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World Championship pattern categories

Current Rule 4.6.2

- 4.6.2 *In conjunction with the inspection of the lanes the WTBA Technical Delegate shall take into account lane wear and topography while testing and selecting the lane dressing patterns to be used during the championships.*
- a) *In WWC, WMC. WC and WYC two lane conditions shall be selected with two distinct styles from two of the three oiling pattern categories. A bank of patterns shall be available to the Technical Delegate by the Technical Committee Chairperson. The bank shall consist of 3-4 patterns in each of 3 oiling pattern categories - Short (33'-36'), Medium (37'-41') and Long (42'-47'). The categories selected shall be announced at least 2 months in advance of the tournament*

Executive Board proposes the following new rule 4.6.2

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Lane mapping

Current Rule 4.5.3

- 4.5.3 *An agreement shall be signed by the bowling centre management to correct eventual discrepancies by a date prior to the start of the championships as determined by WTBA.*

Executive Board proposes the following new rule 4.5.3 a

- 4.5.3 *An agreement shall be signed by the bowling centre management to correct eventual discrepancies by a date prior to the start of the championships as determined by World Bowling. A full lane mapping shall be incorporated into the agreement with the host wherever possible.*

Rule 4.11.3 - Registration bowling balls (Bye Rule)

The following new rule 4.11.3 was approved as a By Rule effective June 2015

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- a) *Each player will be permitted to register a maximum of 6 bowling balls during the tournament. Prior to the start of the Official Practice the bowling balls to be used during competition shall be inspected and registered. The inspection shall be limited to
 - i. *Eligibility of the ball as specified in the list of approved bowling balls published latest the day the tournament starts*
 - ii. *Serial number*
 - iii. *Visual inspection with regard to material, surface, plugs, etc.**
- b) *Immediately following the official practice (latest one hour after the last practice session) registration shall be made of the bowling balls to be used during the championship events.*
- c) *Additions of maximum two bowling balls to the players' bowling ball list shall be allowed (up to the maximum of 6) throughout the tournament provided they pass rule 4.11.1 above.*
- d) *In addition to the foregoing, a maximum of one ball previously registered may be re-moved from play during the Championships, and replaced by another ball not previously registered, upon notice to the Technical Delegate. Once this exchange process occurs the ball removed may not be returned to play.*
- e) *Additions to a player's bowling ball list shall be made no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the event where the additional bowling ball(s) will be used.*
- f) *No modifications of a bowling ball shall be permitted apart from the altering of the surface as described above.*
- g) *In very special circumstances the Tournament Technical Committee may allow a replacement of a registered bowling ball.*

The Executive Board proposes the Bye Rule to be approved

Rule 11.11.2 and 11.13.2 Gripping Hole Change (Bye Rule)

The following rules 11.11.2 and 11.13.2 were approved as a By Rule effective June 1, 2015

- 11.12.2 *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.*
- 11.13.2 *Weight more than 10 pounds (4.53 kg)*
- a) *Not more than 3 ounces (85 grams) difference between the top half of the ball (gripping holes side) and the bottom half of the ball (side opposite the gripping holes).*
 - b) *Not more than 1 ounce (28 grams) difference between the half of the ball to the left and the half of the ball to the right of the center of grip (side weight).*
 - c) *Not more than 1 ounce (28 grams) difference between the half of the ball toward the thumb hole side of the center of grip and toward the finger holes side of the center of grip (thumb/ finger weight).*
 - d) *A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than 1 ounce of difference between any two halves of the ball.*

. The Executive Board proposes the Bye Rule to be approved

Rule 4.16 *Drinking alcohol*

Current rules:

4.16 *Drinking alcohol*

- 4.16.1 *Players must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.*
- 4.16.2 *In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played..*

Executive Board proposes the following new rules 4.16

4.16 *Drinking alcohol*

- 4.16.1 *Players must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be an appropriate penalty determined by the Tournament Technical Committee, including the possibility of suspension from the tournament for the block of games then being played.*
- 4.16.2 *Players, coaches or administrators may not consume alcohol while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation in the bowling centre, or within 100 meters thereof, during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion of the Masters competition. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be a warning for the first violation, and an appropriate penalty determined by the Tournament Technical Committee for any subsequent violation, including the possibility of suspension for the duration of then Championships.*

