



WORLD BOWLING NINEPIN



World Ninepin Bowling Association
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President Report

**President Dornberger,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends,**

first of all, I regret exceptionally Tenpin Bowling will not be olympic in Tokyo 2020 and I wish our Tenpin friends good luck and success for the 2024 Olympics, maybe in Hamburg, Germany.

Let me introduce myself to you as the new WNBA president. Former president Ludwig Kocsis, Austria, resigned in November 2014. At the occasion of the 2015 WNBA congress, May, 16th, I was elected unanimously. I say thank you to Mr. Kocsis and even to WNBA vicepresident Michael Teschner, who was interim president. I was, and I'm still, very concerned about the situation I found regarding the relationship of FIQ and Ninepin. But I am not a friend of looking for errors and mistakes happend in the past and not even of finger-pointing and accusation.

Dear friends, please let me pronounce clearly and distinctly:

the plans and proposals changing the WNBA role within FIQ/World Bowling from a legal entity to a committee will eliminate Ninepin in lots of countries and federations. They are dependent on payments of their national olympic committees. These payments will be cut off by the merger and plans. I appeal urgently to you to assure Ninepin's survival within the global Bowling family.. As you all may know, Ninepin has a long tradition and history. World's eldest federation DKB (Germany) was founded in the year 1885. As you may further know, Tenpin Bowling was developed from Ninepin Bowling. Let us go forward together to our common future.

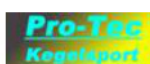
In 2015 the WNBA sections NBC, NBS and NBBK organized outstanding World and European championships with big media responses. Futhermore WNBA is reorganizing actually it's structures with three sections NBC, NBS and NBBK. This will be finished until the WNBA congress 2017.

Finally I say thank you very much to all Bowling (Ten- and Ninepin) players, officials and last not least to all supporters and even thank you for your attention. In case of questions I'm at your disposal at the Congress.

Kind Regards,

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