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- b. **Secretary / Tournament Manager** – Mr. Manuel Sengson
- c. **3-Person Jury of Appeal** – To be appointed by President of Asian Bowling Federation
- d. **International Technical Delegate** – To be appointed by President of Asian Bowling Federation
- e. **International Technical Committee Member** – To be appointed by President of Asian Bowling Federation

COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Dates and Venues

The 23rd SEA Games Bowling Competition will be held from 28 November up to 4 December 2005 at the Pearl Bowling Center at Pearl Plaza, Parañaque City.

2. Events

The 23rd SEA Games Bowling Competition will be contested in the following events for both men and women:

Singles	6 games
Doubles	6 games
Trios	6 games
Teams of Five	6 games
All Events	Total pinfalls of above 24 games
Masters	15 games plus one game of position round

3. Competition Schedule

26 November *Arrival of Participants*
Ball registration

27 November
0900 *Team Managers Meeting*

OPENING CEREMONIES

28 November
0900 – 1100 Official Practice Squad A
1100 – 1230 Lane Maintenance
1230 – 1430 Official Practice Squad B

29 November
0900 – 1200 Singles (6 games) Women
1200 – 1330 Lane Maintenance
1330 – 1630 Singles (6 games) Men
1630 – 1730 Medal Presentation – Singles event

30 November
0900 – 1200 Doubles (6 games) Men
1200 – 1330 Lane Maintenance
1330 – 1630 Doubles (6 games) Women
1630 – 1730 Medal Presentation – Doubles event

01 December
0900 – 1140 Trios (3 games) 1st block Men and Women
1140 – 1310 Lane Maintenance
1310 – 1550 Trios (3 games) 2nd block Men and Women
1550 – 1650 Medal Presentation – Trios event

02 December

0900 – 1230 Team of 5 (3 games) 1st block Men and Women
1230 – 1400 Lane Maintenance
1400 – 1730 Team of 5 (3 games) 2nd block Men and Women
1730 – 1830 Medal Presentation – Team of 5

03 December

1000 – 1230 Masters (8 games) 1st block Men
1230 – 1400 Lane Maintenance
1400 – 1630 Masters (8 games) 1st block Women

04 December

1000 – 1230 Masters (8 games) 2nd block Women
1230 – 1400 Lane Maintenance
1400 – 1630 Masters (8 games) 2nd block Men
1630 – 1730 Medal Presentation - Masters

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Rules

The 23rd SEA Games Bowling Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of FIQ and World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA). In case of a disagreement in the interpretation of rules from versions in different languages, the English text will prevail. Any unforeseen incident not covered by the Rules shall be dealt with accordingly in the following manner:

- 1.1.** Technical questions shall be resolved in accordance with the WTBA Playing Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2.** Cases of general nature shall be resolved in accordance with the SEA Games Federation (SEAGF) Statutes and Rules (2005). Particularly, the following rules shall have precedence:

SEAGF Rule 31 – Eligibility Code

To be eligible for participation in the SEA Games, a competitor must comply with the SEA Games Federation Statutes and Rules as well as Rule 45 and the By-Laws to Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter.

SEAGF Rule 32 – Nationality of Competitor

Only nationals of the country of the NOC shall be qualified to represent the NOC in the Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which competitor may represent in the SEA Games shall be resolved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the By-Laws to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter.

SEAGF Rule 34 – Medical Code:

- a. Doping violation as defined by the WADA Code is forbidden.
- b. All competitors are liable to medical control and examination carried out in conformity with the rules of the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission, the WADA Anti-Doping Code and Explanatory documents.
- c. Competitors in sports restricted to women must comply with the prescribed tests for femininity, when needed.
- d. Any competitor refusing to submit for a medical control or examination or is found guilty of an Anti-doping violation shall be excluded from the SEA

- games. The principles of exclusion for teams and individuals shall be in accordance with the WADA Code.
- e. A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.
 - f. A Medical Commission as approved by the Medical Committee of the SEAG Federation will be set up to implement these rules. Members of which be nominated by their respective NOC as approved by the Medical Commission of the SEAG Federation.
 - g. The above regulations shall in no way affect further sanctions by the International Federation.