Rule 4.17 Smoking and using tobacco products

Current rule 4.17:

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- 4.17.1 *During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's and spectator's areas*
- 4.17.2 *Players and their coach(es) must not smoke, use tobacco products or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.*
- 4.17.3 *If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game*
- 4.17.4 *For the second offence by the same player, the player will be excluded from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee.*
- 4.17.5 *If a coach is caught smoking during a game*
a) *the first penalty is suspension from the block of games where he violated the rule*
b) *in case of a second violation the penalty is suspension from the rest of the Championship*

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- 4.17.3 *The player penalty for smoking during a game will be zero pinfall for the game currently being played. The penalty for smoking in between games will be zero pinfall for the succeeding game. The penalty for the second offence by the same player shall be exclusion from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee*
- 4.17.4 *The coach penalty for smoking during a game shall be suspension from the block of games in which he violated the rule. The penalty for a second violation is suspension from the rest of the Championship*
- 4.17.5 *Players, coaches or administrators may not smoke, use tobacco products or any kind of synthetic or e-cigarettes while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation in the bowling centre, or within 100 meters thereof, during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion of the Masters competition. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be a warning for the first violation, and an appropriate penalty determined by the Tournament Technical Committee for any subsequent violation, including the possibility of suspension for the duration of then Championships*

Rule 4.18 Playing uniform, advertising

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- 4.18.1 *Players shall wear a standard uniform approved by their national federation. In a team event (Doubles, Trios and Team) players of the same Doubles, Trios or Team must wear uniforms of the same colour and type*
- 4.18.2 *The name of the country must appear on the back of the uniform. The name of the country may be printed*
- *In English or in the country's language*
 - *As abbreviation recognized by IOC or ISO 2000 if no IOC abbreviation (abbreviations published on WTBA website)*
- 4.18.3 *The following may appear on the uniform*
- a) *Name of player*
 - b) *Logo of the country or member federation, which the player represents*
 - c) *Advertisement: The number of advertisements is decided by each federation.*
 - d) *A place on all federations uniforms, situated on the left side of the breast, is reserved for a WTBA sponsor. No later than six months before the start of the championship WTBA has to inform all member federations if this right will be used by WTBA and provide all federations with an original design for printing*
- 4.18.4 *IOC rules should apply for tournaments conducted under the auspices of IOC*
- 4.18.5 *Coaches and officials in the player's area should be in the uniform specified by the national federation*

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- *In English or in the country's language*
 - *As abbreviation recognized by IOC or ISO 2000 if no IOC abbreviation (abbreviations published on WTBA website)*
- Further, the last name of the player shall be printed in English on the back of the uniform, in letters between 7 and 10 centimetres high*

Semi finals and Finals in World Championships

Executive Board proposes changes in the format of Semi finals and Finals in Doubles, Trios and Team event in WC, WMC, WWC, WYC, WSrC.

EB proposes all Semi Finals and Finals to be played by Baker's format one game.

The proposed change will affect the following playing rules:

5.9 Doubles

Current rules 5.9.4 and 5.9.5:

5.9.4 *Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi finals, where the doubles positioned 1 meets the doubles positioned 4 and the doubles positioned 2 meets the doubles positioned 3.*

5.9.5 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final.*

Proposed new rule 5.9.4 and 5.9.5

5.9.4 *Top 4 double in the final standing are qualified for two one game semi-finals, where the doubles positioned 1 meets the doubles positioned 4 and the doubles positioned 2 meets the doubles positioned 3. The games will be played in Baker's format.*

5.9.5 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final. The game will be played in Baker's format.*

5.10 Trios

Current rules 5.10.4 and 5.10.5:

5.10.4 *Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi finals, where the trios positioned 1 meets the trios positioned 4 and the trios positioned 2 meets the trios positioned 3.*

5.10.5 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final.*

Proposed new rules 5.10.4 and 5.10.5

5.10.4 *Top 4 trios in the final standing are qualified for two one game semi-finals, where the trios positioned 1 meets the trios positioned 4 and the trio positioned 2 meets the trios positioned 3. The games will be played in Baker's format.*

5.10.5 *The winners of the two semi-finals are playing a one game final. The game will be played in Baker's format.*

5.11 Team

Current rules 5.11.7 and 5.11.8:

