

EBF's Tournament Calendar

35th Malta Open – 2027

Tournament information	
Tournament organizer	Eden Superbowl
Centre	Superbowl
City	St. Julian's
Federation	Malta
First day	23 rd May 2027
Last day	30 th May 2027

Tournament delimitations	
Category	Open
Event	Singles Mixed
Women handicap	8 pins per game
Max women scratch game	300
Senior Eligibility	An athlete shall be considered a Senior if they are aged 50 years or over as of 23 rd May 2027 (bowlers born before 23 rd May 1977 will be eligible)
Ball Rule In Effect	78D Rule

Tournament contact	
Contact person	Jessica Borg
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Centre address	
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Email	tournaments@theeden.mt
Website	https://tournaments.theeden.mt/

Centre specifications	
Number of lanes	20
Approaches	Switch / Ultra slide textured approach
Surfaces	Switch / SPL Select / USBC Approved

Pin decks	Switch / HS Std / d / USBC Approved
Pin setters	Switch / Shield / USBC Approved
Pins	Twister Synthetic / USBC Approved
Score system	Switch / Genie FV / USBC Approved

Dressing specifications	
Oil machine	Kegel IKON Walker
Oil	Kegel Fire
Cleaner	Kegel Offense
Pattern prepared by	Kegel (from the Kegel Library)
Dressing done by	In-house

Prize money specifications	
Prize fund status	Conditional
Calculation method	Minimum of €9,120 increasing to €25,480 depending on the final number of initial entries (participants)
Tax on prizes	No

Prize Money Expressed in €

Position	Guaranteed	70+ Pax	100+ Pax	130+ Pax	Casino Malta Voucher	Senior Category (100+ Pax)	Female Category (100+ Pax)
1	1,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	250	300	300
2	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	250	200	200
3	600	1,000	1,000	1,000	250	100	100
4	600	1,000	1,000	1,000	250		
5	450	400	680	850	200		
6	450	400	680	850	200		
7	450	400	680	850	200		
8	450	400	680	850	200		
9	300	300	500	620	150		
10	300	300	500	620	150		
11	300	300	500	620	150		
12	300	300	500	620	150		
13	250	250	480	560	125		
14	250	250	480	560	125		
15	250	250	480	560	125		
16	250	250	480	560	125		
17	140	150	280	370	75		
18	140	150	280	370	75		
19	140	150	280	370	75		
20	140	150	280	370	75		

21	140	150	280	370	75		
22	140	150	280	370	75		
23	140	150	280	370	75		
24	140	150	280	370	75		
25	0	0	150	210	50		
26	0	0	150	210	50		
27	0	0	150	210	50		
28	0	0	150	210	50		
29	0	0	0	210	50		
30	0	0	0	210	50		
31	0	0	0	210	50		
32	0	0	0	210	50		
33	0	0	0	210	50		
34	0	0	0	210	50		
35	0	0	0	0	50		
36	0	0	0	0	50		
Total	9,120	12,000	16,480	20,180	4,100	600	600

Additional Prizes		
Each Squad Winner	Receives a €100.00 Casino Voucher	€1,500

Tournament format
Qualifying Round Regular qualification consists of 12 games, bowled as two separate 6-game series. Bowlers may make unlimited 6-game re-entries, subject to lane availability. Each re-entry provides an opportunity to improve a previously bowled 6-game series. <i>Bowlers must register for their squad at least 30 minutes before the start of that squad. Late arrivals risk being removed from the squad.</i> Any Game Turbo The Turbo score is the athlete's highest single-game score, including any applicable handicap/bonus, from any squad for which a Turbo entry has been paid. Only athletes who have completed the full Qualifying Round of twelve (12) games (two series of six (6) games) shall be eligible. The top four (4) eligible Turbo scores will qualify for the Tournament Finals. Desperado Squad 1 game, immediately after the final qualifying squad (Squad 14). Lanes will not be re-dressed for the Desperado Squad, and there will be no lane alternation, i.e. desperado athletes will bowl all ten frames on the same lane. 36 Athletes will qualify for the Final Stages as follows Qualifying Round: Top 28 athletes go through to the Final Stages as follows: - Positions 1-6 will automatically go through to Final Stage 3 - Positions 7-12 will automatically go through to Final Stage 2 - Positions 13-28 will continue in Final Stage 1 Any Game Turbos: Top 4 Turbo Athletes will qualify in positions 29–32 for Final Stage 1

Desperado Squad: Top 4 Desperados will qualify in positions 33-36 for Final Stage 1

Final Stage 1

24 athletes will play 4 games, starting from scratch.

