



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Tournament open to	All registered and non-registered bowling players.
Tournament Organizer	Vladimír Merkovský, official BRUNSWICK distributor for Slovakia and the Czech Republic, VALCKE BOWLING, the largest BRUNSWICK dealer in Europe - www.brunswick.sk
Bowling Center	Bowling National Center Bratislava - BNC Bratislava
Venue	Turbínová 1, Bratislava, Slovak Republic
SBwZ Ranking Classification	The tournament is included in the SENIOR MASTER TOUR 2027 tournament series for participation in the 2027 World Senior Championships and Grand Senior Championships in Thailand, and in the MASTER TOUR 2027 tournament series for the Slovak Championships for men and women in the 2026/2027 season.
Tournament Start	10 September 2026
Tournament End	13 September 2026

TOURNAMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Category	Singles
Women's Handicap	8 pins per game
Junior Handicap (up to 15 years)	8 pins per game

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BOWLING CENTER SPECIFICATIONS

Number of lanes / Lane type	16 - BRUNSWICK
Lane surface	BRUNSWICK PRO LINE



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LANE OILING SPECIFICATIONS

Lane Machine	Kegel Flex
Oil	Kegel
Cleaner	Kegel
Oil Pattern	STONEHENGE, 40 feet, 23.75 ml of oil, Ratio 6.56:1

PRIZE SPECIFICATIONS

Prize Money Status	Flexible
Tax on Winnings	No

PRIZES - EUR

Place	Group A	Group B
1st place	€1,500	€300
2nd place	€700	€200
3rd-4th place	€350	€100
5th-6th place	€250	
7th-8th place	€150	
9th-16th place	€90	
17th-20th place	€60	

Best Senior 50+	Reactive bowling ball	2nd best senior - voucher from DUOS
Best Woman	Reactive bowling ball	2nd best woman - voucher from DUOS
Best Junior (under 18)	Reactive bowling ball	
Total prizes	€6,000	

GROUP B

Group B Players: All non-registered players and players registered with SBwZ whose bowling league average during the 2025/2026 season was lower than 170 pins per game.

Qualification: All Group B players also compete in Group A, meaning that they can also win prizes from Group A.

All Group B players from abroad must provide confirmation of their results proving that they had an average of less than 170 during the 2025/2026 season.

Pin Deck	BRUNSWICK
Pinsetters	BRUNSWICK GSX
Pins	Brunswick Pin Crown Max
Scoring System	Sync



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A. Qualification

Entry – 6 games; Re-entry – 6 games

B. Early Bird

Separate ranking for players competing in Squads 1-6.

C. Women's Ranking

Separate ranking for women.

D. Junior Ranking

Separate ranking for juniors. A junior is defined as a player who has not reached the age of 18 by the end of 2026.

E. Senior Ranking (50+)

Separate ranking for seniors. A senior is defined as a player who reaches the age of 50 or older by the end of 2026.

F. Desperado

One game starting from zero. The Top 2 players advance to the final. The Desperado takes place after the last qualification squad. It is played on one lane without re-oiling the lanes. AMERICAN lane condition is not used.

56 players qualify for the final as follows:

A	44 players from qualification
B	6 players from the Early Bird competition (Squads 1-6)
C	1 player from the women's ranking
D	1 player from the junior ranking
E	2 players from the senior ranking
F	2 players from the Desperado

ORDER OF QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINAL

A player can qualify for the final only once and always according to the order listed above, starting with A-F. If a player qualifies for the final in more than one category, the next player in that ranking who has not already qualified through another category will qualify for the final.

Distribution of the 56 finalists: Players finishing 1st-8th in qualification qualify directly for Final Step 3. Players finishing 9th-24th in qualification qualify for Final Step 2. The remaining 32 players qualify for Final Step 1 – players finishing 25th-44th in qualification and players qualifying through special competitions B-F.

FINAL STEP 1

32 players – players finishing 25th-44th in qualification, plus the players from the special competitions: 6 Early Bird players, 1 player from the women's ranking, 1 player from the junior ranking, 2 players from the senior ranking and 2 players from the Desperado – will bowl 3 games from scratch without lane movement on a selected lane.

