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To all WTBA member federations

Updated WTBA Statutes and Playing Rules

WTBA Executive Board made at an EB meeting in late January some decisions which needed update of WTBA Statutes and Playing Rules. An updated version of the Rule Book is now available to download on [WTBA website](#)

The following new rules effective already for World Championships during 2012 were decided:

a) Masters – Round Robin

At WTBA Congress 2011 it was decided to reintroduce Round Robin in all World Championships except the new WSC. The details about the Masters format is stated in 5.13 and 6.10

b) Bowling ball procedure

The Executive Board has decided a By Rule to be effective immediately regarding registration and inspection of bowling balls. The new rules are stated in 4.11. This is a test during 2012.

One pair courtesy

WTBA Congress 2011 decided to introduce one pair courtesy as stated in 4.22

This new rule will be used in WYC and WSC 2012. Two videos are available to download from WTBA website to inform how the new rule works. www.worldtenpinbowling.com/rulesandpublications/video.php

We recommend you to study the videos together with your players.

WTBA and PBA co-operation

As informed in a Press Release Feb 2, 2012 an agreement is signed between WTBA and PBA with the purpose to develop the World Bowling Tour.

The expanded relationship between the PBA and WTBA has the potential to lead to greater marketing and sponsorship opportunities for our sport.

A new PBA international membership will be available for non-US players. For information and registration <http://pba.com/Join/>

First WTBA Special Olympics event

30 January the first WTBA Special Olympics event was organized in Henderson, Nevada in conjunction with WTBA Open International. Mika Koivuniemi and Sean Rash played together with 8 local Special Olympics athletes. A short video on [WTBA website](#)

WTBA Committees and Working Groups

The following Committees and Working Groups have been appointed by WTBA President and approved by the Executive Board. The committee member and their contact information will be available on WTBA website in a near future.

Technical Committee

Neil Stremmel, USA, (*Chair*)

Marios Nicolaides, Cyprus

Kim Eui Young, Thailand

Gus Falgien (*Kegel representative*)

The Committee is responsible for protecting the nature of the game by monitoring developments in equipment manufacturing and ensuring that technical specifications are adhered to, maintaining a balance between the preservation of the challenge and skills traditionally required to play the game, while encouraging innovation in product development designed to make tenpin bowling more exciting to play and watch.



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Youth Development Committee

Pekka Korpi, Finland (*Chair*)

Mike Seymour, Australia

plus a commercial representative to be appointed later

The Committee is responsible for the development of global programs designed to accelerate the development of both grass roots and competitive youth bowling, ensuring that the commercial industry viewpoint is taken into consideration.

Competition Committee

Danny Santos, Philippines, (*Chair*)

Pekka Korpi, Finland

Bill Hoffman, USA

Sergey Lisitsyn, Russia

Mike Seymour, Australia

Veronica Rajii, Chile

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending to the Executive Board any revisions to competition rules, formats or schedules.

WTBA WORKING GROUPS

Olympic Development

Vivien Lau, Hong Kong (*Chair*)

Kyohei Akagi, Japan

Pablo Maldonado, Spain

Randolph Raldiris, Puerto Rico

Alessandro Sattanino, Italy

Specific task is to determine the IOC process after a sport is placed on the short list, including the administrative process, key IOC officials involved, and to identify key IOC decision-makers in that process, and determine means of development of relationships with these decision-makers.

Special Olympics

Cara Honeychurch, Australia, (*Chair*)

Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic

Sonja Jaine, Sweden

Specific task is to develop the parameters of the future relationship between WTBA and International Special Olympics.

Coaching Program/Coach Certification

Jim Porter, USA (*Chair*)

Frank Buffa, Canada

Peter Ljung, Sweden

Juha Maja, Finland

Kim Eui Young, Thailand

Chris Batson, Australia

Craig Woodhouse, Dominican Republic/Canada

Specific tasks are two-fold: develop a WTBA coach certification program, from base level to national team coach; and develop a practical comprehensive WTBA coaching program.



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Legislative Reform

Darlene Baker, USA, (*Chair*)
Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Iceland
Vivien Lau, Hong Kong

Specific task is to entirely rewrite WTBA statutes and playing rules, specifically including removing duplication, clarifying all provisions. FIQ process should also be done, with the addition of one 9pinner.

Media and Technology

Jason Overstreet, USA, (*Chair*),
Sven Tore Iversen, Norway
Herbert Bickel, Germany
Joan Ricart, Catalonia

Specific task is to review current WTBA website, live-streaming, television coverage, media distribution, electronic meetings and other use of technology and media, and recommend any advisable revisions and additions.

World Bowling Tour – Regional Coordinators

Kitty Baek, Korea (East Asia)
Suwalai Satrulee, Thailand (South East Asia)
Danny Santos, Philippines/Kuwait (Middle East)
Alessandro Sattanino, Italy (South Europe)
Magnus Johnson, Sweden (Northern Europe)
Bill Hoffman, USA (American zone)

This will be an administrative function, to assist in the administration and development of the WBT. These individuals will be volunteers, expenses reimbursed as approved, and their duties would be the development of new WBT events, and the enhancement of existing ones, in coordination with the WTBA CEO Kevin Dornberger.

FIQ Athlete Committee

An FIQ Athlete Committee with representatives from tenpin and ninepin will be appointed later by FIQ Executive Board. One of the tenpin athletes will be appointed to attend WTBA EB meetings.

This Committee serves as a consultative body and is the link between active athletes and the FIQ/WTBA and make sure the athletes have a voice in the decision making process.

WTBA bank account

We have had some changes of the bank information for WTBA. To make sure that it works if you shall transfer money to WTBA the following information must be used

Send wire through United Bankers Bank ABA# 091001322
to receiver bank

Valley Exchange Bank
ABA # 091401922
214 S. Main
P.O. Box 19
Lennox, SD 57039

to credit the following account
World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA)
account number 5109892
2208 Brookside Drive
Arlington, TX 76012-4100



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REMINDERS

WYC 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand

WYC will be held 22 June – 3 July in Bangkok, Thailand.

Remind you to send registration soonest, but latest 30 March 2012.

WYC 2012 Bulletin 2 was sent a few days ago. Visit WYC website www.worldyouth2012.com . For questions contact the host directly Suwalaisatrulee@hotmail.com

Invitation WTBA/Brunswick Youth Development Grant Assistance Program

As informed in email 1 Dec 2011 all federations are invited to apply for funds for National Youth Development Program. You can find more details and application form on [WTBA website](#).

WTBA and Brunswick have reached a partnership agreement to award up to \$50,000 to worldwide Bowling Federations in 2012 as part of a matching funds grant assistance program. Bowling Federations may apply for up to \$5,000 in matching funds for grass roots coaching and bowler development programs targeting youth bowlers in 2012.

If you have any questions about this program contact WTBA President Kevin Dornberger president@worldtenpinbowling.com

Invitation to host WYC 2014, WMC 2014 and WWC 2015

All federations are invited to bid for hosting World Youth Championships 2014.

Federations, cities and regions are all invited to bid for hosting World men Championship 2014 and World Women Championships 2015.

Bidding information and bidding documents are available on [WTBA website](#)

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact
WTBA President Kevin Dornberger president@worldtenpinbowling.com

**Deadline for submitting bid documents for WYC 2014, WMC 2014 and WWC 2015 is
1 March 2012**

Next WTBA Executive Board meeting

Next WTBA Executive Board meeting will be held 21-22 June 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand in conjunction with WYC 2012.

Member federations which want to submit proposals they wish to be considered by the Executive Board have to send the proposals to WTBA Secretary General latest 21 May 2012.

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