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Tournament information	
The tournament is open for	Athletes from IBF 's member federations
Tournament organizer	OY Bowling AB
Centre	Tali Bowling Centre
City	Helsinki
Federation	Finland
First day	3 January 2025
Last day	12 January 2025

Tournament delimitations	
Category	Open
Event	Singles Mixed
Women handicap	8 pins per game A handicap is counted as a pin fall No handicap will be awarded in roll-off shots and roll-off frames
Max women scratch game	300 (HCP will be reduced with the amount above 300)

Tournament contact	
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Centre specifications	
Number of lanes	36
Approaches	Brunswick Pro Anvilane Texture
Surfaces	Brunswick Pro Anvilane
Pin decks	Brunswick Anti s Kid

Pin setters	Brunswick GSX
Pins	Brunswick Max
Score system	Brunswick Vector with Vector Plus

Dressing specifications	
Oil machines	Brunswick Max
Oil	<i>TBD</i>
Cleaner	<i>TBD</i>
Pattern prepared by	Tali Bowling Centre
Dressing done by	Tali Bowling Centre

Prize money specifications	
Prize fund status	Fixed
Tax on prizes	Yes
Tax rules	<p>Because of the Finnish tax regulations, there will be a tax on prize money for non-Finnish participants. The tax, which is 15% of any prize, will be deducted from the prizes by the organizer.</p> <p>Anyhow, an exception exists for US citizens competing in Finland, since their income is free from Finnish tax, if the total of one person's income does not exceed 20.000 USD over the tax year. If this limit is passed, then the whole sum is liable to taxation.</p> <p>The payer can take into account the tax treaty relief only if it is marked in the tax at source card.</p> <p>read more https://vero.fi/en/individuals/tax-cards-and-tax-returns/arriving-in-finland/work-in-finland/specific-instructions-for-different-occupations/performing-artists-sportsmen-and-athlet/</p>

Prize money expressed in €	
Position	Singles Mixed
Position 1	12.000
Position 2	7.000
Position 3	4.400
Position 4	4.400
Position 5-6	2.500
Position 7-8	2.200
Position 9-10	2.000
Position 11-12	1.800
Position 13-14	1.600
Position 15-16	1.500

Position 17	1.200
Position 18	1.100
Position 19-32	1.000
Position 33-48	800
1 st Woman out of top 48	700
2 nd Woman out of top 48	600
3 rd Woman out of top 48	500
4 th Woman out of top 48	400
5 th Woman out of top 48	300
First 300 game or high game	2.000
300 game/high game	3.000
250eXtra winner	1.000
No250eXtra winner	300
Total	88.900

<p>Tournament format</p> <p>Qualification Entries and re-entries, 6 games</p> <p>The warmup time in qualification squads and prior to any final stage, except matches in Final step 4 and 5, is 10 minutes. Before Final step 4 all 4 athletes have 10 minutes warmup in the TV pair. Athletes, who will play in later matches, can continue their warmup an another lane pair.</p> <p>Desperado Squad Desperado squad, 1 game</p> <p>48 athletes will qualify for the final steps A: Top 38 from the general standing B: Top 2 from a separate standing in squad 14-16 C: Top 2 from a separate standing in squad 9-13 D: Top 3 from a separate standing in squad 1-8 E: Top 3 from the desperado squad</p> <p>An athlete will qualify only once and always in the listed order starting from A</p> <p>Seeding for the final step 1-2 Athletes positioned 1-16 in the general standing will qualify for the final step 2 All other qualified athletes will play in the final step 1</p> <p>Final step 1 32 athletes will play 6 games starting from scratch Top 16 will qualify for the final step 2 Athletes not continuing will be ranked 33-48 according to their positions in the final step 1</p>
<p>Final step 2 32 athletes will play 8 games starting from scratch Top 16 will qualify for the final step 3, seeded 1-16 Athletes not continuing will be ranked 17-32 according to their positions in the final step 2</p> <p>Division in groups for step 3</p>

The 16 remaining athletes will be divided in two groups as follows:

Group A will include athletes seeded 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16 in step 2

Group B will include athletes seeded 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 in step 2

Final step 3

Both groups will play a Round Robin with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward There will be 7 one game matches in the Round Robin

After the conclusion of each match in all 7 rounds, bonus points will be added to the score total as follows: 30 points for a won match and 15 points for a tied match.