5.11.7 *Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi finals, where the team positioned 1 meets the team positioned 4 and the team positioned 2 meets the team positioned 3.*

5.11.8 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final.*

Proposed new rules 5.11.7 and 5.11.8

5.11.7 *Top 4 teams in the final standing are qualified for two one game semi finals, where the team positioned 1 meets the team positioned 4 and the team positioned 2 meets the team positioned 3. The games will be played in Baker's format.*

5.11.8 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final. The game will be played in Baker's format.*

5.15 Procedure for Semi finals and Finals

Proposed new rule 5.15.8

5.15.8 *In the Doubles, Trios and Team events, the semi-finals and finals will be played in Baker's format.*

6.5 WYC and WSrC events

Current rule 6.5.3:

6.5.3 *One game semi finals and finals in all events except in the All Events and Masters (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 in each event standing to be matched for the semi finals).
Highest ranked team/player to choose the dressing
The two losers in the semi finals will get bronze medals*

Proposed new rule 6.5.3

6.5.3 *One game semi finals and finals in all events except in the All Events and Masters (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 in each event standing to be matched for the semi finals). In the Doubles and Team events, the semi-finals and finals will be played in Baker's format.*

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6.7 Doubles

Current rules 6.7.4 and 6.7.5

6.7.4 *Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi finals, where the doubles positioned 1 meets the doubles positioned 4 and the doubles positioned 2 meets the doubles positioned 3.*

6.7.5 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final.*

Proposed new rules 6.7.4 and 6.7.5

6.7.4 *Top 4 double in the final standing are qualified for two one game semi-finals, where the doubles positioned 1 meets the doubles positioned 4 and the doubles positioned 2 meets the doubles positioned 3. The games will be played in Baker's format.*

6.7.5 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final. The game will be played in Baker's format.*

6.8 Team

Current rules 6.8.6 and 6.8.7

6.8.6 *Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi finals, where the team positioned 1 meets the team positioned 4 and the team positioned 2 meets the team positioned 3.*

6.8.7 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final.*

Proposed new rules 6.8.6 and 6.8.7

6.8.6 *Top 4 teams in the final standing are qualified for two one game semi finals, where the team positioned 1 meets the team positioned 4 and the team positioned 2 meets the team positioned 3. The games will be played in Baker's format.*

6.8.7 *The winners of the two semi finals are playing a one game final. The game will be played in Baker's format.*

6.11 Procedure for Semi finals and Finals (except Masters)

Proposed new rule 6.11.7

6.11.7 *In the Doubles and Team events, the semi-finals and finals will be played in Baker's format*

Masters in WWC, WMC, WC, WYC and WSrC

Current rule 5.13

5.13 Masters in WWC, WMC and WC

- 5.13.1 *The Masters includes four steps (1-4).*
- 5.13.2 *The Masters will be played on dual lane conditions, with the left lane dressed with the longer oil-pattern and the right lane dressed with the shorter oil-pattern.*
- 5.13.3 *The players will, within the pair of lanes, change lanes after each frame. Step 1 and 2 will be played the regular style, while Step 3 and 4 will be played the match play style.*
- 5.13.4 *The lane assignments for Step 1 will be decided by a draw. The lanes in Step 2 will, based on positions after Step 1, be assigned according to a pre-defined schedule, ensuring each player to end their games on the right lane 3 or 4 times. In Step 3 and 4, the highest positioned player after Step 2, will in each match decide whether he wants to throw his first shot on the left lane or on the right lane.*
- 5.13.5 *In Step 1, Top 24 from the All Event standing will play 6 games with the pin fall from the 24 all event games carried forward. By the conclusion of Step 1, the standing will consist of accumulated scores from 30 games.*
- 5.13.6 *In Step 2, Top 8 in the standing of Step 1 will play a round robin, with the pin fall from the preceding 30 games carried forward. The round robin will consist of 7 rounds of one game matches, where 20 bonus points is awarded for a won match and 10 bonus points is awarded for a tied match. By the conclusion of Step 2, the standing will consist of accumulated scores and bonus points after 37 games.*
- 5.13.7 *In Step 3, Top 4 in the Standing of Step 2 will play two semi-finals over one game; the highest positioned in Step 2 vs. the fourth highest positioned in Step 2 and the second highest positioned in Step 2 vs. the third highest positioned in Step 2.*
- 5.13.8 *In Step 4, the two winners of the matches in step 3 will play a one game final.*

Executive Board proposes the following changes in Rule 5.13 about the format of Masters event in WC, WMC, WWC, WYC, WSrC .