Top 12 will go through to Final Stage 2.

Non-qualifiers from this stage shall be ranked 25-36 accordingly.

Final Stage 2

18 athletes will play 4 games, starting from scratch.

Top 10 will go through to Final Stage 3.

Non-qualifiers from this stage shall be ranked 17-24 accordingly.

Final Stage 3

16 athletes will play 2 games Knock-Outs for total pin fall, including any bonuses.

The top 6 athletes from the Qualifying Round will be seeded 1-6 for this stage, while the 10 qualifiers from Final Stage 2 shall be seeded 7-16.

Non-qualifiers from this stage shall then be ranked 9-16 according to their previous seeding.

MATCH 1 MATCH 2 MATCH 3 MATCH 4

1st vs 16th 2nd vs 15th 3rd vs 14th 4th vs 13th

MATCH 5 MATCH 6 MATCH 7 MATCH 8

5th vs 12th 6th vs 11th 7th vs 10th 8th vs 9th

Final Stage 4 (Quarter Finals)

The 8 winning athletes from the Final Stage 3 will be reseeded 1-8 according to their previous seeding and play further 2 games Knock-Out matches for total pin fall.

The losing quarterfinalists shall be ranked 5-8 according to their previous seeding.

MATCH 1

1st vs 8th

MATCH 2

2nd vs 7th

MATCH 3

3rd vs 6th

MATCH 4

4th vs 5th

Final Stage 5 (Semi Finals)

The 4 winning athletes from Final Stage 4 will be reseeded 1-4 according to their previous seeding and play further 2 games Knock-Out matches for total pin fall.

The losing Semi-Finalists shall be ranked 3 and 4 according to their previous seeding.

MATCH 1

1st vs 4th

MATCH 2

2nd vs 3rd

Final Stage 6 (Grand Final)

A 2 Games Knock-Out match for total pin fall will decide the Champion and the Runner Up, of the 2027 Malta Open Championships.

Tournament tie rules

In the event of a tie in the Qualification Round, Final Stage 1 or Final Stage 2, the athlete with the highest last game shall take the highest position. If a tie still exists, then the athlete with the highest penultimate game shall take the higher position, and so on until the tie is broken.

In the event of a tie in the Any Game Turbos or Desperado Squad the athlete with the highest position from the Qualification Round shall take the higher position.

In the event of a tie in any of the Knock-Out stages or Grand Final, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

Lane assignments and lane movements

Lane draws	Random impartial draws prior to all Qualifying Round squads, then according to qualifying positions in following rounds.
Athletes per pair in squads	4 Maximum
Frequency of movement	After each game
Movement method	Crossing L-to-L, R-to-R
Number of lanes to move	2 (one pair)

Booking policies

Booking restriction before	A maximum of 3 squads may be booked before the tournament starts (2 entries, 1 re-entry) and maximum two of the bookings can be for squads on Friday and Saturday. All booked squads must be paid upon the bowler's arrival for their first squad.
Booking restriction during	Once the tournament has started, additional re-entry squads may be booked directly at the Tournament Office on a first come, first served basis, subject to lane availability. Re-entry bookings will only be accepted during Tournament Office opening hours and no later than 8pm each day. A squad is only secured upon receipt of payment.
Total number of bookings	Unlimited
Booking cancellations	Up to one (1) week before the tournament. After this deadline, requests for registrations, cancellations or squad changes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies or unavoidable travel disruptions), at the discretion of the Tournament Director. No refunds will be issued. The Tournament Director's decision shall be final.
Squad Check-In Deadline	30 minutes before scheduled squad times