Each group will end step 3 with a separate standing including an accumulated total of the score of the 8 games in step 2, the score of the 7 games in step 3 and all won bonus points in the Round Robin matches

From both groups the two highest positioned athletes will qualify for the final step 4

Athletes not continuing will be ranked as follows:

The two athletes positioned 3 in the groups will be ranked 5 and 6

The two athletes positioned 4 in the groups will be ranked 7 and 8

Etc. down to position 15 and 16

The internal ranking between the two athletes with the same position number in each their group will be decided by ranking the athlete with highest seeding number first.

Final step 4 (TV pair)

There will be 2 one game Semi Final matches, both starting from scratch

Semi Final 1

The athlete positioned 1 in group B vs. the athlete positioned 2 in group A

Both athletes are allowed two warmup shots at each lane

The winner of the match continues to the final step 5

Semi Final 2

The athlete positioned 1 in group A vs. the athlete positioned 2 in group B

Both athletes are allowed two warmup shots at each lane

The winner of the match continues to the final step 5

The internal ranking between the two losing athletes will be decided by ranking the athlete with highest seeding number first.

Final Step 5 (TV pair)

Two athletes will play a one game match, starting from scratch

Both athletes are allowed two warmup shots at each lane

The loser of the match will be ranked 2

The winner of the match will be ranked

Tournament tie rules

Qualification

The highest positioned athlete will be the athlete scoring the highest last game. If a tie still exists, the highest positioned athlete will be the athlete with the highest second last game etc.

Desperado

A tie influencing who will qualify for the first final step will be broken by playing a 9th and 10th frame roll off, repeated until the tie is broken.

Final Step 1-3

Ties influencing who will qualify for the next final step, and ties for any of the first 2 positions in each group of step 3, will be broken by playing a 9th and 10th frame roll off, repeated until the tie is broken.

In all other tie situations in step 1-3, a procedure similar to the procedure for the qualification will be followed. When games are compared in the final step 3, bonus points won in the matches are not taken into consideration.

Final Step 4-5

In case of a tie in any match, a one-ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

The Brunswick Ballmaster Open 300eXtra

The Brunswick Ballmaster Open 300eXtra (BBO300eXtra) is open only for all Brunswick Ballmaster Open participants. The total fixed prize money in BBO300eXtra is 6.300 €.

The entry fee for entering into the Brunswick Ballmaster Open 300eXtra is € 10.

One entry fee covers one 6 game qualification or one game desperado squad.

The entry fee also covers all bowler games in the final if he/she enter the 300eXtra competition in the squad he/she qualify for the final.

Eventually games played before the athlete enters the BBO300eXtra are not valid in the competition.

Eventually games played in squads, where the athlete does not enter the BBO300eXtra, are not valid in the competition.

An athlete cannot pay an entry fee just before the final, to participate in Brunswick Ballmaster Open 300eXtra at the final day.

300 games in BBO300eXtra in qualification, desperado or in the final step 1 to 5

First 300 game:

If there are no more 300 games, the first 300 game will win 5.000 €.

If there are more 300 games, the first 300 game will win 2.000 €.

If there will be more 300 games, the bowler who made the first 300 game will play in the roll off for 3.000 € (see the tie rules below).

Next 300 game(s):

All bowlers who make a 300 game will play a roll off for 3.000 €. Bowler who made more than one acceptable 300 games will get one entry per accepted 300 game in the roll off.

If there is no 300 game in the BBO300eXtra in any phase, the 5.000 € will be split among bowlers scoring the highest game in the BBO300eXtra in any phase.

Tie rules

A one-ball roll off with a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

If more than two bowlers take part in the roll off and there is a tie in the roll off, only bowlers, who tie with the highest score, will continue to the next roll off.

The roll off will be played after the TV finals of the Brunswick Ballmaster Open and on the TV-pair.

The playing order will be chosen by the athlete who rolled the first 300 game.

In case of further ties, the order will be reversed for each round.

All athletes will shoot on the same lane.

The lane will be chosen by the Tournament Director.

If there are more rounds in the roll off, the lane will be alternated on each round.

Athletes have two practice balls on both lanes.

Practice lanes will be available on a lane specified by the organizer before the roll off.

