

2014 MING PAO FAT CHOY CUP

Rules and Regulations

1. This tournament is organized by Chinese Bowling Congress and is sponsored by Ming Pao Daily News

2. Eligibility

- All current Chinese Bowling Congress leagues bowlers

3. Venue

- World Bowl , 9 East Wilmot Street, Richmond Hill

4. Date and Registration Time

- February 8, 2014, Saturday,
- 10:30 am to 11:00 am

5. Classification

- One Division – No average limit

6. Entry fee:

- \$85

7. Averages

- Highest average (minimum 21 games) of 2011-2012 Winter, 2012-2013 Winter from year book. Current 2013-2014 Winter will be used (minimum 21 games) if no previous year book's average. With no valid average, a bowler shall use 230 as average.

8. Handicap

- 65% of (230 minus average), men max. 45, ladies max. 55

9. Qualifying rounds

- \$10 per one qualify entry, unlimited entries.
- During league dates and time at Club 300 Bowl :
 - Mondays – 9 pm
Dec 9, 16, 23 Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 3
 - Tuesdays – 9 pm
Dec 10, 17 Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
 - Thursdays – 8:30 pm
Dec 12, 19 Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 - Special squads – (after league 11:15 pm)
Jan 28, 30 Feb 3
- During league dates and time at World Bowl :
 - Sundays – 9:30 am
Dec 15, 22 Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb 2
 - Special squad – Feb 2 (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm)
 - Tuesdays – 9:00 pm
Dec 10, 17 Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
 - Special squad – Jan 28 (after league 11:15 pm)
- Average of 3 games total pinfalls plus handicap will be carried forward to semi-final round.
- **Top 36 qualify scores will advance to semi-final round.**

10. Semi-final round

- Stage 1:
All 36 bowlers will bowl 5 games.
Top 16 scores with handicap plus the carried forward score from qualifying round will advance to stage 2
- Stage 2 :
All 16 bowlers will be divided into 4 groups A,B,C and D, and will bowl two games and no scores from stage 1 will be carried forward. Position 1, 8, 12 and 16 from stage 1 will be in group A. Position 2, 7, 11, 15 will be group B. Position 3, 6, 10 and 14 will be group C. Position 4, 5, 9 and 13 will be group D.
Top 2 bowlers scores with handicap from each group will advance to stage 3.

- Stage 3: The 8 bowlers from stage 2 will be divided into 2 groups based on their stage 2 scores from highest to lowest. Position 1, 4, 6 and 8 will be in group A, and position 2, 3, 5 and 7 will be in group B. All 8 bowlers will bowl 2 games and the top 2 scores with handicap from each group will advance to final round.

11. Final round

- The 4 bowlers from stage 3 of semi-final round will bowl 1 game, the top 2 scores with handicap will bowl one more game to determine the Champion.

12. Blind Double round

- The remaining 20 bowlers from stage 1 and 8 bowlers from stage 2 of semi-final round will advance to a FREE randomly drawn home team blind double 2-game round. Top 3 double scores with handicap will cash from this round. Additional double entry can be purchased at \$10 per bowler.

13. Prizes*

Champion - \$1000 + trophy
1 st runner-up - \$500
2 nd runner-up - \$250
3 rd runner-up – \$250
Position 5 to 8 will collect \$80 each

- subject to change depends on number of entries

14. Tie breakers

- Qualifying rounds – the score with the earlier qualifying date will advance, if both scores were on same date, high game scratch of the set will advance.
- For Semi-final and final rounds – 2 frames roll-off , 9th and 10th frame with 1/5 of handicap rounded down added to the pinfalls.

15. Etiquettes

- One lane courtesy is observed
- Non-CTF approved powder is not allowed in bowler's area and approach
- Non-bowler is not allowed in bowler's area

16. Bowler's attire

- No headgear or sleeveless shirt, no jeans with holes.
- For men, no shorts.
- Ladies may wear skirts, shorts or slacks.

17. Bowling balls

- It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that all bowling balls used during the tournament are verified legal under CTF/USBC specifications. Tournament committee reserves the right to examine the balls used by the participants. Use of an illegal ball will lead to disqualification and forfeiture of games, prizes and standings aside from any other penalties that may be imposed.
- Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed (i.e. only after completion/before commencement of each game), provided they are made at designated area and must not delay the bowler's and other's next turn.

18. CBC adjudication

- This is a non-sanctioned tournament. However, all CTF /USBC tournament rules will apply.
- CBC reserves the right to accept or refuse entry to this tournament.
- Any disputes will be settled by the CBC tournament committee
- An appeal must be submitted in writing to CBC within 30 days after the tournament for CBC's final decision