

EXECUTIVE BOARD PROPOSALS TO THE 2019 CONGRESS

1. Hosting a Congress

- 1.6.12 f) **Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Host of the Congress has paid a hosting fee for a World Championship held at the time of the congress, World Bowling may negotiate with the Host regarding the requirements of 1.6.12 a – e.**

2. Addition of Africa and Oceania to the Executive Board

- 1.7.1 The Executive Board shall be the executive and management body of World Bowling. It shall consist of **12** persons as follows
- a) The President
 - b) The First Vice President,
 - c) The Second Vice President
 - d) The President from each of the **European, Asian and American** Zones. Each of **such** Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if its President cannot attend. **Effective January 1, 2020, the President from the African and Oceania Zones, or their alternate, shall serve on the Executive Board, provided that each of said Zones shall be legally organized within their jurisdiction, and have approved By-Laws.**
 - e) One Delegate from each of the **European, Asian and American** Zones. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if its Delegate cannot attend.
 - f) One representative for the athletes, elected in conjunction with World Championships for men and women.

3. Quorum for EB meetings

- 1.7.5 A quorum consists of **seven** members of the Executive Board, who must represent at least **three** Zones.

4. Approval of international tournaments – schedule conflicts

- 3.6.3 The Zone shall review the application and the tournament rules to make sure that all requirements are met; **additionally, in determining whether the application will be granted, the Zone may consider schedule conflicts with other approved Zone Championships and tournaments, Regional Games, and World Bowling Championships.** After approval, the application shall be sent by e-mail to the World Bowling Secretary General. At the same time a letter of Zone approval will be sent to the national federation and to the tournament organizer. Furthermore, the tournament calendar on the Zone website will be updated with the tournament information indicating the Zone approved status and the pending World Bowling status.

5. Athletes participating in unsanctioned tournaments -WB removed

- 3.8.4 Athletes participating in unapproved tournaments, which require approval, as described herein, may be subject to penalty given by the national federation of the athlete.

6. Dual lane patterns

4.6.2 In conjunction with the inspection of the lanes the World Bowling Technical Delegate shall take into account lane wear and topography while testing, selecting and adjusting the lane dressing pattern to be used during the championships.

- a) In WWC, WMC, WC, WSrC, WSC, WYC and WJC **two (2)** lane conditions shall be selected from one of the two oiling pattern categories. A bank of patterns shall be available to the Technical Delegate by the Technical Committee Chairperson. The bank shall consist of multiple patterns in each of 2 oiling pattern categories – Bank 30 (**30'-39'**) and Bank 40 (**40'-49'**).

The category selected shall be announced at least 120 days in advance of the tournament. The final selected oil-pattern will be published at the Team Managers meeting. **All disciplines shall be played on the dual patterns, alternating each lane.**

Any adjustments shall be made to ensure the original integrity of the pattern is upheld. These adjustments will be approved by the Technical Delegate in association with the Lane Maintenance Provider and may include mic-stream adjustment, buff speed adjustment and/or pattern length adjustment of +/- 1'.

7. Drinking alcohol – bowling centre removed

4.16.2 Athletes, coaches or administrators may not consume alcohol while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation (**DELETED – in the bowling centre**) 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
- 100 USD for a second violation (paid by the federation before the next event) and for any subsequent violation, suspension for the duration of the Championships

8. Athlete uniforms

4.18.3 The following may appear on the uniform

- a) Name of athlete
- b) Logo of the country or member federation, which the athlete represents
- c) Advertisement: The number of advertisements is decided by each federation.
- d) **The back lower 50% is** reserved for a World Bowling **or local host** sponsor. No later than **four** months before the start of the championship World Bowling **shall** inform all member federations if this right will be used by World Bowling and provide all federations with an original design for printing.
- e) **World Bowling may require all athletes to wear identification numbers during all competition. The identification shall not contain sponsorship**

not approved by World Bowling.

9. Participation in WC

- 5.2.2
- i) In WC (for men and women) **32** men's team and **32** women's team will qualify to participate
 - ii) The host federation is qualified with one men's and one women's team
 - iii) The remaining **31** 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 member federations in good standing on 1st of January two years ahead of the year of the championship
 - iv) Each Zone decides the qualification process in its zone.
 - v) Two deadlines will be defined by World Bowling
 - a) for each Zone to present to World Bowling the standing of zone qualification of teams/federations
 - b) a final date for invitation of teams/federations
 - vi) World Bowling 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
 - vii) The minimum number of athletes from each participating team must be **six (6)** athletes
 - viii) No wild card system will be used

10. Warmup on newly-introduced lanes

5.4.5 Notwithstanding 5.4.4, World Bowling tournament management may, in their sole discretion, allow warm-up on championship lanes in circumstances in which athletes are required to compete on lanes not previously used in the championships, or lanes that have been retired in the championships.

11. Revision of WC format

All reference to "WC" shall be removed from 5.6.1, 5.7, 5.12

5.13 WC Format

5.13.1 Singles

- a) **Round 1 - 192 athletes divided into 6 groups of 32 athletes Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 athletes each**
 - i) **Groups are seeded according to previous Championships**
 - ii) **Athletes bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw**
- b) **Round 2 - 24 athletes, composed of the winner from each subgroup**
 - i) **They will be divided into 4 groups of 6 athletes with pre-determined schedule**
 - ii) **Athletes will bowl 5 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw**
- c) **Semi-finals and finals**

- i) The winner from each group will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.
- ii) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners shall bowl best of three games.