SEAGF Rule 38 – Number of Entries:

The maximum number of entries from each nation in each event is fixed by the Federation in consultation with the Host NOC. However, the following numbers cannot be exceeded:

- a. For individual events, including singles and doubles event, there shall only be two (2) entries from each NOC (excluding reserves). For the sports of Arnis, Bodybuilding, Boxing, Judo, Karate-do, Muay, Pencak Silat, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, and Wushu, there shall only be one (1) entry per weight category from each NOC, and for Sailing where there shall only be one (1) entry per event from each NOC. Any event with three (3) or more members to make up a team shall be deemed to be a team event, and there shall only be one team (entry) from each NOC.
- b. For team events, one (1) team per nation, the number of reserves shall not exceed the number of players allowed by the International Federation.
- c. For events where both team and individual competitions are conducted at the same time, the competitors for any one NOC cannot win more than two (2) medals in their respective individual events.

SEAGF Rule 41 – International Federation:

- a. The Organizing Committee shall write to the International Federation or the Asian Sports Federation concerned for their permission to hold their sport in the Games. The Organizing Committee may invite a representative who shall arrive at least three (3) days before the beginning of the first event of their sport in order to check the facilities and equipment and arrange the entries, which conform to its rules and the rules of the SEAGF.
- b. The Organizing Committee shall pay the accommodation, meals and local expenses of its representative at the established rate of the Organizing Committee until two (2) days after the closing of their competition.
- c. In exceptional cases, if for technical reasons the presence of additional delegates is necessary, the appropriate arrangements shall be made with the Organizing Committee; the Executive Committee must be previously informed. In case of disagreement, the Executive Committee shall decide.

SEAGF Rule 42 – Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal:

- a. The necessary Technical Officials (referees, judges, umpires, timekeepers, inspectors, etc.) and a Jury of Appeal for each sport shall be appointed by the appropriate National Federation of the Host Country, which shall direct their work in conjunction with the Organizing Committee.

- b. If technical officials are needed from the other Member Organizations, to be invited to the Games, the Organizing Committee shall seek approval from the Executive Committee. Should the Executive Committee approve the request, the Organizing Committee shall pay their expenses for accommodation, meals, and local transport for the whole period of the Games.
- c. The technical officials and the members of the Jury of Appeal must have never been professionals in sport.
- d. No official who has participated in a decision may serve in the Jury of Appeal that reviews it. The findings of the Jury shall be communicated as soon as possible to the Organizing Committee and the Executive Committee.
- e. Technical officials may not live in the Games Villages, but the Organizing Committee shall ensure and bear the cost of their living accommodation, including board and local transport facilities.
- f. The Jury of Appeal's decision on all technical questions concerning its respective disciplinary nature is final. They shall, however, be without prejudice to any further penalty, which may be imposed by the Executive Committee.
- g. The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a Chairman/ woman, which position shall be filled up by the Host Country of the Games with a representative of each member country as members.
- h. The International Technical delegates to the Games may be appointed ex-officio members of the body and shall act only in an advisory capacity, unless their respective International Federation requires otherwise
- i. In the event of a dispute or protest relative to technical questions concerning its respective sporting event, representatives of countries in the Jury of Appeal whose countries are involved in the dispute or protest may be allowed to participate in the deliberations, but cannot vote in the resolution of the protest or dispute.

SEAGF Rule 43 – Court of Appeal

The Executive Committee on behalf of the Federation is the Court of Appeal, which will decide finally on all questions concerning the Games. NOCs or the Organizing Committee may submit questions to the Court of Appeal. In addition the Court of Appeal may intervene in all questions of non-technical nature outside the Jurisdiction of the Juries of Appeal set up for each sport in the programme.

SEAGF Rule 44 – Claims and Protests

- a. Claims and protests made to the judges on the grounds concerning matters of fact are decided by them without appeal. Appeals against other decisions of the Judges or with regard to any other matter must be addressed to the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal for the sport concerned by a representative of the NOC of the country making the appeal.
- b. For exceptional circumstances, any claim must be made within thirty (30) minutes of the decision giving rise to the claim. The Jury of Appeal after an investigation shall then give a decision and this decision shall be irrevocable, except for the case of a disqualification of a team or of a competitor for infraction of the Southeast Asian Games Federation, which shall be decided by the Court of Appeal. All claims and appeals must be made in writing.

