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WORLD BOWLING TOUR ADDS KOREAN EVENT TO SCHEDULE

ARLINGTON, Texas – The prestigious Korean Daejeon International Open has been added to the World Bowling Tour schedule for 2011, the World Tenpin Bowling Congress announced today.

The event, which will be organized by the Korea Professional Bowling Association, will be held from Aug. 21-26 at Daejeon World Cup Bowling Center in Deajeon, Korea. The addition of the event brings the total number of tournaments on the schedule in 2011 to eight.

“We warmly welcome the addition of the prestigious Daejeon Open to the World Bowling Tour schedule,” World Tenpin Bowling Association President Kevin Dornberger said. “This is just the inaugural year for the World Bowling Tour and to complete our schedule with eight events is a major success. I look forward to more events being added to the schedule for 2012.”

The Daejeon Open will be the sixth stop of the 2011 World Bowling Tour and will offer a prize fund of nearly \$185,000 and a first-place prize of nearly \$46,000.

“The Daejeon International Open Bowling will be the first tournament in Korea to be represented on the World Tour in cooperation with the Korea Professional Bowling Association and the World Tenpin Bowling Association,” said Korean PBA President Kim EonShik. “We would like to welcome professional and amateur bowlers to enjoy this event in Deajeon, Korea.”

Two other events will follow the Daejeon Open on the World Bowling Tour Schedule. The World Bowling Tour event in Thailand will be held Sept. 24-30 in Bangkok, while the AMF Australian Masters will take place in Sydney, Australia from Oct. 10-22.

Finland’s Mika Koivuniemi and the United States’ Carolyn Dorin-Ballard currently lead the World Bowling Tour rankings after five events. Koivuniemi has 125 points, which leads the United States’ Sean Rash, who has 90 points. Dorin-Ballard has earned 145 points, while the United States’ Kelly Kulick has 100.

The World Bowling Tour is made up of various events around the world throughout the course of 2011. Players earn points based on how they finish in the event and those points will be tabulated throughout the season to determine the top three men and top three women who will be invited to compete in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the Professional Bowlers Association.

The World Bowling Tour Finals are scheduled to take place at the PBA's World Series of Bowling in late 2011 and will feature a total prize fund of \$40,000. The event will be aired nationally in the United States.

The top three men and top three women will bowl a stepladder finals format in their respective divisions at the World Bowling Tour Finals. The prize money for each division is the same, with the winner taking \$10,000, second place earning \$6,000 and third place winning \$4,000.

The World Tenpin Bowling Association, which is made up of more than 100 bowling federations, governs the sport throughout the world. For more information on WTBA and the World Bowling Tour, visit WorldTenpinBowling.com.



2011 WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR

Upcoming events

Aug. 21-26 – Korean Daejeon Open, Daejeon, Korea
Sept. 24-30 - World Bowling Tour Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
Oct. 10-22 - AMF Australian Masters, Sydney, Australia
WBT Finals - Date and venue to be determined

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