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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	2 January 2026
Last day	11 January 2026

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 address	
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Website	<a href="http://www.bowling.fi">www.bowling.fi</a>

Centre specifications	
Number of lanes	36
Approaches	Brunswick Pro Anvilane Texture
Surfaces	Brunswick Pro Anvilane
Pin decks	Brunswick Anti-Skid

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

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

<b>Prize money specifications</b>	
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  <a href="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/">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/</a></p>

<b>Prize money expressed in €</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Singles Mixed</b>
Position 1	10.000
Position 2	7.000
Position 3	4.000
Position 4	4.000
Position 5-6	2.600
Position 7-8	2.300
Position 9-10	2.000
Position 11-12	1.800
Position 13-14	1.600
Position 15-16	1.500

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Position 17	1.200
Position 18	1.100
Position 19-32	1.000
Position 33-48	800
First 300 game or high game	2.000
300 game/high game	3.000
250eXtra winner	1.000
No250eXtra winner	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>84.000</b>

### Tournament format

#### Qualification

Entries and re-entries, 6 games

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 on another lane pair.

#### Desperado Squad

Desperado squad, 1 game

#### 48 athletes will qualify for the final steps

- A: Top 38 from the general standing
- B: Top 2 from a separate standing in squad 12-14
- C: Top 2 from a separate standing in squad 9-11
- D: Top 3 from a separate standing in squad 1-8
- E: Top 3 from the desperado squad

An athlete will qualify only once and always in the listed order starting from A

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### Division in groups for step 3

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

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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 winning 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 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

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

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

The loser of the match will be ranked 2

The winner of the match will be ranked 1

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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 enters 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 (bowler who makes 12<sup>th</sup> strike first):

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 16 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 9<sup>th</sup> January at 21.00 (right after the last squad). There will be no lane maintenance before the roll offs.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> roll off

All athletes included will bowl 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 scores of 8 pins or higher, the athletes who are tied at the highest score will continue to the next roll off.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> roll off

All athletes included will bowl 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 scores of 9 pins or higher, the athletes who are tied with the highest score will continue to the next roll off.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> roll off and further in case 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 16 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 are 24 athletes or less left back.

The roll offs will be played on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 21.00 (right after the last squad). There will be no lane maintenance before the roll offs.

## 1<sup>st</sup> roll off

All athletes included will bowl 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 is calculated as a strike.

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> roll off

All athletes included will bowl 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 scores of 2 pins or less, the athletes who are tied at the lowest score will continue to the next roll off.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> roll off and further in case 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 scores of one pin, the athletes who are tied at the lowest score will continue to the next roll off.

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### 4<sup>th</sup> 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, at least 60 minutes before squad.
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	02.01.2026	11:00	72	60-110	
Squad 02			15:00	72	80-110	80-100
Squad 03	Saturday	03.01.2026	10:00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 04			14:00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 05	Sunday	04.01.2026	11.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 06			15.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 07	Tuesday	06.01.2026	11.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 08			15.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 09	Wednesday	07.01.2026	14.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 10			18.00	72	80-120	80-110
Squad 11	Thursday	08.01.2026	10.00	72	130	120
Squad 12			14.00	72	130	120
Squad 13			18.00	72	140	130
Squad 14	Friday	09.01.2026	10.00	72	140	130
Squad 15			14.00	72	160	140
Squad 16			18.00	72	160	140
Squad 17	Saturday	10.01.2026	10.00	72	170	140
Squad 18			14.00	72	170	140
Desperado			17.30		60	

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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 an age of 50 or more or a bowler, who is reaching the age of 50 later during the year of 2026.

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 2026.

A youth bowler is a bowler, who has not yet reached (and will not reach) the age of 21 on the day of Squad 1, which is 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. 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 200-bowlers in this Squad is 100 €, for all other bowlers in this Squad is 110 €.

### Squad 2:

This is the Early Bird Squad. The fee for 185-bowlers in this Squad is 80 €. The fee for 200-bowlers in this Squad is 100 €, for all other bowlers in this Squad is 110 €.

### Squad 3:

This is the 185-bowler Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.  
The top three 185-bowlers in Squad 3 will win an extra prize: a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado entry.

### Squad 4:

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 4 will win an extra prize: a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado entry.

### Squad 5:

This is the 200-bowler Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.  
The top three 200-bowlers in 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 Women's Squad. The Squad is open for all athletes.  
The top three women 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 Super Senior Squad (+60). The Squad is open for all athletes. The top three super senior bowlers in Squad 7 will win an extra prize: a Brunswick bowling ball, a free re-entry or a free Desperado.

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### 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.

The first entry fee includes the Athlete Pass for free entry to the centre from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January costs 12 €/day.

### **Schedule for the final steps**

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Lane maintenance  
19:30 Final step 1

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

*All starting times on 11<sup>th</sup> January are subject to change depending on the starting time of the live TV show*

### **Hotels provided by the organizer**

Please check [www.ballmaster.fi](http://www.ballmaster.fi) for details