SEAGF Rule 45 – Penalties in Case of Fraud:

A competitor proved fraudulently to have transgressed the Rules and Regulations of the Southeast Asian Games Federation, shall be disqualified and lose any position he/she may have gained. If this competitor's NOC is proved to have been a party to the fraud, his/her country shall be disqualified in the sport involved.

2. Participants

- 2.1. The 23rd SEA Games Bowling Competition is reserved for teams representing National Federations affiliated to the SEA Games Federation.
- 2.2. Only competitors who comply with the conditions laid down in the SEAGF Statutes and Rules (2003) and the FIQ Rules are entitled to participate.
- 2.3. Each participating NOC may enter one team composed of six (6) male and six (6) female bowlers, and one (1) Manager and one (1) Coach each for the men's and women's teams.
- 2.4. All final line-ups must be submitted to the Tournament Manager half an hour after the end of each event.

3. Entries

- 3.1. Entries in each participating country must be submitted in accordance with the regulation laid down by the Organizing Committee of the 23rd SEA Games.
- 3.2. Preliminary Deadline for "Entry by Number"
Preliminary entry forms by number from each participating country, forwarded through the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC), must be completed and should be received by PhilSOC not later than 31 May 2005 at 2400 hours Philippine time (GMT +8).
- 3.3. Final Deadline for "Entry by Name"
The entry forms by name must be received by PhilSOC not later than 27 October 2005 at 2400 hours Philippine time (GMT +8).
- 3.4. Both entries by number and name may be sent by fax or e-mail, but must subsequently be confirmed with the original documents, by mailing them to the following address:

PhilSOC Secretariat Office
3rd floor Room 358
Philippine International Convention Center
CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City
Tel no.: (632) 8342432/36
Fax: +63 2 834-2434
Website: www.2005seagames.com.ph

4. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held one (1) day before the commencement of the competition. The time and venue of the meeting will be announced later.

COMPETITION GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Format of Play

Each game shall be bowled on a pair of lanes. Individuals shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and alternate and use the adjoining

lane for the next frame, so alternating until five frames are bowled on each lane, thus completing the game. When any question arises as to which of the two bowlers shall bowl first, it is incumbent upon the bowler on the right to do so.

2. System of Competition

In each of the following events, players assigned to commence bowling on odd numbered lanes will move left and players assigned to commence bowling on even numbered lanes will move right for each successive game. The Tournament Manager will determine the number of lanes to be moved each game during the event.

2.1. Singles

Open to all members of each team. Six (6) games in one block across twelve (12) lanes with two (2) persons from the same federation scheduled per lane, if feasible. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.

2.2. Doubles

Six (6) games in one block across twelve (12) lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Three (3) teams for men and three (3) teams for women per federation, one to be scheduled per lane. The team of the same federation shall be scheduled on different squads when possible.

2.3. Trios

Six (6) games in two different blocks across twelve (12) lanes on the same day, with two (2) men's teams and two (2) women's teams per federation. One team will be scheduled per lane, and each game shall be played on a different set of lanes.

2.4. Teams of Five

Six (6) games in two different blocks across twelve (12) lanes on the same day, with one team scheduled per lane and each game played on a different set of lanes. A team may change one player at the start of the second block or make a change as otherwise provided under the substitution rule. Line-up changes will be allowed for the second block, but cannot be made during a block.

2.5. Extra Players

All players shall be scheduled for make-up teams to bowl towards their All-Events total. Players from different federations shall be combined for such team.

2.6. Masters & Finals

2.6.1. The Finals shall consist of a round-robin competition between the top sixteen (16) players who qualify based on the scores from their 24 qualifying games (six each from Singles, Doubles, Trios, and Teams of Five). One-game matches will be played. A final match will be played as a ranking round making a total of sixteen (16) matches bowled over two (2) days.

2.6.2. Players failing to qualify for the Masters final shall fill vacancies that may exist at the start of this competition. Such vacancy/vacancies shall be filled by the top-ranked non-qualifiers from the 24 games All-Around competition. In case of a tie between two or more non-qualifiers, the selection will be made by a roll – off.