250eXtra roll off finals

All athletes entering the 300eXtra in squads 1 to 15 are automatically included in the 250eXtra competition for no additional fee.

All athletes who bowl one or more scratch games of 250 or higher will play a roll off.

The winner of the roll off will be awarded € 1.000. The lane draw for the roll off is done by the organizer.

The athlete will play the first 3 roll off rounds at the same lane.

If there are still more than 24 athletes left back in the roll off, they will bowl at the same lane until there is 24 athletes or less left back.

The roll offs will be played on Friday 10th January at 21.00 (right after the last squad).

There will be no lane maintenance before the roll offs.

1st roll off

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins. Athletes scoring 8 pins or more will continue to the next roll off.

If there are no score of 8 pins or higher, the athletes who are tied at the highest score, will continue to the next roll off.

2nd roll off

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins. Athletes scoring 9 or more will continue to the next roll off.

If there are no score of 9 pins or higher, the athletes who are tied with the highest score, will continue to the next roll off.

3rd roll off and further in case where more than 24 athletes continue

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.

Athletes scoring strikes will continue to the next roll off.

If no strike is scored the, athletes who are tied with the highest score, will continue to the next roll off.

4th roll off and further

If the number of athletes is 24 or less, a new lane draw is made by the organizer.

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.

Athletes scoring a strike will continue to the next roll off.

If no strikes are scored, the athletes who are tied with the highest score will continue to the next roll off.

For the next roll off the athlete move one lane to the right.

The winner will be the winner of the last roll off.

No250eXtra roll off finals

All athletes entering the 300eXtra in squads 1 to 15 are automatically included in the No250eXtra competition for no additional fee.

All athletes who are NOT bowling a scratch game of 250 or higher will play a roll off. The winner of the roll off will be awarded € 300.

The lane draw for the roll of is done by the organizer.

The athlete will play the first 3 roll off rounds at the same lane.

If there are still more than 24 athletes left back in the roll off, they will bowl at the same lane until there is 24 athletes or less left back.

The roll offs will be played on Friday 10th January at 21.00 (right after the last squad).

There will be no lane maintenance before the roll offs.

1st roll off

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.

Athletes scoring 3 pins or less will continue to the next roll off.

In every roll off, a ball hitting no pins at all are calculated as a strike.

If there are no score of 3 pins or less, the athletes who are tied at the lowest score, will continue to the next roll off.

2nd roll off

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.

Athletes scoring 2 or less will continue to the next roll off.

If there are no score of 2 pins or less, the athletes who are tied at the lowest score, will continue to the next roll off.

~~3rd roll off and further in case where more than 24 athletes continue~~

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.

Athletes scoring one pin will continue to the next roll off.

If there are no score of one pin, the athletes who are tied at the lowest score, will continue to the next roll off.

4th roll off and further

If the number of athletes is 24 or less, a new lane draw is made by the organizer.

All athletes included will bowl a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.

Athletes scoring one pin will continue to the next roll off.

If there are no score of one pin, the athletes who are tied at the lowest score, will continue to the next roll off. The winner will be the winner of the last roll off.

Lane assignments and lane movements

Lane draws	Done by the organizer
Athletes per pair in squads	Four, Three in minor squads
Frequency of movement	After each game
Movement method	Left lane athletes moves left and right lane athletes moves right
Number of lanes to move	2-4 lanes depending on the size of the squad

Booking policies

Booking restriction before	A maximum of three squads can be booked before the tournament starts.
Booking restriction during	Maximum three non-played entries Reservations in standby list is not limited
Total number of bookings	Unlimited
Booking cancellations	Possible First/only entry 24 hours before the squad starts Re-entry 30 minutes before scheduled squad times An athlete must cancel any booking in person
Registration deadline	30 minutes before scheduled squad times

Qualification squads and fees in €

Squad	Day	Date	Time	Spots	E fee	Re fee
Squad 01	Friday	03.01.2025	11:00	72	60-105	
Squad 02			15:00	72	80-105	60-105
Squad 03	Saturday	04.01.2025	14:00	72	80-120	80-105
Squad 04			18:00	72	80-120	80-105
Squad 05	Sunday	05.01.2025	11.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 06			15.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 07	Monday	06.01.2025	11.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 08			15.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 09	Tuesday	07.01.2025	14.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 10			18.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 12	Wednesday	08.01.2025	18.00	72	120	110
Squad 13	Thursday	09.01.2025	14.00	72	120	110
Squad 14			18.00	72	140	130
Squad 15	Friday	10.01.2025	10.00	72	140	130
Squad 16			14.00	72	160	140
Squad 17			18.00	72	160	140

