

## Format

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1. There are separate divisions for men and women. All bowling is on a scratch basis. The championship will comprise a series of three stages of eliminations.
2. **Stage 1 – Qualifying Round.** Competition will consist of 24 qualifying games in four (4) six (6)-game blocks, each block being contested on a different lane-conditioning pattern.
3. **Stage 2 – Intermediate Round.** The field of bowlers is cut to the highest scoring 24 men and 24 women who then go on to roll eight (8) more games and added to the total pinfall from Stage 2 to determine standings.
4. **Stage 3 – Single Elimination** Head-to-Head Matches (Master Round). The field of bowlers is narrowed to the top eight (8) scores in the men and women's divisions. Each of the top eight is assigned a "seeding rank", based on total pinfall after 32 games. The man and women with the most pins become the No. 1 seeds in their respective divisions; the bowlers in each division with the second-best scores become No 2. Seed and so forth.
5. The top eight (8) men and women advance to the single elimination phase, and all pinfall totals from the two (2) previous rounds are dropped. Players are pitted against each other in head-to-head quarterfinal matches, semifinals, with the winners advancing to the final championship round. The winner of the men and women divisions will be declared the 2008 Bahamas National Champions.
3. A bowler arriving late will begin play and his/her score will be counted only from the frame then being bowled. A player not present and ready to bowl when it is his/her turn will not be credited for any pins for frames missed.
4. Only one re-rack per game will be allowed without the Tournament Director.
5. All bowlers must wear suitable attire. Each athlete must wear a collared shirt during competition. Dress slacks for men and skirts, skorts and shorts must be fingertip length when standing with arms down at sides. Any noncompliance to the dress code may result in a zero for the bowler until the issue is resolved.
6. Each bowler is responsible for verification of his/her own scores. Any corrections must be made prior to signing the recap forms. Questionable errors will be resolved by tournament management or upon appeal, by the Tournament Director.
7. Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director before the commencement of the next round.
8. Bowling balls must meet all USBC requirements for surface hardness, weight, balance and size/number of holes. Bowling ball regulations for professional organizations DO NOT apply. Any bowler concerned with his/her equipment should have it checked before competition begins.

## Eligibility

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1. All participants must be Bahamas Bowling Federation (BBF), Grand Bahama Bowling Association (USBC) member in good standing.
2. Each entrant must have maintained his/her amateur status as outlined in the FIQ/WTBA Rules.
9. Athletes must not smoke, consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition, i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he/she may be suspended from the tournament by the Tournament Director for that block of games.

## Rules

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1. This event is certified by Bahamas Bowling Federation (BBF).
2. Bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice prior to the beginning of each block.
10. Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed, provided they are not consumed in the player's area. Any foods or drinks need to be placed behind the settee area during competition.
11. Questions not covered by these document rules will be decided by the Tournament Director.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### Sunday, February 21st, 2010

**4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony**  
Waterworld Center

6:15 – 6:25 p.m. Practice Session  
6:30 p.m. Block 1 (6 games)

### Monday, February 22nd, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 2 (6 Games)

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 3 (6 Games)

### Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 4 (6 Games)

### Wednesday, February 24th, 2010

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 5 (6 Games)

### Thursday, February 25th, 2010

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 6 (6 Games)

### Friday, February 26th, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 7 (6 Games)

### Saturday, February 27th, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 8 (6 Games)

### Sunday, February 28th, 2010

6:15 – 6:25 p.m. Practice Session  
6:30 p.m. Block 9 (6 games)

### Monday, March 1st, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 10 (6 Games)

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 11 (6 Games)

### Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 12 (6 Games)

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 13 (6 Games)

### Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 14 (6 Games)

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 15 (6 Games)

### Thursday, March 4th, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 16 (6 Games)

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 17 (6 Games)

### Friday, March 5th, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 18 (6 Games)

7:15 - 7:25 p.m. Practice Session  
7:30 p.m. Block 19 (6 Games)

### Saturday, March 6th, 2010

9:45 - 9:55 a.m. Practice Session  
10:00 a.m. Block 20 (6 Games)

### **MASTER ROUND – Top 24 Men & Women**

6:15 - 6:25 p.m. Practice Session  
6:30 p.m. Block 21 (8 Games)

### Sunday, March 7th, 2010

1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. Practice Session  
2:00 p.m. Position Round (Top 8)

\*\*\*\* CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND\*\*\*\*  
AWARDS CEREMONY

### TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

<b>Tournament Director:</b>	<b>Monique Leary</b>
Assistant Directors:	Leslie Seymour
<b>Tournament Secretary:</b>	<b>John Fox</b>
Assistant Secretary:	Earlin Bowe
<b>Tournament Treasurer:</b>	<b>Stephen Adderley</b>
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