Qualification squads and fees in €

Squad	Day	Date	Time	Spots	Entry fee	Re-entry
Early Bird	Sunday	23 rd May 2027	9am	36	€55	-
Squad 01	Monday	24 th May 2027	1pm	36	€75	-
Squad 02	Tuesday	25 th May 2027	9am	36	€75	€50
Squad 03	Tuesday	25 th May 2027	1pm	36	€75	€50
Squad 04	Wednesday	26 th May 2027	9am	36	€75	€60
Squad 05	Wednesday	26 th May 2027	1pm	36	€75	€60
Squad 06	Wednesday	26 th May 2027	5pm	36	€75	€60
Squad 07	Thursday	27 th May 2027	9am	36	€75	€60
Squad 08	Thursday	27 th May 2027	1pm	36	€75	€60
Squad 09	Thursday	27 th May 2027	5pm	36	€75	€60
Squad 10	Friday	28 th May 2027	8am	36	€95	€75
Squad 11	Friday	28 th May 2027	12pm	36	€95	€75
Squad 12	Friday	28 th May 2027	4pm	36	€95	€75
Squad 13	Saturday	29 th May 2027	8am	36	€95	€75
Squad 14	Saturday	29 th May 2027	12pm	36	€95	€75
Desperado	Saturday	29 th May 2027	4pm	-	€40	
Turbo					€20	

Schedule for the final steps

Sunday 30th May 2027

07.00 Lane Maintenance
 08.00: Final Stage 1
 10:00 Lane Maintenance
 10.30: Final Stage 2
 12:00 Lane Maintenance
 12.30: Final Stage 3
 13.30 Lane Maintenance
 14.00: Final Stage 4
 14:45 Lane Maintenance
 15.00: Final Stage 5
 16.00: Final Stage 6
 19:00 Award Ceremony

Hotels provided by the organizer



Voco –

For more details and registrations, please email malta.reservations@ihg.com

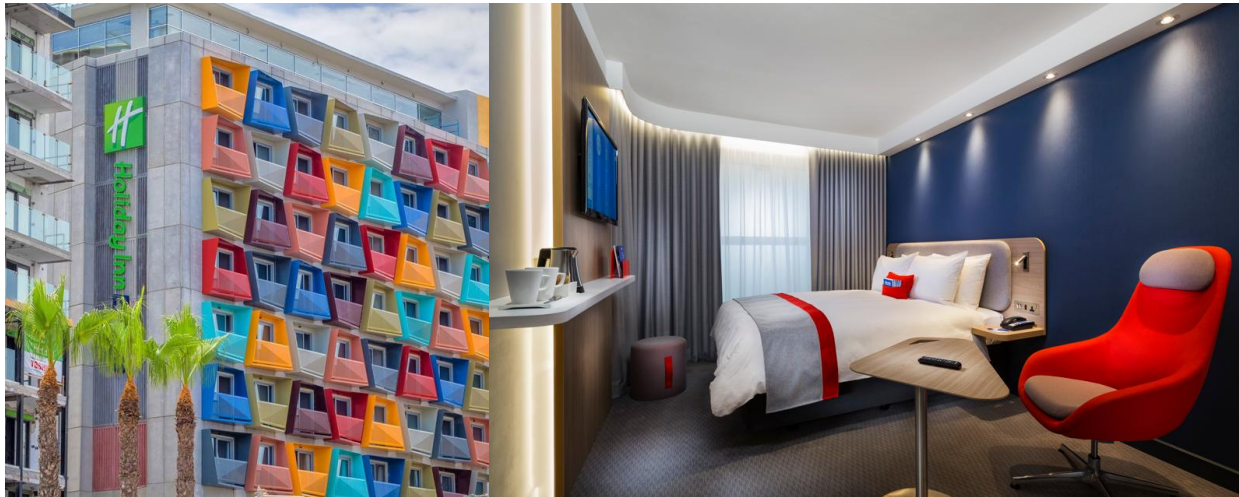
€156.00per room per night on BB



Holiday Inn Express –

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€116.00 per room per night on BB



Intercontinental Hotel –

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€176.00 per room per night on BB



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**35th MALTA OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP 2027**
23rd - 30th May

T&C's

- 1.) Free accommodation in 2028 will be at the same hotel booked and used in 2027.
- 2.) The number of free nights will match the number of nights booked in 2027.
- 3.) Offer is valid only for guests who booked through and used our venues in 2027.