Squad 18	Saturday	11.01.2025	10.00	72	170	140
Squad 19			14.00	72	170	140
Desperado			17.30		60	-

A 185-bowler is a bowler with a federation average below 185.
In Squads 1 to 10 all 185-bowlers pay only 80 € in entry or re-entry fee.

A 200-bowler is a bowler with a federation average below 200.
In Squads 1 to 10 all 200-bowlers pay only 100 € in entry or re-entry fee.

A senior bowler is a bowler with age of 50 or more or a bowler, who is reaching the age of 50 later during the year of 2025.

A super senior (veteran) bowler is a bowler with age of 60 or more or a bowler, who is reaching the age of 60 later during the year of 2025.

A youth bowler is a bowler, who have not yet reached (and will not reach) the age of 21 on the day of Squad 1, which is 3rd January 2025. A Youth 185-bowler will pay only 60 € for an entry fee in Squad 1.

Squad 1:

This is the Youth Early Bird Squad. The fee for youth 185-bowlers in Squad 1 is 60 €. The fee for other 185-bowlers in this Squad is 80 €. The fee for all other bowlers in this Squad is 105 €.

Squad 2:

This is the Early Bird Squad. The fee for 185-bowlers in this Squad is 80 €. The fee for all other bowlers in this Squad is 105 €.

Squad 4:

This is the 185-bowler Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.
The top three 185-bowlers in Squad 4 will win an extra prize; a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado entry.

Squad 5:

This is the Youth Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.
The top three Youth bowlers with the best 6 game score in Squad 1 or Squad 5 will win an extra prize; a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado entry.

Squad 6:

This is the 200-bowler Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.
The top three 200-bowlers in Squad 6 will win an extra prize; a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado entry.

Squad 7:

This is the Women's Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.
The top three women bowlers in Squad 7 will win an extra prize; a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado entry.

Squad 8:

This is the Senior Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes. The top three senior bowlers in Squad 8 will win an extra prize. A Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado.

Squad 9:

This is the Super Senior Squad (+60). The Squad is open for all athletes. The top three super senior bowlers in Squad 9 will win an extra prize; a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado.

The first entry fee includes the Athlete Pass for free entry to the centre from Friday 10th to Sunday 12h January, worth 20 €. The Athlete Pass also includes the Athlete Party buffet during/after the TV finals. Separate Ticket for Athlete Party with buffet is 20 €. A single day ticket between 10th and 12th January costs 12 €/day.

Due the COVID-19 there could be some limitations for audience or other changes.

Schedule for the final steps

Saturday 11th January 2025

Lane maintenance
19:30 Final step 1

Sunday 12th January 2025

Lane maintenance
10.00: Final step 2
Lane maintenance
13.30: Final step 3
Lane maintenance
17.30: Final step 4
18.30: Final step 5
19.00: Awards

All starting times on January 12th are subject to change depending on the starting time of the live TV show

Hotels provided by the organizer

Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa (3km)
Hilton Helsinki Strand (near City Center, 8km)
Hotel Valo (2km)
Hotel Haaga (2,7km)
More information <https://bowling.fi/ballmaster>

Other information

Bowlers are allowed to use any bowling ball accepted by IBF/USBC

Bowling ball surfaces adjustments by hand are acceptable between games, provided they are done in the designated area and that the adjustment procedure does not delay the start of the athlete's next game.

Altering the surface of the bowling ball, besides what is mentioned before, is allowed in a designated area only during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition, and between competition rounds.

Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed. If the surface is adjusted during a game the penalty is zero pinfall in that game

Cleaning of the surface of the bowling ball is permissible prior to any delivery during a game. Any cloth product that is non-abrasive, and contains no chemical additives that would modify the surface finish of the ball, would be acceptable to use. Cleaners, which are products meant to clean the ball surface without changing the surface roughness, may be used, provided they are on the list of approved products published at www.bowl.com