

1.13 Re-racks

- 1.13.1** In IBF sanctioned tournament the number of re-racks is authorized by the Technical Operations Manager.

2.1 IBF approved international tournaments

2.1 Introduction

This chapter includes requirements and procedures that shall apply to tournaments approved or recognized by IBF.

- 2.1.1** IBF approval of a tournament means that it is open for participation by athletes who are individual members of IBF member federations.

- 2.1.2** Approval shall not be granted to any tournament, which implies by its title that the winners shall be designated as World Champions, World Tenpin Champions or IBF Champions. A member federation shall not permit its members to participate in tournaments using such titles.

2.2 Definition of tournaments

2.2.1 IBF Approved Tournaments

- 2.2.1.1** A IBF Approved Tournament is open for athletes from federations from two or more Zones.

- 2.2.1.2** A Tournament cannot be open for athletes from more than the Zone, where the tournament takes place, unless IBF approval is given.

- 2.2.1.3** To achieve IBF approval the tournament needs to be approved in advance by both the national federation where the tournament takes place and the Zone of the national federation.

2.2.2 IBF Recognized Tournaments

- 2.2.2.1** In addition to IBF approval of tournaments, the IBF Executive Board can recognize other tournaments with participation of athletes, who are members of IBF member federations, such as multi-sport games and tournaments organized for a certain group of athletes.

- 2.2.2.2** In order for a tournament to be IBF recognized all rules specified in Chapter 2, 10, 11 and 12 must be met.

2.2.3 Affinity Tournaments

2.2.3.1 There are also other tournaments organized for specific groups of people, such as events for persons belonging to a trade union, an organization for disabled persons, etc.

2.2.3.2 If such tournaments have not been approved or recognized by IBF, it is the responsibility of the national federation to decide whether their members are allowed to participate. In that case IBF has no responsibility to protect the rights of athletes participating or to accept any appeals related to such tournaments.

2.3 Approval fee

2.3.1 The fee for receiving IBF approval will be determined by the Committee in addition to fees for receiving approvals at the national and the Zone level.

2.3.2 The fee will be collected by the Zone of the organizer together with the fee of the Zone approval and send to IBF in the first week of each quarter.

2.3.3 Once a tournament is approved by IBF there will be no refund in case the tournament is cancelled.

2.4 Approval requirements

2.4.1 Playing Rules

2.4.1.1 The Universal Playing Rules specified in Chapter 1 shall apply

2.4.1.2 The tournament rules shall include a paragraph that covers tie-breaking procedures

2.4.1.3 The tournament rules should include a rule covering the rights and obligations of the athletes when they step on the approach to deliver a ball. It should also include a penalty statement in case the rule is not observed

2.4.1.4 The tournament rules should include a rule, which gives the tournament management the right to authorize the completion of a game on another pair of lanes when equipment failure would cause serious delay of the schedule

2.4.1.5 It is recommended that the tournament rules include a dress code. In principle most international tournaments are individual tournaments and the athlete has the right to wear his shirt but he can also accept an offer from the host to use a sponsor shirt or badge(s) from the host sponsor

2.4.2 Score keeping

2.4.2.1 All games bowled in the tournament shall be recorded, either manually or by means of an approved automatic scoring device

2.4.2.2 The score sheets shall indicate the pin fall on each ball so that if necessary a frame-by- frame audit can be made

2.4.2.3 A tournament game, or frame(s) within a game, that is irretrievably lost in the scoring system may be re-bowled with the approval of the tournament management.

2.4.2.4 Acceptable tournament organizers are

2.4.2.4.1 A Zone

2.4.2.4.2 A national federation

- 2.4.2.4.3** Any sub-organization, which according to national rules belongs to a national federation
- 2.4.2.4.4** An individual person, who is a member of a national federation
- 2.4.2.4.5** An external organizer, who is accepted by the national federation, in this case the national federation must take the full responsibility that all rules and obligations will be met.