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**SCORE 300
WIN BIG**

The first Maltese resident bowler to score
a perfect 300 at Malta Open 2027 earns
3 FREE entries to the 2028 Malta Open

35th MALTA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2027

T&C's apply

T&Cs

1. This promotion is exclusively available to Maltese-resident participants of the Malta Open 2027.
2. Participants must have booked a minimum of three (3) squads prior to achieving a perfect 300 game.
3. All three (3) squads must be fully completed, regardless of when the 300 game is bowled.
4. The prize consists of three (3) free entries to the 2028 Malta Open Championship. These will cover 2 entries and the first re-entry.
5. The prize will be awarded to the first eligible Maltese bowler to achieve a perfect 300 game during official play in the Malta Open 2027.
6. The prize is non-transferable and has no cash alternative.

Other information

Registrations & Squad Bookings

- All registrations will be managed through **Bowl4U**, a modern online tournament platform designed specifically for bowlers. The platform allows players to create their profile, register for squads, manage bookings, and stay up to date with tournament information, all in one place.
- **Online registrations will close at 9:00 AM on Sunday 16th May 2027 (one week before the start of the tournament).** Any requests to register after this deadline should be sent by email to **j.borg@theeden.mt** and will be considered by the Tournament Director.
- Before the tournament begins, each bowler may book a **maximum of three (3) squads**, consisting of **two (2) entries and one (1) re-entry**.
- Of the maximum **three (3) squads that may be booked before the tournament starts, at least one (1) must be scheduled between Sunday 23rd May and Thursday 27th May.**
- **Payment for all pre-booked squads must be made in full upon the bowler's arrival for their first squad.** Bookings will not be accepted on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- **Registration cancellations and squad changes are permitted up to one (1) week before the start of the tournament.**
- **From one (1) week before the start of the tournament onwards, registration cancellations and squad changes will no longer be permitted. No refunds will be issued after this deadline.**
- **Once the tournament has started, bowlers may book an unlimited number of additional re-entry squads directly at the Tournament Office on a first come, first served basis, subject to lane availability.**
- **Additional re-entry squads are only confirmed upon receipt of payment. A squad is only secured upon receipt of payment.**

Athlete Identification

All athletes must be able to provide proof of identity and eligibility in the form of a valid license card or a certification letter issued by their national federation. The Tournament Organizer reserves the right to verify the identity and eligibility of all athletes entering the tournament.

78D Bowling Ball Rule

78D Ball Rules are in effect for this tournament.

<https://europeanbowling.sport/statement-from-ebf/>

The Tournament Director reserves the right to inspect any bowling ball at any time during the tournament.

- A. Non-compliant equipment/78D rule
- B. Illegal surface alteration

Penalties

First offence: Any bowling ball found to be non-compliant shall be immediately removed from play. The bowler must replace it with a compliant bowling ball before continuing.

Second offence: Any further use of a non-compliant bowling ball after notification by the Tournament Director shall result in immediate disqualification from the tournament, with all scores declared null and void.

WOMEN'S & SENIOR PRIZES

The Women's and Senior Prize Funds will only be awarded if the tournament reaches a minimum of one hundred (100) participants.

Separate prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 Female and Top 3 Senior (50+) athletes, based on their official 12-game Qualifying Round total, including the applicable 8-pin-per-game women's bonus.

Athletes who are eligible for both the Female and Senior categories may receive a prize from one category only. Where an athlete finishes in a prize-winning position in both categories, the athlete will receive the higher-value category prize. If both prizes are of equal value, the athlete will receive the prize corresponding to their higher finishing position; if the finishing positions are also equal, the Women's prize will take priority.

