**PHILIPPINE SENIOR BOWLERS**

**2015 MONTHLY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The PSB MONTHLY CHAMPIONSHIPS is an eight (8) game series for PSB male members divided into two groups based on averages and eight (8) game series for all lady members into two (2) groups: (Group II men can play 6 games only provided they advice the Tournament Director or secretariat before the start of the game. Average after 6 games will be the score for the 7th and 8th game)

Group I - male members with averages 186 and above

Group II - male members with averages 185 and below

Group I - lady members with averages 161 and above

Group II - lady members with averages 160 and below

This is scheduled every last Sunday of every month unless advised at Playdium Bowling Center. Registration starts at 1:00 pm at the PSB secretariat and shadow bowling starts at 2:30 pm.

This is a handicap tournament open to all PSB members who have duly paid their annual dues. Bowlers who will be 50 years old by December 31, 2015 and those who are above 50 can play provided a member can recommend him or her and the Membership Committee approves his/her membership. **Ethics matter in PSB bowling.** First time annual membership due is P600 while succeeding dues for each year is P450. A player can only be allowed to play if he/has settled these dues.

1. **LANE ASSIGNMENT**

Participants shall draw their lane assignments upon registration and payment of P1400 for all Groups.

1. **UNIFORMS**

Official PSB uniform shall always be used unless uniforms are not available for first time participants. Short pants for male players are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. A deduction of ten (10) pins per game shall be imposed for either violation. New member/s must secure their uniforms upon registration. If uniforms are not available, new members must place their orders.

1. **TARDINESS**

A Player who arrives after the official roll-off time maybe allowed to play from the first frame provided the first bowler playing on his/her assigned pair of lanes have not thrown his/ her first ball of the fourth frame, otherwise he/or she will be considered late for the first game but can double his/her second game however his/her score must not exceed his/her entering average.

1. **AVERAGES**

Entering averages of members at the start of the year 2015 shall be from the ending average of the year 2014. Succeeding averages shall be computed based on 18 games starting from the January Monthly Championships up to the third monthly championships participated and then will be based on actual games participated onwards.

Entering average x 16 + January series (8 games) divided by 24.

Entering average x 8 + January + February series divided by 24

January + February + March series divided by 24

And so on and so forth

***New member’s average shall be based on association or club whichever is higher. If there is no basis for new member’s average, 195 for men and 165 for ladies will be considered as entering average. However, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to assign an entering average to a new member upon deliberation and review of his/her records. Likewise the said committee reserves further rights to review said average after 24 games.***

1. **SAFEGUARD AGAINST SANDBAGGING**

***Sandbagging shall not be allowed.*** Only scores (scratch) thirty (30) pins below and all scores higher of the bowlers average shall be included in the computation of his/her average. All scores lower than thirty (30) pins will be computed thirty (30) pins below his/her average. Example: Bowlers average is 180. Bowler scored 140. Score to be included in computation is 150 (180 – 30 = 150).

1. **TIE BREAKER**

In case of a tie, the bowler with the least difference between his or her highest and lowest score shall prevail.

1. **COMPUTATION OF HANDICAP**

Male and lady members 70 to 79 years old will have a plus five (5) handicap and members 80 years old and above will have a plus ten (10) over and above their existing and/or their maximum handicap. This applies to senior bowlers men with average 150 and below and ladies average 140 and below.

A member’s handicap cannot increase by more than five (5) pins every quarter but can decrease without limit.

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| **MEN** |
| GROUP 1 | GROUP 2 |
| AVERAGE | HDCP | AVERAGE | HDCP |
| 221 and above | 0 | 181 – 185 | 32 |
| 216 – 220 | 4 | 176 - 180 | 36 |
| 211 – 215 | 8 | 171 – 175 | 40 |
| 206 – 210 | 12 | 166 – 170 | 44 |
| 201 – 205 | 16 | 161 – 165 | 48 |
| 196 – 200 | 20 | 156 – 160 | 52 |
| 191 – 195 | 24 | 151 – 155  | 56 |
| 186 – 190 | 28 | 150 and below | 60 |

\*Senior Men 80 years old and above with an average of 140 and below will have a handicap of 65.

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| **LADIES** |
| GROUP 1 | GROUP 2 |
| AVERAGE | HDCP | AVERAGE | HDCP |
| 181 – 185 | 4 | 156 – 160 | 24 |
| 176 – 180 | 8 | 151 – 155 | 28 |
| 171 – 175 | 12 | 145 – 150 | 32 |
| 165 – 170  | 16 | 144 and below | 36 |
| 161 – 164 | 20 |  |  |

\*Senior Ladies 75 years old and above with an average of 135 and below will have a handicap of 41.

220 - Average = handicap for men

210 - Average = handicap for ladies

Monthly winners shall have corresponding deductions from their respective handicaps as follows:

 Men Ladies

Champion - minus 6 6

1st Runner-up - minus 4 4

2nd Runner-up - minus 3 2

3rd Runner-up - minus 2

\* This deduction is applicable on the next monthly tournament.

***The Tournament Committee reserves the right to assign a new average or handicap to a new or old member anytime they deem it necessary or reasonable upon deliberation or review of his/her records.***

1. **FEES (Includes Lane Fees)**

**Participants shall pay a tournament fee of P1,400.00 .**

1. **PRIZES**

Group I - Men Group II- Men Group I&II

 Ladies

 Champion P3,500 P3,000 P3,000

 1st Runner-up 2,500 2,000 2,000

 2nd Runner-up 1,500 1,500 1,000

 3rd Runner-up 1,000 1,000

 If the participants of any group fail to reach:

 3 – 4 players then only a champion will be declared

 5 – 6 players a champion and 1st runner-up will be declared

 7 players three (3) winners will be declared

Amended January 30, 2015 and effective immediately upon deliberation of the Board and the Tournament Committee.