2.4.3 Certification and equipment specifications

- 2.4.3.1** The lanes shall have been inspected and certified by the national federation in reasonable time before the start of the tournament
- 2.4.3.2** The lanes on which the competition is to be held must meet the specifications as defined by IBF
- 2.4.3.3** The bowling pins used during competition shall meet the specifications defined by IBF
- 2.4.3.4** The tournament management may adopt and use any automatic foul detecting device approved by IBF. When none is available, a foul judge must be stationed in a position to have an unobstructed view of the foul line. Should a foul detecting device become temporarily inoperative, the tournament officials shall assign a foul judge or authorize the official score keepers to call fouls

2.5 Procedure for IBF approval of tournaments

- 2.5.1** The tournament organizer shall in the form in use to apply for Zone approval (a Tournament Application) indicate that the organizer in addition to Zone approval wants IBF approval. The organizer shall send the Tournament Application and the tournament rules by e-mail to the national federation.
- 2.5.2** The national federation shall review the application and the tournament rules to make sure that all requirements are met. After approval, the application shall be sent by e-mail to the Zone of the national federation.
- 2.5.3** 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 IBF Championships. After approval, the application shall be sent by e-mail to the IBF CEO. 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 IBF status.
- 2.5.4** The IBF CEO shall review the application. If all requirements are met, a letter of IBF approval will be sent to the national federation, the Zone of the federation and to the tournament organizer.

2.5.5 On Zone receipt of the IBF approval letter the status of the tournament will be changed from Zone approved to IBF approved in the tournament calendar at the Zone website.

2.5.6 The Zone will invoice the IBF approval fee to the national federation.

2.6 Obligations and liabilities

2.6.1 It is the responsibility of the athletes to

2.6.1.1 Make sure that the tournament has been duly approved before entering

2.6.1.2 Be aware of the penalties, which apply when entering in an unapproved tournament

2.6.1.3 Be able to show identity evidence, either in the form of a valid license card or a certification letter issued by the national federation

2.6.2 It is the responsibility of the tournament organizer to

2.6.2.1 Fill in and submit the relevant Zone Tournament Application

2.6.2.2 Guarantee that all requirements specified in 5.5 will be met

2.6.2.3 As a minimum publish the following information in the invitation/announcement of the tournament.

2.6.2.4 Make provisions for the availability on call of proper medical care and first aid treatment

2.6.2.5 Check the identity of all athletes entering the tournament

2.6.2.6 Make sure that the eligibility requirements are met

2.6.2.7 Make sure that the playing rules are followed

2.6.2.8 Latest one week after the conclusion of the tournament publish a complete results list of the tournament

2.6.3 It is the responsibility of the national federation to

2.6.3.1 Process the Zone Tournament Application and make sure that all requirements will be met

2.6.3.2 Make sure that the Tournament Management has sufficient knowledge about the rules and obligations

2.6.3.3 Submit a written report to the Zone and IBF explaining the problem and actions taken in case of problems related to the tournament

2.6.4 It is the responsibility of the Zone to

2.6.4.1 Process any Zone Tournament Application within two weeks after it has been received from the national federation

2.6.4.2 Update the Tournament Calendar at the Zone website within two weeks after the Zone approval of a tournament

2.6.4.3 Keep the Tournament Calendar at the Zone website up to date when corrections of tournament information are received from national federations and/or IBF

- 2.6.4.4** Advise the national federations to inform their athletes not to take part in tournaments where it is known that the organiser fails to follow the requirements for an approved tournament
- 2.6.4.5** The Zone has the right to refuse approval of a tournament if the organizer has previously failed to meet the requirements
- 2.6.5** It is the responsibility of IBF to
- 2.6.5.1** Process any Tournament Application within two weeks after it has been received from the Zone
- 2.6.5.2** Inform the Zone, the national federation and the organizer when a tournament is approved by IBF
- 2.6.5.3** Advise the national federations to inform their athletes not to take part in tournaments where it is known that the organiser fails to follow the requirements for an approved tournament
- 2.6.5.4** IBF has the right to refuse approval of a tournament if the organizer has previously failed to meet the requirements
- 2.6.5.5** The IBF approval of a tournament does not mean that IBF can be made liable for any financial disputes or claims, which may occur

3 World championships, principal rules

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1** The following principal rules apply to the IBF Championships; however, similar procedures shall be followed by the Zones for the conduct of Zone Championships.
- 3.1.2** IBF shall operate the IBF Championships in accordance with the published rules and regulations.