The same changes is also proposed in Rule 6.10 for WYC and WSrC.

5.13 Masters in WWC, WMC and WC

5.13.1 The Masters includes five steps (1-5), all starting from scratch.

5.13.2 The Masters will be played on dual lane conditions, with the left lane dressed with the longer oil-pattern and the right lane dressed with the shorter oil-pattern.

5.13.3 The 24 highest positioned players in the final all event standing are qualified for the masters event, seeded 1-24. The players will retain their seeding throughout the entire final.

5.13.4 In all steps there will be head to head matches, where the highest seeded players will be matched against the lowest seeded player, match play style (see 4.19.1)

5.13.5 Each match will played as best of 3 games. If the same player is the winner of the first two games, the 3rd game will not be played.

5.13.6 In each match the highest seeded player will choose whether he wants to begin the first game on the left or on the right lane. In the second game the starting lane of the players will be opposite to the first game and in a possible third game the starting lane of the players will be the same as in the first game.

5.13.7 In step 1, the 16 players seeded 9-24 will bowl 8 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 2.

5.13.8 In step 2, the 8 players seeded 1-8 and the 8 winners from step 1 will bowl 8 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 3.

5.13.9 In step 3, the 8 winners from step 2 will bowl 4 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 4.

5.13.10 In step 4, the 4 winners from step 3 will bowl 2 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 5.

5.13.11 In step 5, the 2 winners from step 4 will bowl 1 match with the winner of the match being declared the champion.

5.13.12 Lane Assignments in the Masters Event

a) Lanes will be dressed before Step 1 and before Step 2 of the Masters event

b) The Tournament Director will perform an impartial draw for matches to be assigned to lanes in Step 1 and Step 2 of the Masters event

c) Unless the same pair of lanes is in use for more than one match, there will be seven different pair of lanes in use for Step 3, Step 4 and Step 5 of the Masters event

World Singles Championships

Executive Board proposes changes in the format of World Single Championships (WSC). The proposed changes presented below will affect rule 5.8 and 5.14.

EB proposes the following format for WSC:

1. Step 1: All bowlers will bowl 8 games to determine their seeding. In due time before the start of the championships, the Tournament Director will decide the number of squads and the number of lanes in use for each squad.
2. Step 2: The top 32 bowlers will advance and bowl according to the bracket below:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21
25	26	27	28
32	31	30	29

3. If there is a tie for any of the positions 1-32 then a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.
4. Each qualifying group shall bowl eight qualifying games over 4 adjacent pair of lanes, in one block.
5. Each player in the qualifying group shall bowl against every other player in the group every game. Points shall be awarded on the following basis:
6. The highest scoring player in each game shall be awarded 7 points, the second highest scoring shall be awarded 6 points, the third highest 5=points etc. down to the eighth highest, who will receive 0 points.
7. If there is a tie in a game the points will be awarded on the following basis;
The points available to the tied players shall be added together and then divided by the number of players that have tied.
{Example: If there is a tie between 3 players at positions 3, 4 and 5, the sum of points for the three players is 12 (5+4+3 points), which divided by 3 will give each player 4 points.)
8. Top 2 from the point standing of each group will advance to Step 3.
If there is a tie for position 2 in a group, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.
9. The 8 players in step 3 will play 8 games in one group with a system as specified in 4-7 above.

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10. Top 4 players from the point standing of ~~each~~ this group will advance to the Semi Finals, seeded 1-4. If there is a tie for position 4 in the group, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.
If there is a tie for any other qualifying position, the highest qualified player is the player with the highest pin fall in Step 3, if there is still a tie, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.
11. The player seeded one from Step 3 shall play a one game match against the player seeded four, and the player seeded 2 shall play a one game match against the player seeded 3, with the higher ranked players having choice of starting lane. The losers of both matches will receive bronze medals.
12. The winners from shall play a one game match for the Championships, with the higher ranked player having the choice of starting lane. The winner of this match will receive a gold medal, and the loser a silver medal.
13. In case of a tie in the semi-final or final, a one ball roll-off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.
14. The players will be positioned on the lanes, where they ended the game. The highest seeded player will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery, the players will switch lanes and order of deliveries. A third roll off delivery will be played like the first roll off delivery etc.

