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To: All World Bowling Member Federations

Re-organization

In the FIQ Congress held on December 15, 2015 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, Members agreed to the re-organization of WTBA and FIQ into World Bowling.

Newly Elected Executive Board of World Bowling

In the WTBA Congress on the same day, the newly elected Officers of World Bowling are as follows:

President: HH Sheikh Talal Mohammad Al-Sabah (Kuwait Bowling Federation)
1st Vice President: Mrs. Suwalai Satrulee (Thai Tenpin Bowling Association)
2nd Vice-President: Mr. Ulf Sjoblom (Swedish Bowling Federation)

Other members of the Executive Board are:

ABF: Mr. Mike Seymour (Vice-President of ABF)
     Dr. Danny Santos (ABF delegate)
ETBF: Mr. Addie Ophelders (President of ETBF)
      Mr. Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Vice-President of ETBF)
PABCON: Mr. Martin Faba (President of PABCON)
         Mr. Jorge Franco (Vice-President of PABCON)
Athlete representative: Mr. Mika Koivuniemi

Ms. Vivien Lau of Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress has been appointed Secretary General of World Bowling

New World Bowling Members

The following provisional members have been granted full membership in the FIQ Congress held on December 15, 2015 in Abu Dhabi:
Qualification for World Championships 2017, Kuwait

Bye-law on the Qualification for World Championships Rule, Article 5.2.2.b has been amended by the Executive Board

World Bowling’s Rules, Article 5.2.2.b (Actual)
The remaining 35 teams will be distributed among the Zones and the number of teams from each zone will be decided by how many member federations there are in each Zone relative to the total number of WTBA member federations in good standing on 1 January two years ahead of the year of the championship.

World Bowling’s Rules, Article 5.2.2.b (New)
The remaining 35 teams will be distributed among the zones as follows:
- The total number of member federations is decided as the number of member federations in good standing on 1 January, two years ahead of the year of the World Championships
- For each Zone, a ratio is calculated as follows:
  Number of federations in the Zone * 35 / the total number of federations = 99.99
  - Each ratio must be presented by two digits, second digit rounded
  - The first 34 teams are distributed according to the numbers before the separator
  - The 35th team is added to the Zone with the highest number after the separator
- In case of a tie for the 35th team, the team will be added to the number of federations qualified from the Zone of the host federation.

The numbers valid for the calculation for the World Championships 2017 are as follows: ABF 34 member federations, ETBF 46 member federations and PABCON 25 member federations, in total 105 member federations in good standing as of 1 January 2015.

It gives the following calculations:
ABF: $\frac{34 \times 35}{105} = 11.33$
ETBF: $\frac{46 \times 35}{105} = 15.33$
PABCON: $\frac{25 \times 35}{105} = 8.33$

Subsequently there is one team (35th team) left after the calculation and that is why the bye-law has been amended. As a result the distribution of the 35 teams for the World Championships 2017 in Kuwait will be:

ABF: 12
ETBF: 15
PABCON: 8

Kuwait as host is given one men team and one women team making up a total of 36 teams.

World Youth Championships 2016

2016 WYC will take place 24 July – 3 August, 2016 in Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA. Bulletin 1 will be sent out as soon as possible.

Vivien Lau
Secretary General
World Bowling