



TWO WOMEN'S EVENTS ADDED TO 2012 WORLD BOWLING TOUR

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the first time, two women's only events have been added to the schedule for the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour.

Bowling's U.S. Women's Open and the United States Bowling Congress Queens are two of the biggest women's only events in the world and the additions bring the World Bowling Tour schedule to 14 events for 2012.

"These are two major events for women bowlers, so it's only natural that they would want to be a part of the World Bowling Tour," WTBA President Kevin Dornberger said. "The growth of the World Bowling Tour has simply been incredible, and this is very positive for the sport on an international level."

The USBC Queens is scheduled for April 19-24 in Euless, Texas, at AMF Euless Lanes, which was the site of the 2011 U.S. Women's Open. The Queens is expected to feature a prize fund of nearly \$125,000.

"We are proud to add the USBC Queens - one of the most prestigious women's events in the world - to the 2012 World Bowling Tour," USBC Executive Director Stu Upson said.

"International participants have a history of doing well in this event, and we look forward to even more international participation moving forward."

The U.S. Women's Open will take place in Reno, Nev., at the National Bowling Stadium from June 21-27. The finals will take place on specially constructed lanes beneath the famous Reno Arch in downtown Reno.

"As one of the premier female bowling events in the world it was only natural that Bowling's U.S. Women's Open be listed on the schedule," Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Executive Director Steve Johnson said. "We are truly pleased to be included as last year we had 17 countries represented and expect even more this year."

The 2011 World Bowling Tour wraps up this week with the AMF Australian Masters, which ends Oct. 22. Upon completion of that event, the top three men and three women in the World Bowling Tour rankings will be announced. Those players will take part in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the Professional Bowlers Association on Nov. 17 in Las Vegas.

The World Tenpin Bowling Association, which is made up of 115 bowling federations, governs the sport throughout the world. For more information on WTBA and the World Bowling Tour, visit WorldTenpinBowling.com.



2012 WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

Jan. 6-15	Brunswick Ballmaster Open, Helsinki, Finland
Jan. 22-29	United States Bowling Congress Masters, Henderson, Nev.
Jan. 28-Feb. 5	WTBA International Open, Henderson, Nev.
Feb. 7-11	International Bowling Championship 2012 supported by DHC, Hakata, Japan
Feb. 20-26	U.S. Open, North Brunswick, N.J.
Feb. 27-March 4	Bahamas International Bowling Classic 2012, Nassau, Bahamas
March 15-19	Kuwait Open, Kuwait City, Kuwait
March 16-25	Brunswick Euro Challenge, St. Maximin, France
April 19-24	USBC Queens, Euless, Texas
June 16-21	Daejeon International Bowling Tournament, Daejeon, Korea
June 22-28	Bowling's U.S. Women's Open, Reno, Nev.
September 24-30	World Bowling Tour Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
Oct. 2-7	Columbia 300 Vienna Open, Vienna, Austria
October	AMF Australian Masters, (Dates to be decided)

There will be a World Finals Event (dates and venue tbd).
Additional events may also be scheduled

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