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Agenda item 12.2.11

World Games

IWGA (International World Games Association) has offered us to have more players in World Games in future World Games. They have also indicated some changes in the format. After discussions with IWGA WTBA Executive Board proposes the following new Chapter 7 for World Games, which has been tentatively approved by IWGA.

The following paragraphs in Chapter 7 will be affected by the proposed changes.

7. World Games

7.3.1 In the World Games 16 federations will qualify to participate.

- a) The host federation is automatically qualified with two male and two female bowlers.
- b) The remaining 15 federations will comprise 5 federations both male and female from each zone.
- c) Each country will be required to send 2 male bowlers and/or 2 female bowlers.
- d) Two deadlines will be defined by World Bowling;
 - i) for each Zone to present to World Bowling the standing of zone qualification of teams/federations
 - ii) a final date for invitation of teams/federations
- e) WTBA invites the federations according to the qualification rules above following the standing in each zone qualification. If there are any vacant spots the World Bowling may fill these vacancies for one zone by team(s) from any zone.

7.8 Tournament format

- 7.8.1 The following format should be used. However, the final decision will be made by the IWGA Executive Committee for each specific World Games event, and will be listed in the IF-Passport.
- 7.8.2 The World Games will be conducted in two separate divisions Men and Women.
- 7.8.3 The events will be men's and women's singles and men's and women's doubles. A total of four gold medals will be awarded.
- 7.8.4 Singles
 - a) Both male and female players will bowl one 6 game block.
 - b) The 16 highest positioned players (male and female) after the 6 games will qualify for the finals, seeded as 1-16 in all steps of the finals.
 - c) The finals will be single elimination format and will be played in accordance with a pre-determined 16 person single elimination schedule. (See attached).
 - d) The single elimination finals will be the best of 3 games. Once a bowler loses a match they are eliminated.
 - e) In each match of the finals the highest seeded player will choose starting lane (i.e. left lane or right lane). In the second game the order of players will be opposite to the first game and in a possible third game the order of players will be the same as in the first game
 - f) The losers of the semi-final match will proceed to the Bronze Medal match. The winner of this match will be awarded the bronze medal.

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- g) The winners of the semi final match will proceed to the Gold Medal Match. The winner of this match will be awarded the gold medal and the loser will be awarded the silver medal.
- h) If there is a tie for positions 1-16, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.
- i) In case of a tie in a game in a match, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

7.8.5 Doubles

- a) Played in two stages with 16 federations represented in both male and female divisions.
- b) Federations will be seeded according to the last World Championships results (top two players in All Events).
- c) Ties in seedings will be broken by the federation which has the higher position of their third highest ranked player in the All Event standing.
- d) The top 8 seeded Federations will be placed into pools based on the table below.
- e) The remaining 8 Federations will be allocated to the various pools by a draw.

Pool 1.	Pool 2.	Pool 3.	Pool 4.
Seed 1.	Seed 3.	Seed 4.	Seed 2.
Seed 5.	Seed 7.	Seed 8.	Seed 6.
Draw 1.	Draw 2.	Draw 3.	Draw 4.
Draw 5.	Draw 6.	Draw 7.	Draw 8.

Stage 1. Elimination round.

- f) 3 matches in each pool where each team will play each other once (two games total pinfall to count).
- g) Points will be allocated on the following basis
 - 2 points for a win
 - 1 point for a draw
 - 0 points for a loss
- h) The top two point-scorers from each pool will continue to the Stage 2 finals.
- i) If there is a tie for position 2 in any pool then a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played by both members of the team, repeated until the tie is broken.
- j) An impartial lane draw will be conducted before the start of the matches. Each match shall be played on a different pair of lanes if possible under the physical conditions of the host bowling centre.

Stage 2. Finals.