2.7. Substitution

A player who has already started in an event shall not be replaced. A pacer will be used in the event of any walkover in any of the events.

3. Draw of Code Numbers and Lanes

Code numbers shall be drawn according to country and shall be done in the Team Manager's Meeting.

4. Submission of Line-Up

All final line-ups must be submitted to the Tournament Manager half an hour after the end of each event.

5. Interrupted Games

The Tournament Manager may authorize the competition of a game and series on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes delays the normal progress of the series. An interrupted game and series that cannot be completed on the same date must resume from the point of interruption.

6. Bowling on the Wrong Lanes

6.1. When only one (1) player of the lead-off persons on both teams bowl on a wrong lane, and the error is discovered before another player has bowled, a dead ball shall be declared and the player/s is/are required to bowl again on the correct lanes.

6.2. When more than one (1) player on the same team has bowled on the wrong lane, the game shall be completed without adjustment and the next game shall be started on a correctly scheduled lane.

6.3. If during the finals of the Masters, where players normally bowl two (2) frames during their turn to bowl, a player bowls on the wrong lane for these two (2) frames, a dead ball shall be declared and the player must bowl both frames again on the correct lanes, provided the error is discovered before the opposing player has bowled on that same lane. Otherwise, the score shall count and the player must bowl all remaining frames on the correct lanes.

7. Slow Bowling

7.1. Player preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:

7.1.1. They may claim right of way over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left.

7.1.2. They may yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl

on the lane immediately to their right.

7.1.3. Players shall be ready to bowl on their turn and should not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lanes immediately adjacent to them are clear.

7.2. If the player does not observe the procedures mentioned in the above paragraph, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned/penalized by an authorized tournament official as follows:

7.2.1. White Card – 1st Offence – No penalty

7.2.2. Yellow Card – 2nd Offence – No penalty

7.2.3. Red Card – 3rd and Succeeding Offences in a block of games – Zero Pinfall per concerned frame.

7.3. For interpretation of this rule, the Delegate of the Day shall specifically monitor any player or team that gets more than four frames behind the leader, not counting the end pairs of lanes.

7.4. Whenever there is any question concerning the enforcement of this rule or lack thereof, the final decision shall be made by the Technical Committee, notwithstanding the reference to the Delegate of the Day in Rule 313.

8. Prohibited Items

8.1. The players must not smoke or consume/play under the influence of alcohol during the competition, i.e. during those players' block of games. In those instances where it is established that a player violates this rule, the Tournament Manager or his/her assistants may refer him/her to the Technical Committee for suspension from the tournament for the series of games being played. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks are allowed provided they are not consumed in the players' area.

8.2. The players must not wear any headgear during the competition, with the exception of hair bands.

8.3. Altering the surface of a bowling ball through the use of abrasives or liquids while bowling in the competition is prohibited. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from the competition. This does not prohibit the use of a recognized ball cleaning or polishing machine during competition (By-Law to Rule 128).

8.4. If it is shown that the player concerned had prior knowledge that his/her actions would violate the above rule, the game/s in which the violation occurred is/are subject to forfeiture. In addition, the player is subject to removal from the event in progress.

8.5. Introduction of powder and other substances on the approach will not be allowed. All other substances for drying hands must be placed behind the bowlers' area.

9. Officials / Jury of Appeal

9.1. Tournament Manager

The host country shall select a manager for the tournament. The manager and designated representatives shall supervise and direct the tournament. This shall include responsibility to the Technical Committee and Chief Marshall of the Day, in compliance with the WTBA playing rules and codes of conduct.

9.2. Technical Committee

The Technical Committee for the games shall consist of the Tournament Manager, and one (1) Technical Delegate and Technical Committee Member from each of the countries appointed by the President of the Asian Bowling Federation.

The Technical Delegate shall advise and counsel with the Tournament Committee and Tournament Manager with regard to the lane conditioning procedures and techniques prior to the start of the event, and on a daily basis during the competition. Should there be a disagreement between the host country and the Technical Committee, the decision of the Technical Committee shall be final.

