



WORLD BOWLING NEWSLETTER ISSUE 12

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To: World Bowling Member Federations

2018 World Men Championships

World Men Championships would be held in November 23 – December 5, 2018, in Hong Kong. Live stream of all qualifying will occur, and be available on www.worldbowling.org. All Semi-finals and Finals will be broadcast on live television through I-Cable Hong Kong. The feed is available for broadcast in all global markets; if you are aware of interest in your region or country, please contact megan@worldbowling.org.

A Coaching Conference “2018 World Bowling Coaching Conference” would be held in conjunction with the WMC on November 20 and 21, 2018. The theme is “Youth Development and Coaching”. There will be two sessions on Anti-doping on the morning of November 21 and a two-hours workshop on Anti-doping in the afternoon. Registration is available here: <https://2018wbcoachingconference.com/>

World Junior Championships

The 2019 World Junior Championships (WJC) will be held in Saint Maximin, France from March 16-23, 2019; Saint Maximin is near Paris. The Championships will be held at Plaza Bowling Saint Maximin. As part of the ongoing Olympic effort and in cooperation with our commercial industry partners, World Bowling is exploring the possibility of conducting Finals events on temporary lanes within Paris, to showcase the sport in an environment that sports officials are not familiar with. Bulletin #1 has recently been distributed.

Several federations have inquired as to the late notice of the WJC, we also wish that more notice could have been given. However due to the nature of the timetable recently announced by the IOC regarding the addition of new sports for the Paris Olympic Games, any demonstration of our sport’s capabilities after April 1, 2019 may have little to no value.

Technical Committee

Several federation and individual inquiries have been received regarding the status of World Bowling equipment specifications and rules. The Technical Committee has issued this statement:

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World Bowling's review of the current state of global bowling specifications is ongoing and making progress. We have collected input from member federations and industry stakeholders and are currently in the review process. After the review and discussions are completed, there will be an announcement about the outcome forthcoming. We thank those who have provided input and appreciate your patience as we continue the process. In the interim World Bowling Statutes remain unchanged. To learn more about this process, please review this previously issued press release:

<https://www.worldbowling.org/news/2018/05/world-bowling-to-evaluate-how-global-bowling-specifications-are-set/>

The Technical Committee recommended certain revisions to the ball specifications, with effective dates starting January 1, 2019. The recommendation was considered by the Executive Board, which unanimously approved the following rule changes (**in red**), which are effective until the 2019 Congress has the opportunity to ratify or reject:

11.12 Drilling specifications

11.12.1 The following limitations, as specified, shall govern the drilling of holes in the ball.

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.

11.12.3 (until August 1, 2020), One hole for balance purposes not to exceed 1 ¼ inch (31.8 mm) diameter. (Including the surface opening).

11.12.4 No more than one vent hole to each finger and/or thumb hole not to exceed ¼ inch (6.4 mm) in diameter. (Including the surface opening).

11.12.5 One mill hole for inspection purposes not to exceed 5/8 inch (15.9 mm) in diameter and 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) in depth.

11.13 Balance

11.13.1 The following tolerances shall be permissible in the balance of a bowling ball used in sanctioned competition.

11.13.2 A. 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) (until August 1, 2020), 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) (until August 1, 2020), 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).

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11.13.3 For balls without a balance hole not more than 3 ounces (85 grams) between any two halves of the ball. A ball used without any gripping holes or indentations may not have more than 3 ounces (85 grams) of difference between any two halves of the ball. The effective date for this revision is January 1, 2019; if a World Bowling or Zone event finishes on or after January 1, 2019 then 11.13.3 applies to the entirety of that event.

The 2018 WMC shall be conducted under the currently existing World Bowling Rules.

WB Executive Board Meeting

The next WB Executive Board meeting will be held in Hong Kong on November 22, 2018.



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