Players select their lane according to their qualification ranking and according to the ranking in special competitions B-F.

The players finishing 1st-16th in Final Step 1 qualify for Final Step 2. Players who do not qualify have their final tournament ranking determined at this point.

FINAL STEP 2

32 players – the players finishing 1st-16th in Final Step 1 and the players finishing 9th-24th in qualification – will bowl 3 games from scratch without lane movement on a selected lane.

Lane selection is made first by the players finishing 9th-24th in qualification, followed by the players finishing 1st-16th in Final Step 1.

The players finishing 1st-8th in Final Step 2 qualify for Final Step 3. Players who do not qualify have their final tournament ranking determined at this point.



FINAL STEP 3

16 players will bowl 2 games from scratch.

The players finishing 1st–8th in qualification and the players finishing 1st–8th in Final Step 2 will bowl 3 games from scratch on a selected lane.

Lane selection is made first by the players finishing 1st–8th in qualification, followed by the players finishing 1st–8th in Final Step 2.

Players who do not qualify have their final tournament ranking determined at this point.

FINAL STEP 4

8 players will bowl 2 games from scratch. The players finishing 1st–8th in Final Step 3 will bowl 2 games from scratch on their selected lane.

Final Step 4 will be played on lanes 1–8, with lane selection based on the Final Step 3 ranking, starting with the player in 1st place.

The winner of BRUNSWICK BNC OPEN 2026 is the player with the highest total score achieved in Final Step 4. The remaining players are ranked according to their scores achieved in Final Step 4.

IN CASE OF A TIE

Qualification / Early Bird / Senior 50+ / Junior / Women's Ranking

In the event of a tie, the higher-ranked player will be the player with the better score in the last game. If the last game is also tied, the player with the higher score in the penultimate game will be ranked higher, and so on.

Desperado

In the event of a tie, the player with the better qualification ranking will be ranked higher.

Final Steps 1–4

In the event of a tie, a one-ball roll-off will determine the winner or the player advancing to the next round. The one-ball roll-off will be repeated until a winner is determined.

Lane oiling will be performed before Final Step 1, Final Step 3 and before every qualification game. The lanes will not be re-oiled before the Desperado.

LANE SELECTION AND LANE MOVEMENT

Lane selection during qualification	According to the player's choice, provided that the lane is still available.
Number of players per ball return	Minimum 2, maximum 5.
Lane movement	The tournament is played without lane movement. All games are played on the selected lane.



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SQUAD INFORMATION

Maximum number of squads per player	Unlimited
Squad cancellation	Possible no later than 30 minutes before the start of the respective squad.
Player check-in / entry fee payment	No later than 15 minutes before the squad. If a player has reserved multiple entries, all reserved entries must be paid together at the player's first entry.
Player gift	Every player receives a gift from BRUNSWICK SK/CZ for their first entry in the event.

Squad	Day	Date	Time	Places	Entry Fee	Re-entry
Squad 01	Thursday	10 Sep 2026	14:00	40	€35	€35
Squad 02	Thursday	10 Sep 2026	17:00	40	€35	€35
Squad 03	Friday	11 Sep 2026	10:00	40	€40	€40
Squad 04	Friday	11 Sep 2026	13:00	40	€40	€40
Squad 05	Friday	11 Sep 2026	16:00	40	€45	€45
Squad 06	Saturday	12 Sep 2026	10:00	40	€45	€45
Squad 07	Saturday	12 Sep 2026	13:00	40	€45	€45
Squad 08	Saturday	12 Sep 2026	16:00	40	€45	€45
Squad 09	Saturday	12 Sep 2026	19:00	40	€49	€49
Squad 10	Sunday	13 Sep 2026	09:00	40	€59	€59
Desperado	Sunday	13 Sep 2026	12:00	Unlimited	€20	-
Final Steps 1-4	Sunday	13 Sep 2026	12:40	-	-	-
Awards Ceremony	Sunday	13 Sep 2026	17:30	-	-	-

SQUADS

Squads may be cancelled at the organizer's discretion. In case of increased interest, additional squads will be added.

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