The vacated prize in the other category will pass to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete in that category.

Category prizes are separate from the Main Tournament prize fund. An athlete winning a Female or Senior category prize remains fully eligible to receive any prize earned in the Main Tournament.

Tournament Rules

- Any dispute must be settled immediately before play continues on the affected lanes.
- If no agreement can be reached, the Tournament Director's decision shall be final.
- Where necessary, a provisional ball shall be rolled if the dispute cannot be resolved immediately.
- Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the completion of the game in which the alleged infraction occurred.

Lane Movement

- Lane movement will take place after every game, as instructed by the Tournament Director.
- Bowlers on odd-numbered lanes will move one pair to the left.
- Bowlers on even-numbered lanes will move one pair to the right.
- Bowlers must not move between lanes while other competitors are still bowling.

Alcohol, Smoking & Conduct

- Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited throughout the duration of each squad.
- Any bowler who, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance during competition will be disqualified.

- If a bowler is caught smoking during a game, the penalty shall be zero pinfall for that game.
- If a bowler is caught smoking between games within the same squad, the penalty shall be zero pinfall for the game in which the offence occurs. If the offence occurs between two games within a squad or final stage, the penalty shall be zero pinfall for the succeeding game.
- A second smoking offence by the same athlete shall result in exclusion from the remainder of the tournament.

Pace of Play

- The Tournament Director shall not permit any unreasonable delay in the progress of play.
- Any bowler refusing to continue shall forfeit the game.

Lane Breakdowns

In the event of a lane breakdown, the Tournament Director shall have sole discretion to determine how and where play will continue.

Bowling Ball Surface & Equipment

- The use of talcum powder or any similar substance is prohibited in the bowlers' area.
- Balls should not have any balance holes. Anyone bowling with an illegal ball will have the scores null of all frames bowled with that ball.
- The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that affects normal bowling conditions is prohibited.
This includes, but is not limited to:
Talcum powder
Pumice
Resin on shoes (including products such as Easy Slide)
Rubber soles or heels that leave residue on the approach
Adhesive tape
Altering the bowling ball surface using scrub sponges, scouring pads or polishing pads.
- Bowling ball surface adjustments using approved products are only permitted during official practice.
- Cleaning the bowling ball surface is permitted before any delivery during a game.
- Only non-abrasive cloths without chemical additives that alter the ball surface may be used.
- Bowling ball cleaners may only be used if they appear on the approved products list published by **Bowl.com**.
- All cleaning must be carried out by the bowler personally.

Bowling Ball Surface Penalties

First offence: The frame in which the illegally cleaned or altered ball is used shall score **zero**, and the ball must be removed from play.

Second offence: Immediate disqualification, with all scores declared null and void.

Slow Bowling & Lane Courtesy

- Slow bowling will not be permitted.
- All bowlers must observe the One Lane Courtesy rule.

Earbuds / Headphones

A maximum of one earbud/headphone may be worn during competition. On the first offence the athlete will be instructed to remove the additional earbud. Repeated failure to comply may result in a penalty or disqualification at the Tournament Director's discretion.

Dress Code

All bowlers are expected to wear appropriate bowling attire.

Male bowlers may wear:

Long trousers

$\frac{3}{4}$ -length trousers

Knee-length shorts

Male bowlers may not wear:

Sleeveless tops

Jeans

Cargo pants

Female bowlers may wear:

Slacks

Shorts

Skirts

$\frac{3}{4}$ -length trousers

Hats and caps are not permitted while competing.

Sportsmanship & Behaviour

- There shall be no kicking or punching of ball returns or any bowling equipment or property.
- There shall be no swearing, aggressive behaviour or excessive shouting.
- If excessive shouting is considered disruptive to other bowlers or customers, the Tournament Director reserves the right to stop the offending player immediately.

Behaviour Penalties

First offence: Verbal warning issued in the presence of a witness.

Second offence: The athlete shall receive zero pinfall for the current frame.

Third offence: Immediate disqualification from the tournament.