



PROPOSAL FOR 2019 WORLD BOWLING CONGRESS

AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 1.5.9

On behalf of Tenpin Bowling Australia, Tenpin Bowling New Zealand and The Guam Bowling Congress we would like to propose an amendment to World Bowling Statute 1.5.9 (e).

Current Statute

1.5.9 The rights of the Zones

e) To establish such Zone Championships as it deems appropriate for the exclusive benefit of its members; however, member federations of the African Zone and Oceania Zone may continue to participate in Zone Championships they have historically been included in prior to January 1, 2016 upon payment of a fee agreed upon between the federation and that Zone, provided it cannot exceed normal Zone dues. Commencing January 1, 2023 all Zone members may only participate in their own Zone Championship events; provided, however, that two Zones with common boundaries may jointly agree on combined Zone Championships beyond January 1, 2023.

Proposed Amendment

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e) To establish such Zone Championships as it deems appropriate for the exclusive benefit of its members; however, member federations of the African Zone and Oceania Zone ***shall have the right to*** continue to participate in Zone Championships they have historically been included in prior to January 1, 2016 upon payment of a fee agreed upon between the federation and that Zone, provided it cannot exceed ***50% of the*** normal Zone dues.

In the event that either the African or Oceania Zone chooses not to have a separate Zone Championships, such Zone may agree with any other Zone on a combined Zone Championships.

Reasons for the Proposal

1. Currently there are only 3 active member Federations in the Oceania Zone. It is highly doubtful that we could conduct an actual viable championship, at least for several years, given there is only 3 countries in the zone with operational bowling centres.
2. Our main priority is ensuring that the Oceania countries will not be excluded from the Asian Zone Championships. It's important that this is very clear in the World Bowling constitution as, if we were unable to participate, we firmly believe that it would severely impede the development of the sport in this region.

3. Whilst we would all love to see the sport expand in this region, neither World Bowling nor any of our Federations has substantial enough resources to firstly build bowling centres and then attempt to develop the sport in neighbouring countries. Therefore, except for possibly New Caledonia and/or Vanuatu, we cannot see any scope for growth in Federations in the short to medium term. A Zone of just 3 to possibly 5 Federations is not large enough to foster the development of the sport here.
4. We believe it's only reasonable that if we continue to compete in the Asian Zone Championships that we should continue to contribute to ABF. The proposed upper limit of 50% of the normal zone dues is to ensure we have sufficient funds to maintain the Oceania Zone.
5. If at any stage we were to be excluded from the Asian Championships, we believe it is not in our best interest and potentially will result in us becoming more remote from the rest of the Bowling World.

Kind Regards



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