:	
Main Issue(s):	
Applicable League and/or world bowling Rule(s):	
Requested Action(s) To Be Taken:	
Signatures:	

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11) SPONSORSHIP AND INCENTIVES

The referrer, excluding elected Officers, will receive incentive gift as a token of appreciation. Terms and conditions apply as set forth by the Governing Body.

12) MATTERS NOT COVERED

- 12.1 In case of various interpretations of the league rules, we refer to the 2024 Revised Constitution and By-Laws and latest IBF Universal Playing Rules.
- 12.2 Matters not covered herein will be decided upon by the Governing Body as deemed appropriate in accordance with accepted standards.
- 12.3 The Governing Body's decisions are final except when appeals are made.

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