9.3. Chief Marshall of the Day

The Technical Committee shall arrange for one or more Chief Marshall of the Day who shall have the responsibility of compliance with WTBA Playing Rules, uniform requirement, code of conduct and disqualification when any conduct becomes harmful to the Tournament operation. They shall work with the Tournament Manager and his assistants with regard to the daily operation of the tournament.

All matters that cannot be settled by the Chief Marshall of the Day shall be heard and reviewed by the Technical Committee. The decision of the Technical Committee is final unless there is an appeal to the Jury of Appeal within twenty-four (24) hours after the decision is announced, or before the prize presentation, whichever is sooner.

Protests on eligibility arising after the conclusion of the championship shall be lodged directly to the Jury of Appeals within thirty (30) days.

9.4. Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal shall be a three-member jury appointed by the President of the Asian Bowling Federation.

The President of the Asian Bowling Federation shall appoint the Jury of Appeal for the Games, and three different countries must be represented on this body.

The jury of appeal shall be empowered to cite before it all papers and persons involved in the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting, or if deemed appropriate, the Jury of Appeal may decide an issue by mail vote after all materials involved in the matter have been studied by each of its members.

9.5. Appeal Procedure

All appeals for the Technical Committee's decisions must be filed in writing with the Delegate of the Day or with any member of the Jury of Appeal. Each appeal must be specific and include a fee of US\$100.00. If the appeal is not upheld by the Jury of Appeal, the fee will be forfeited to the Asian Bowling Federation.

9.6. Pre-Tournament Meeting

Immediately prior to the Tournament, a team managers' meeting of participating federations will be held to resolve any pending questions. This meeting shall be chaired by the President of the Asian Bowling Federation.

10. Protests

- 10.1.** Protests involving the eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible Tournament Official not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the concerned game. If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour period, the game shall stand as bowled. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself. This rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.
- 10.2.** Errors in scoring or errors in calculation in tournament play must be corrected by a responsible tournament official upon immediate discovery of such an error. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the Tournament Committee.

The time limit for filing protests on scoring errors shall be one (1) hour from the end of the event, or before the prize presentation or commencement of the next round (Singles matches only), whichever is sooner. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself. This rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

11. Tie-Breaking Procedures

- 11.1.** The player or team with the highest score in each event shall be the winner. When equal score ties registered for any of the first three places in the Five Player Teams, Trios, Double and singles events, co-champions shall be declared.
- 11.2.** If a tie still exists in any of the above events after the tie-breaker round ends, the ninth and tenth frames will be repeated until the tie is broken.

12. Dress Code

All participants in the games shall wear a standard uniform with the name of their respective country printed on the back of the shirt. Individual variations to the uniform are not permitted. Each member of a team must be in exact team uniform during an event and not in a combination of color and design.

13. Equipment

All participants must register and submit their bowling ball/s for verification for correctness of weight and other specifications as conforming to WTBA rules and regulation. Participants bowling with a non-registered bowling ball/s may have their scores declared null and void.

PRIZES AND COMMENDATION

1. Victory Ceremonies

The Victory Ceremonies shall normally be held after the completion of each event. Participants receiving awards must wear official NOC uniform.

2. Prizes

a. Individual Events – Singles, Masters

First Prize: Gold Medal and Diploma to the winner in each event.

Second Prize: Silver Medal and Diploma to the athlete placed second in each event.

Third Prize: Bronze Medal and Diploma to the athletes placed third in each event.

b. Team Events – Doubles, Trios, Teams of Five

First Prize: Gold Medal and Diploma to each member of the winning team in each event.

Second Prize: Silver Medal and Diploma to each member of the team placed second in each event.

Third Prize: Bronze Medal and Diploma to each member of the team placed third in each event.

Each country can only win a maximum of two (2) medals per event in accordance with the SEA Games Rules. In the event that bowlers from the same country finish first, second, and third, the bronze medal shall be awarded to the highest placed bowler from a different federation.

There shall be no tie for gold, silver or bronze medal placing, except in events where there is no play-off between losing semi-finalists for the bronze medal. Should there be a tie at the end of a competition for the gold, silver, or bronze placing, a sudden death play-off shall be held to break the tie.