

To all WTBA member federations

2015 World Women Championships

2015 WWC was held December 5 – 14, 2015 in Abu Dhabi, UAE

147 female players from 30 countries participated. All information - results and statistics – is available on WWC website <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/>

The following medalists were awarded at the championship

<p>Single</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eunhee Jeon, Korea Cherie Tan, Singapore Shayna Ng, Singapore Yeonju Hwang, Korea 	<p>Doubles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> USA (Danielle McEwan, Kelly Kulick) Korea (Hyerin Son, Eunhee Jeon) Singapore (Cherie Tan, Shayna Ng) Denmark (Mai Ginge Jensen, Britt Brøndsted)
<p>Trios</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Korea (Jinsun Kim, Baek, Seungja, Hyerin Son) Singapore (Cherie Tan Hui, Shayna Ng, Fen New) USA (Shannon Pluhowsky, Kelly Kulick, Liz Johnson) England (Danni Hopcroft, Jo Allsebrook, Lisa John) 	<p>Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> USA Korea Germany Singapore
<p>All Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Shayna Ng, Singapore Liz Johnson, USA Eunhee Jeon, Korea 	<p>Masters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dawin Jung, Korea Liz Johnson, USA Eunhee Jeon, Korea Danielle McEwan, USA

WTBA Congress

FIQ and WTBA Congresses were held in Abu Dhabi, UAE December 15, 2015. This was the last time these two organizations held their Congresses. In both Congresses it was decided to merge the two organization into one organization – WORLD BOWLING. A historic decision.

From WTBA Congress the following decisions can be reported.

- Only one lane pattern will be used in each World Championship from 2016
- The one lane pattern category to be selected for World Championship will be published latest 90 days in advance of the Championship. The specific lane pattern within the selected category will still be announced at the Team Manager meeting immediately before the championship.
- The rules about drinking and smoking in the standard uniform of the national federation is now more specified and the penalties for violations also more detailed
- Semi Finals and Finals in the Team event in all World Championships will be played with Baker's system in best of 3 games.
- New rules for Masters event in WWC, WMC, WC, WSrC and WYC.
 - 24 players are qualified
 - Step 1: 16 players seeded 9-24 will bowl matches and the 8 winners continue to Step 2.
 - Step 2: 8 winners of Step 1 play matches with players seeded 1-8. The 8 winners will continue to Step 3.
 - Step 3: the 8 winners of Step 2 play matches and the 4 winners continue to Step 4.
 - Step 4: The 4 winners of Step 3 play matches and the 2 winners continue to the Final match.
 - All matches will be played in head to head matches as best of 3 games.



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- New format for World Singles Championship.
 - All players will bowl a qualification of 12 games (3 blocks of 4 games)
 - Top 32 players will advance to group play in 4 groups where all player in a group play against all other in the group. After each game the players are awarded points. Best in each game 7 points, second 6 points and so on.
 - Top 2 from each group will advance and play in one group as said in step 1.
 - Top 4 players will advance to Semi Finals and Finals.
- New format for World Games.
 - 16 federations men and women will qualify for the Games
 - Each federation send 2 men and/or 2 women
 - Single event for each gender
 - Double event for each gender

New President and Vice Presidents

The elections for World Bowling President and Vice Presidents resulted in the following leadership of World Bowling

President:	Sheikh Talal M Al-Sabah, Kuwait
1 st Vice President:	Suwalai Satrulle, Thailand
2 nd Vice President:	Ulf Sjöblom, Sweden

World ranking

WBT ranking is updated after the last 2015 WBT Stop, PBA World Championships, on World Bowling website www.worldbowling.org/athletes/rankings/

The current WBT ranking at any time is based on WBT events the last two years (24 months).

Qualification to WBT Finals 2015, to be played in February 2016, is based on all WBT events in 2014 and 2015 WBT schedules. Qualification to WBT Finals 2015 is because of that base on all WBT events since 1 November 2013. You also find Top 25 lists of qualification to 2015 WBT Finals on website.

The top three men and women qualified for WBT Finals in February 2016 are

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1 Dominic Barrett, England	1 Kelly Kulick, USA
2 Jason Belmonte, Australia	2 Danielle McEwan, USA
3 Mike Fagan, USA	3 Liz Johnson, USA

WYC 2016

Within a few days 2016 WYC Bulletin will be sent to all federations.

2016 WYC will take place 24 July – 3 August, 2016 in Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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