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**To all WTBA member federations**

## **2015 World Senior Championships**

2015 WSrC will be held at Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA 23 – 30 August 2015.

2015 WSrC Bulletin 1 was sent out to all member federations January 2, 2015 and you can find the Bulletin and all forms on [www.worldbowling.org/events/championships](http://www.worldbowling.org/events/championships)

**We remind all federations to send Form A soonest regardless you intend to participate or not.**

If you have questions about 2015 WSrC email [2015worldsenior@worldbowling.org](mailto:2015worldsenior@worldbowling.org)  
Very soon the official 2015 WSrC website will open.

## **2015 World Bowling Tour**

We have added one new event to 2015 WBT – Round One World Open in Japan July 8-12, 2015. In principle there is great reluctance to add events in the middle of a WBT year, however we felt that this event should be an exception due to the following circumstances:

1. It will be an integral part of the 2020 Tokyo effort.
2. It will not clash with any other scheduled significant global bowling event.
3. It will replace the WBT events that we have lost since our last meeting in Abu Dhabi; the Thailand WBT, due to loss of government support, and the Kuwait Open, which recently withdrew from the WBT.

You find the updated 2015 WBT schedule on [www.worldbowling.org](http://www.worldbowling.org)

You also find the updated World Ranking after Brunswick Euro Challenge on [www.worldbowling.org](http://www.worldbowling.org)

## **World Bowling President Looks Ahead to 2020 Olympics**

Listen to Around the Rings interview with Kevin Dornberger – [Click here to the article](#)

## **2015 World Women Championships (WWC)**

2015 WWC Bulletin 1 will be sent out within a few days. There have been discussions with the host federation about definitive dates as we want to avoid clash with celebration of the UAE National Day. The dates are now decided to December 5 – 14, 2015.

FIQ Congress will be held December 16 (in the morning)  
WTBA Congress will be held December 16 (afternoon) + December 17, 2015.



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## **WTBA Statutes and Playing Rules**

WTBA Statutes and Playing rules effective 1 January 2015 are available to download on World Bowling website [www.worldbowling.org/regulations/](http://www.worldbowling.org/regulations/)

We remind you about the new rule 11.12.2 effective from 1 June 2014. The new 11.12.2 will be as follows

*Holes or indentations for gripping purposes shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for the thumb, all for the same hand. The player is not required to use all finger holes in any specific delivery, but they must be able to demonstrate, with the same hand, that each gripping hole can be simultaneously used for gripping purposes. Any thumb hole that is not used for gripping purposes during the delivery would be classified as a balance hole.*

## **Classification disabled sport**

We have been contacted by organizer of Asian Para Games where bowling will be included. They have asked for classification rules of disabled bowlers. Because of that we now ask if any federation has knowledge and experience of that kind of classification. If so please send soonest a copy in English to WTBA Secretary General and we can share it with the organizer.

## **Next WTBA Executive Board meeting**

Next WTBA Executive Board meeting will be held August 8 -9, 2015 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Member federations which want to submit proposals they wish to be considered by the WTBA Executive Board have to send the proposals to WTBA Secretary General latest July 8, 2015.

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