- k) The top 8 teams from the Stage 1 Elimination Round will contest the finals.
- l) The finals will be played over 3 rounds using the following format;
- m) Round 1
 - Match 1 - Pool 1 winner v Pool 2 second place (winner to round 2 - loser out)
 - Match 2 - Pool 1 second place vs Pool 2 winner (winner to round 2 - loser out)
 - Match 3 - Pool 3 winner vs Pool 4 second place (winner to round 2 - loser out)
 - Match 4 - Pool 3 second place vs Pool 4 winner (winner to round 2 - loser out)

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- n) Round 2
Match 5 - Winner Match 1 vs Winner Match 3 (winner to Gold Medal Match - Loser to Bronze Medal Match)
Match 6 - Winner Match 2 vs Winner Match 4 (winner to Gold Medal Match - Loser to Bronze Medal Match)
- o) Round 3
Bronze medal Match – Loser Match 5 vs Loser Match 6
Gold Medal Match - Winner Match 5 vs Winner Match 6
- p) In each match of the finals a coin toss will be used with the winner to choose starting lane.
- q) If there is a tie in any match then a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played by both members of the team, repeated until the tie is broken.

7.9 Awards

- 7.9.1 IWGA medals of gold; silver and bronze will be presented to each of the individuals winning those positions in the Singles.
- 7.9.2 IWGA medals of gold; silver and bronze will be presented to each of the individuals winning those positions in the Doubles.



Proposal to the WTBA Congress 2015

Return to single-oil pattern events in all WTBA Championships

The break down speed of the oil-pattern has increased a lot

Numerous measurements have shown a huge depletion rate over six games of bowling with two players per lane. It has also proven that lanes are changing very fast even in a single oil-pattern competition. So in a squad, where lanes are dressed with one oil-pattern only, players are in reality already confronted with multiple oil-patterns.

Negative impacts for the game

By observing score levels in some of the latest World Championships, it seems that the selection of two oil-patterns for the same championships is a choice between two evils. Either most players can play both patterns fairly, but then the difference between the patterns is marginal. Or the difference in scores becomes extreme, when there is a bigger difference between the two patterns, i.e. many players do 1100-1200 in six games on the one pattern and 1400-1500 on the other, and vice versa. This is not acceptable.

Complexity

Two oil-pattern championships have increased the need of bowling balls and/or have demanded more ball adjustment possibilities. It has introduced many situations, where players have to choose between various options and following all these many new possibilities, the rule book has grown with many pages.

In other words: using two oil-patterns is increasing the complexity of both the game itself and its administration. This is acceptable, as long as it increases the value of the game, but it is not acceptable, if the outcome of the initiative is negative or just neutral.

Proposal

Using two oil-patterns in championships was introduced to serve a mission, and it did, since we got a higher diversity and more challenges in our championships, which was what we wanted. But since then the development in balls and skills has changed that much that it is time to return to single oil pattern championships.

The ETBF Presidium Proposes that only one oil-pattern will be used in all WTBA Championships as of 2016.

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Age limit WYC

Norwegian Bowling Federation has proposed change of age limit for World Youth Championships.

See separate document 12.2.13



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Proposal to the 2015 WTBA-Congress: Rule Change

The proposal applies to Chapter 6: World Tenpin Bowling Youth and Senior Championships

The rule in question is 6.1.3: Age limits, point a):

“The players in WYC must not have reached the age of 21 years on 1st January of the year of the championships. Also see 4.9.5 a”

The proposal is to change the text in 6.1.3 to:

“The players in WYC must not have reached the age of 23 years on 1st January of the year of the championships. Also see 4.9.5 a”

The proposal does not influence 4.9.5 a - the proposal is to maintain this point as it is.

Reasoning for the proposal:

- Most players will only be able to play/qualify for WYC once before getting too old. At the same time it is a fact that the transition from competing on junior/youth level to competing on adult/senior level, is rather tough for many young players, especially the late bloomers. An increased age limit for the WYC will secure more experience on a high, but still suitable level for more young players; before facing the ultimate competition on the adult level. An increased age limit should make the transition less challenging, securing more and better players on the highest level over time.
- In order to secure and maintain recruitment to the sport of bowling = more players playing longer - an increase in the age limit of the WYC is regarded to be a logical and cost effective tool to accomplish such an important goal. Subsequently an increased age limit should lead to increasing numbers of players in all age brackets, contributing to increasing the overall quality of the game.
- The age bracket upwards for WYC is too similar to the age limit for regional junior championships, i.e. no more than 3 years in most cases. The outcome is that many players are playing both championships in the same year; thus not making the WYC as attractive and unique as anticipated.

This proposal is forwarded by Norway - supported by Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

Best regards
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