

# World Bowling Tour *Major*

# BOWLING WORLD OPEN

## — Bowling To the Olympics —

### Tournament Information

Organizer	JAPAN BOWLING CONGRESS (JBC)
Supporters	Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan Japan Sports Association    Japanese Olympic Committee Tokyo Metropolitan Government Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education    Tokyo Sports Association Japan Sports Council    (All tentative)
Main Sponsor	Round 1
Sponsors	To be decided
Cooperate	Bowling Proprietors' Association of Japan Bowling Proprietors' Association of Kanto Bowling Proprietors' Association of Tokyo Japan Association of Registered Bowling Alleys. Tokyo Association of Registered Bowling Alleys Japan Professional Bowling Association Japan Bowlers' Association All Japan Businessman's Bowling Association Japan Ladies Bowling Club    (All tentative)
Approval	WORLD BOWLING    World Bowling Tour Major Asian Bowling Federation (ABF)    Asian Ranking Tournament Japan Bowling Congress(JBC) Japan Professional Bowling Association (JPBA)    (All tentative)
Hosted by	Tokyo Bowling Association
Dates	July 9 – 12, 2015 (including Preliminary Round))
TV	To be broadcasted by TV Tokyo
Venue	Round 1 Minamisuna / Shinagawa Prince Hotel B/C Makuhari Messe (Built-in lanes) - Final, Mixed Doubles

Entry Fee JPY10,000 or US\$100 - Main Tournament, JPY5000 or US\$50/squad - Preliminary

Prize Money Champion: JPY10,000,000 (Approx. US\$83,000) for both men and women  
Refer to Prize List for other standings

Entry Fill in the entry form on the official site (official site will be created soon) and send it through the site or via e-mail to [bowling@japans-sports.or.jp](mailto:bowling@japans-sports.or.jp) on and after April 20(Japan time). Entry form dated before that will not be accepted.  
Maximum number of participants will be 100 for men and 80 for women.

Format **Preliminary Round** : Each squad consists of 3 games. Bowlers can bowl as many squads as they want to bowl by registering to a vacant squad. The best three game total pins in a squad will be the bowler's qualifying score for the main tournament.

**Main Tournament**

**Singles** Men and women will bowl in separated divisions but in the same format.

Qualifying round : The best 20 bowlers from International Preliminary Round, the best 12 bowlers from Local Preliminary Round and following seed bowlers will bowl 5 games of Qualification.

Category	Men	Women
<b>Preliminary</b>		
International bowlers	20	20
Local bowlers	12	12
<b>Special Seed</b>		
Sponsor invitees	2	2
Japan National Bowlers	3	3
Invitees from JPBA	3	3
Invitees from PBA/PWBA	2	2
Federations of USA, England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Australia, China and Korea	2 each	2 each
<b>Seed</b>		
Federations from 50 other countries/regions chosen by the organizer (refer to the list)	1 each	1 each
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>

Semifinal : The best 33 bowlers based on the pin-falls of the Qualification will bowl 3 games with the pin falls of the Qualification carried forward.

Final : The best 4 bowlers based on the pin-falls of foregoing 8 games will proceed to two rounds of TV Final to be conducted in single elimination matches. Bowler No.1 after Semifinal will bowl against No.4, while No.2 against No.3 and the

losers will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> positioned.

The two winners will proceed to the championship match to determine Round 1 World Open Champion and the 2<sup>nd</sup> position

### **Mixed Doubles Exhibition Matches**

Four mixed doubles from each of the Eurasia, the Africa, the Americas and Japan will bowl Mixed Doubles Exhibition Matches. Each of the doubles will be the one consisting of one male bowler and one female bowler, either of who was not qualified for the Final and the total of whose scores is the best in the Continent.

1st round : Each of the four doubles will be assigned to a lane by draw and bowl one game. 2 losing team will declared 3rd position.

2nd round : Two winning doubles from the 1st round will bowl one game to determine the 1st position and 2nd position.

Tie breaker : In case of any tie in the cut line, one shot roll-off will be played until the tie breaks. In case of Mixed Doubles, one representative from each double will play the roll-off. In other cases, co-winner will be declared and the prize money of the two positions should be divided equally and be paid to the co-winners.

Visa procedure: PBA(PWBA) and KPBA bowlers will need COE to get visa at Consular's office in their residence. The organizer will support them to get COE. Other bowlers will get a short term stay visa within 90 days.

All renewed information will be updated on the official site including hotel information, and the renewed information on the site should be official. (Official site will be established soon and there will be a link to JBC official site([www.jbc-bowling.or.jp](http://www.jbc-bowling.or.jp))).