3.2 IBF official competitions

- 3.2.1** The following are the official names of the IBF Championships
- 3.2.1.1** World Cup
- 3.2.1.2** World Championship
- 3.2.1.3** World Para Bowling Championship and Cup
- 3.2.1.4** World Junior Championship and Cups
- 3.2.1.5** World Master Championship
- 3.2.1.6** American Zone Bowling Championships
- 3.2.1.7** Asian Zone Bowling Championships
- 3.2.1.8** European Zone Bowling Championships
- 3.2.1.9** African Zone Bowling Championships
- 3.2.1.10** Oceania Zone Bowling Championships

3.3 Application to host championships

3.3.1 Selection of the host of the IBF championships shall be made by the Committee.

3.3.2 In selection of a host, the Committee shall consider the best interests of the IBF and its member Federations, including, but not limited to, the following:

3.3.2.1 Location

3.3.2.2 Dates, being mindful that the adult IBF Championships are recommended for November.

3.3.2.3 Availability of one Bowling Center sufficient to hold the IBF Championships, including number and type of lanes; exclusivity during competition; and assurance of compliance with all IBF specifications.

3.3.2.4 Availability of hotels, including price, meeting room space and travel time to the bowling center. It is the host's obligation to offer enough space in official hotels at acceptable prices

3.3.2.5 Host's ability to cultivate local support and communication programs including outside media, spectator and sponsorship interest.

3.3.2.6 Host's guarantees, including financial guarantees, and the source(s) of such guarantees.

3.3.2.7 The expertise of the federation whose jurisdiction includes the host to assist in the coordination and management of the championships

3.3.3 In selecting a host for the IBF Championships IBF shall insure:

3.3.3.1 Transportation for the official delegation members, including airport, hotel and bowling center needs.

3.3.3.2 Determining the size of the delegation, at a minimum being:

3.3.3.2.1 As defined by the committee, with no minimum requirement.

3.3.3.2.2 One coach for male athletes and one coach for female athletes.

3.3.3.2.3 One administrator for a male team and one administrator for a female team.

3.3.3.2.4 Elected and accredited delegates to IBF meetings held in conjunction with the championships.

3.3.3.3 Adequate drug testing facilities.

3.3.3.4 Certified medical personnel on call.

3.3.3.5 Badges of accreditation for members of official delegation and media.

3.3.3.6 Media facilities with appropriate telephone, email, facsimile, high speed internet and other communication services.

3.3.4 Financial considerations

IBF shall be permitted to collect:

3.3.4.1 A registration fee from each member of an official delegation.

3.3.4.2 A congress fee for delegates with vote and for additional congress delegates to cover congress expenses. The amount of the Congress fees to be decided by IBF Committee.
IBF may present special awards in one or more events.

3.3.5 All hosts bidding for championships must do their utmost to ensure that all member federations can participate

3.4 Equipment

3.4.1 All equipment, which is to be used for the championships, shall meet the requirements specified by IBF.

3.4.2 If the lanes are constructed of wood, they must have been sanded and resurfaced within the immediate six months prior to the competition. This requirement may be waived by the IBF President for World Championships and by the Zone President for the Zone Championships if deemed necessary.

3.4.3 New pins or pins of not more than 300 games shall be used. Two sets of pins shall be used in each automatic pin setting machine.

3.5 Inspection certification

3.5.1 Approximately six months before the start of the championships (as soon as possible following the required resurfacing of wood lanes), the IBF Technical Operations Manager shall inspect and certify the lanes.

3.5.2 A detailed report of the inspection shall be submitted to the bowling centre management, the IBF President and the host federation.

3.5.3 An agreement shall be signed by the bowling centre management to correct eventual discrepancies by a date prior to the start of the championships as determined by IBF.

3.6 Lane dressing procedures

3.6.1 The general goal for all competition shall be to achieve a fair and equitable scoring condition, which places a premium on athlete accuracy and consistency.

