

FATIMA BINT MUBARAK ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2026

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Date: 11-14 June 2026

Venue: Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Sports Academy – Abu Dhabi

Organizer: Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Sports Academy in cooperation with the Emirates Bowling Federation.

ELIGIBILITY

The championship is open to female bowlers of all nationalities.

All participants must comply with the rules and regulations of the International Bowling Federation (IBF), the Emirates Bowling Federation, and the Organizing Committee.

Maximum Number of Participants: 50 players

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. Qualification Round

- Each player will bowl a total of 8 games divided into two blocks (4 games per block).
- Only one re-entry is permitted, with the best total pinfall from the 8 games counting toward qualification standings.
- Players will be ranked based on Total Pinfall.

2. Semi-Final Round

- The top 12 players from the qualification round will advance to the semi-finals.
- All qualified players will bowl 6 games from scratch (qualification scores will not carry forward).
- Rankings will be determined solely by the total pinfall achieved during the semi-final round.
- Lane movement will take place after every two games according to the official movement system.
- The top 4 players will advance to the final round.

3. Final Round

- The final round will be conducted in a Stepladder format, with players seeded according to their semi-final standings.
- Matches will proceed as follows:
 - Match 1: 4th Seed vs 3rd Seed
 - Match 2: Winner of Match 1 vs 2nd Seed
 - Championship Match: Winner of Match 2 vs 1st Seed
- The winner of each match advances to the next match until the tournament champion is determined.
- The winner of the championship match will be crowned Tournament Champion.

LANE MOVEMENT

- No lane movement during the qualification round.
- During the semi-finals, lane movement will occur after every two games.

LANE CONDITIONING

- Lanes will be conditioned according to the tournament schedule and prior to the semi-final and final rounds.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

In the event of a tie in total pinfall during the qualification or semi-final rounds, the tie will be broken in the following order:

- Highest single game within the same stage.
- If still tied, the second-highest game will be considered.
- The process will continue using the next highest game until the tie is broken.

For Stepladder Final matches, any tied match will be resolved through a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, repeated as necessary until a winner is determined.

CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

- Players must arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of their squad.
- Check-in closes 15 minutes before the scheduled squad time.
- The official venue clock will serve as the official time reference.
- Late players will not be permitted to compete.

SQUAD CAPACITY

- Maximum: 12 players per squad
- Minimum: 2 players per squad

ENTRY FEES

- **Tournament Entry Fee:** AED 500
 - Includes 8 games (two blocks) in the qualification round.
- **Re-entry Fee (Optional):** AED 100
 - One re-entry only per player for score improvement purposes.
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Participation will only be confirmed upon full payment.

DRESS CODE

Participants must wear appropriate bowling attire, including bowling or polo shirts.

The following are not permitted:

- Shorts
- Sleeveless shirts
- Jeans
- Inappropriate clothing or offensive logos

The Organizing Committee or Tournament Director reserves the right to deny participation to any player not complying with the official dress code.

TECHNICAL FAILURES

- In the event of a technical malfunction, play will resume from the point of interruption.
- If a game score is lost, the affected game will be replayed, while completed and officially recorded games will remain valid.
- All decisions made by the Organizing Committee or Tournament Director shall be final.

PROTESTS

- Any protest must be submitted immediately or within a reasonable timeframe.
- During finals, protests must be submitted on the spot.
- No protests will be accepted after the victory ceremony.

GENERAL RULES

- No handicap system will apply in this tournament.
- Players must maintain proper pace of play and follow all instructions issued by tournament officials and the Organizing Committee.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to interpret or amend these rules when necessary.
- Any matter not covered herein shall be governed by the International Bowling Federation (IBF) rules, and all decisions of the Organizing Committee shall be final.

PRIZE FUND

Total Prize Fund Including Special Awards: **AED 30,000**

1st Place – AED 10,000

4th Place – AED 3,000

2nd Place – AED 7,000

5th Place – AED 1,500

3rd Place – AED 5,000

6th Place – AED 1,000

Additional Awards:

Top Qualifier – AED 1,500

High Series – AED 1,000

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Day 1 – Thursday, 11 June 2026

11:00	Opening Ceremony
12:00-12:30	Lane Conditioning
12:30-15:30	Squad 1
16:00-1900	Squad 2
19:00-19:30	Lane Conditioning
20:00-23:00	Squad 3

Day 2 – Friday, 12 June 2026

09:30-10:00	Lane Conditioning
10:00-13:00	Squad 4
13:30-16:30	Squad 5
16:30-17:00	Lane Conditioning
17:00-20:00	Squad 6
20:30-23:30	Squad 7

Day 3 – Saturday, 13 June 2026

09:30-10:00	Lane Conditioning
10:00-13:00	Squad 8
13:30-16:30	Squad 9
16:30-17:00	Lane Conditioning
17:00-20:00	Squad 10
20:30-23:30	Squad 11

Day 4 – Sunday, 14 June 2026 (Finals)

10:30-11:00	Lane Conditioning
11:00-17:00	Semi-Finals (6 Games)
17:30-18:00	Lane Conditioning
18:00-20:00	Finals
20:30	Victory Ceremony