5.13.2 Doubles – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 - 96 doubles divided into 3 groups of 32 doubles. Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 doubles each
 - i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii) Athletes bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
- b) Round 2 - 24 doubles, composed of the winner and second place from each subgroup
 - i) They will be divided into 4 groups of 6 doubles with pre-determined schedule
 - ii) Athletes will bowl 5 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
- c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i) The winner from each group will proceed to the semi-finals
 - ii) They will be seeded according to their points in round 2
 - iii) If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip
 - iv) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners shall bowl best of 3 games

5.13.3 Trios – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 – 64 trios divided into 2 groups of 32 trios. Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 trios each
 - i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii) Trios will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
- b) Round 2 – 16 trios, composed of the winner and second place from each subgroup
 - i.) They will be divided into 2 groups of 8 trios with pre-determined schedule
 - ii.) Trios will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
- c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i.) The top 2 from each group will proceed to the semi-finals
 - ii.) They will be seeded according to their points in round 2
 - iii.) If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip

iv.) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners will bowl best of three games

5.13.4 Team – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 – One group of 32 teams. Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 teams each.
 - i.) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii.) Teams will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
- b) Round 2
 - i.) Top 2 teams in each subgroup advances to Round 2
 - ii.) They will be in 1 group of 8 teams with pre-determined schedule
 - iii.) Teams will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
- c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i.) The top 4 teams from Round 2 will proceed to the semi-finals
 - ii.) They will be seeded according to their points in round 2
 - iii.) If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip
 - iii.) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners will bowl best of three games
 - iv.) Line up changes are allowed after each game, prior to the start of the game

5.13.5 Ties in all disciplines that affect proceeding to a next round will be determined by a 9th and 10th frame roll off

5.13.6 An all-events medal will be awarded based on the sum of the finishing position in each discipline.

- a) The winner is the athlete with the least number of points, based on finishing position in each discipline
- b) Ties will be declared co-medalists

5.13.7 Over-all federation champion medals will be awarded based on the sum of finishing positions in each discipline.

- a) The federation ranking will be done by a formula: $S*(P-Avg+1)*T$, where S = number of athletes in team (1 for singles, 2 for doubles, etc); P = total number of athletes/teams in event; Avg = average position for the federation in event; T = tier, singles .25, doubles .50, trios .75, team 1.00
- b) The winner is the federation with the highest number of points
- c) Ties will be declared co-medalists

12. WSC format

5.14.1 WSC format

- a) Round 1 – 97 to 192 athletes divided into 6 groups of athletes, which shall be further subdivided into 3 groups of athletes with an equal number of

athletes in each group. If 96 or less athletes in the field, they shall be divided into 3 groups of athletes, which shall be further subdivided into 4 subgroups with an equal number of athletes each.

i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships.

ii) Athletes bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw. However, if there are less than 8 athletes in a subgroup, any matches scheduled against a blank shall be an automatic win, without the necessity of a game bowled.

b) Round 2 – 24 athletes, composed of the winner from each subgroup based upon 97-192 athletes; if 96 or less athletes, the 24 athletes advancing shall be the winner and second place finisher from each subgroup.

i) They will be divided into 4 groups of 6 athletes with predetermined schedule

ii) Athletes will bowl 5 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.

c) Semi-finals and finals

i) The winner from each group will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding position, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.

ii) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners shall bowl best of three games.

13. Current Frame scoring system – WYC and WJC

6.1.5 The **World Youth Championships and World Junior Championships** shall be conducted under the alternate/**current frame** scoring system set forth herein.

a) A game of tenpins consists of ten frames. An athlete delivers two balls in each frame unless a strike is scored. Every frame must be completed by each athlete bowling in regular order.

b) Except when a strike is scored, the number of pins knocked down by the athlete's first delivery is to be marked in the small square in the upper left-hand corner of that frame, and the number of pins knocked down by the athlete's second delivery is to be marked in the upper right-hand corner. If none of the standing pins are knocked down by the second delivery in the frame, the score sheet shall be marked with a (-). The count for the two deliveries in the frame shall be recorded immediately.

c) A strike is made when a full setup of pins is knocked down with the first delivery in a frame. It is marked by an (X) in the small square in the upper left-hand corner of the frame where it was made. The count for one strike is 30.

d) If a second consecutive strike occurs, the count for each succeeding strike is 30. If 10 consecutive strikes occur, the score is 300, the maximum available.

- e) A spare is scored when pins left standing after the first delivery are knocked down with the second delivery in that frame. It is marked by a (/) in the small square in the upper right-hand corner of the frame. The count for a spare is 10 plus the number of pins knocked down by the athlete's first delivery in that frame.
- f) When an athlete fails to bowl down all ten pins after two deliveries in a frame, the count for that frame shall be the total number of pins knocked down.

14. World Games qualifying

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 **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 member federations in good standing on 1st of January two years ahead of the year of the Games; provided, however, that each of the 5 Zones shall be entitled to at least one team of each gender.**
- c) Each country will be required to send 2 male athletes and/or 2 female athletes.
- 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) World Bowling 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.