3.6.2 In conjunction with the inspection of the lanes the IBF Technical Operations Manager shall take into account lane wear and topography while testing, selecting and adjusting the lane dressing pattern to be used during the championships.

3.6.2.1 For all championships two (2) lane conditions can be selected from one of the two oiling pattern banks. A bank of patterns shall be available to the Technical Operations Manager 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 bank selected shall be announced at least 120 days in advance of the tournament. The final selected oil-patterns will be published at the Team Managers meeting.

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

3.6.3 The IBF Technical Operations Manager shall liaise with the bowling centre staff and instruct them in regard to the lane dressing procedures to be followed.

3.6.4 The lane pattern to be used during the championships shall be circulated to all member federations at the Team Managers meeting. The pattern used for unofficial practice shall not be the official tournament pattern.

3.6.5 All of the patterns in the 2 oiling pattern categories will be available to every member federation. They will be reviewed and posted annually by the IBF Technical Committee. Any changes or additions will be included into the appropriate category and posted by January 15th of each year and be made available to all member federations.

3.6.6 The Tournament Technical Committee shall follow the lane dressing procedures established by the IBF Technical Operations Manager and shall verify that the same procedures are followed on a daily basis during the competition.

Whenever it is available and after agreement with the proprietor a LaneMap Guide will be published on championship website.

3.6.7 The Zones will decide on the implementation date for the Zone Championships.

3.7 Information and entry procedures

3.7.1 IBF, or a host appointed by IBF, will create a website for the event including all information (i.e., costs, accommodation, schedule, etcetera).

3.7.2 The content of the Bulletin will, together with all later information updates, be published at the championship website.

3.7.3 If deemed necessary, more Bulletins can be circulated by email closer to the beginning of the championships.

3.7.4 The first bulletin will include an entry form, in which an entry deadline is indicated.

3.7.5 By submitting the entry form, the federation is accepting to enter the championships with the number of athletes stipulated in the form. When the entry deadline is passed, the entry is binding for the federation and penalty fees may be invoiced by the host in case of any later changes.

3.8 Late changes and withdrawals

3.8.1 Already paid entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline is passed.

3.8.2 The host may accept that a federation, which has entered before deadline, can add more athletes.

3.8.3 A federation will not be allowed to participate in future world championships, until they have paid the original entry fees, invoiced by the host.

3.9 Eligibility

3.9.1 To be eligible to enter athletes in IBF championships, federations must be current with their IBF and Zone membership fees.

3.9.2 Any athlete in the IBF championships must be a national of the country of the IBF member federation, which is entering him (subject to the exceptions below). The athlete must present a valid passport from the country of the IBF member federation.

3.9.3 All disputes relating to the determination of the country which an athlete may represent in the IBF championships shall be resolved by the IBF Committee.

3.9.4 Exceptions

3.9.4.1 An athlete who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in world, continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the IBF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or

acquired a new nationality. The athletes must have a passport from the country that will represent.

- 3.9.4.2** An athlete who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in world, continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the IBF, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the IBF Championships to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the athlete last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled by the IBF Committee, with the agreement of the athlete's National Olympic Committee and national bowling federation, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.
- 3.9.4.3** If an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another country or if a new member federation is recognized by the IBF, an athlete may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, choose to represent his country or be entered in the IBF Championships by his new IBF member federation if one exists. This particular exception may be made only once.
- 3.9.4.4** Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in World Championships, either by representing another country than his or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the IBF Committee may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period.
- 3.9.5** Age Eligibility for World Championships
- 3.9.5.1** For all championships, the athlete must have reached the age of 13 years on 1 January in the year of the championship.
- 3.9.5.2** For Masters Championship, the athletes must be 50 years of age or above in the year of the Championship; for the Grand Masters, the athletes must be 65 years of age or above in the year of the Championship
- 3.10.1** The host shall select a manager (coordinator) for the tournament. He and his designated representatives shall supervise and direct the tournament. This shall include responsibility to the Tournament Technical Committee, Referees, compliance with the IBF Rules and otherwise with the codes of conduct of the IBF