

- 3.10.2** The Tournament Technical Committee for World Championships shall consist of
- 3.10.2.1** The IBF Technical Delegate
 - 3.10.2.2** The IBF Technical Operations Manager
 - 3.10.2.3** The Venue Manager
- 3.10.3** The IBF Technical Delegate is the Chairman of the Committee and is especially responsible for matters related to the IBF Rules. He is appointed by the IBF President and can be from the same Zone but must come from another federation than the host's federation.
- 3.10.4** The IBF Technical Operations Manager is responsible for all matters related to the lanes, machines, scoring systems etc., and is solely responsible for deciding the lane dressing procedures. He is appointed by the IBF President and must come from another federation than the host's federation.
- 3.10.5** Effective January 1, 2021 a IBF IT/Administrative Delegate shall be appointed by the IBF CEO is responsible for all matters related to scoring systems and presentation of scores on website and on electronic devises within the host venue. He must come from another federation than the host's federation.
- 3.10.6** A lane maintenance technician separate from the Technical Operations Manager will be appointed to do lane maintenance and dressing procedures as directed by the Technical Operations Manager. He is appointed by the IBF President.
- 3.10.7** For Zone Championships, the members of the Tournament Technical Committee shall each be from a different country. The Zone President shall appoint the Zone Technical Delegate and the Zone Technical Operations Manager
- 3.10.8** The Tournament Technical Committee shall act as advisory body to the IBF with regard to the operation of the competition.
- 3.10.9** The Tournament Technical Committee is responsible for handling appeals against decisions taken by the Referees.
- 3.10.10** The Referees are appointed by the Tournament Manager and are responsible for enforcing all the provisions of the IBF Rules and those provisions of Chapter 5-8 that apply to the actual IBF championships. In this capacity, the

Referees shall circulate behind the athletes' seating area and observe the IBF championships for conformance with the rules.

3.10.11 The President of IBF shall appoint a three-member Jury of Appeal for the World Championships and each one from three different Zones of the five existing zones.

3.10.12 The President of the Zone shall appoint the Jury of Appeal for the Zone Championships and three different federations must be represented on this body.

3.11 Pre-tournament meeting

3.11.1 Prior to the start of the official practice, a meeting shall be held to provide all necessary information about the competition and related activities, and to answer questions.

3.11.2 The IBF President or designee shall chair the meeting.

3.11.3 The IBF Technical Delegate and the Venue Manager shall attend the meeting.

3.11.4 Participating federations may attend the meeting.

3.11.5 For Zone Championships the Zone President or designee shall chair the meeting.

3.12 Ceremonies

3.12.1 Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony shall, at a minimum, include an athlete parade with flag display and appropriate remarks as designated by the IBF President.

3.12.2 Award Ceremony

Medal presentation plan will be established by the Championship Director.

3.12.3 Closing Ceremony

There shall be a Closing Ceremony that shall, at a minimum, include appropriate remarks by the IBF President.

3.13 Anti-doping rules

3.13.1 Anti-doping regulations as appearing in the IBF Anti-Doping Rules will be applicable for the IBF Championships.

3.13.2 Anti-doping regulations might appear in other championships as decided by the Committee from time to time.

3.14 Drinking alcohol

3.14.1 Athletes must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition;

i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be expulsion from the tournament

3.14.2 Athletes, coaches or administrators may not consume alcohol while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be

- 100 USD for a first violation (paid by the federation before the next event on the same championship) and
- for any subsequent violation, suspension for the duration of the Championships.

3.15 Smoking and using tobacco products

3.15.1 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the athlete's and spectator's areas

3.15.2 Athletes and their coach/es must not smoke, use tobacco products or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.

3.15.3 The athlete penalty for smoking during a game will be zero pinfall for the game currently being played. The penalty for smoking in between games will be zero pinfall for the succeeding game. The penalty for the second offence by the same athlete shall be exclusion from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee

3.15.4 The coach penalty for smoking during a game shall be suspension from the block of games in which he violated the rule. The penalty for a second violation is suspension from the rest of the Championship

3.15.5 Athletes, coaches or administrators may not smoke, use tobacco products or any kind of synthetic or e-cigarettes while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion of competition. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be

- 100 USD for a first violation (paid by the federation before the next event on the same championship) and

- for any subsequent violation, suspension for the duration of the Championships.

3.16 Playing uniform, advertising

3.16.1 Athletes shall wear a standard uniform approved by their national federation. In a team event (Doubles, Trios and Team) athletes of the same Doubles, Trios or Team must wear uniforms of the same colour and type. An athlete not following this rule, will NOT be allowed to play.

3.16.2 The name of the country must appear on the back of the uniform. The name of the country may be printed

3.16.2.1 In English or in the country's language

3.16.2 As abbreviation recognized by IOC or ISO 2000 if no IOC abbreviation (abbreviations published on website)

3.16.3 The following may appear on the uniform

a) Name of athlete

b) Logo of the country or member federation, which the athlete represents

c) Advertisement: The number of advertisements is decided by each federation.

d) The back lower 50% is reserved for a IBF or local host sponsor. No later than four months before the start of the championship IBF shall inform all member federations if this right will be used by IBF and provide all federations with an original design for printing.

e) IBF may require all athletes to wear identification numbers during all competition. The identification shall not contain sponsorship not approved by IBF.

3.16.4 IOC rules should apply for tournaments conducted under the auspices of IOC

3.16.5 Coaches and officials in the athlete's area should be in the uniform specified by the national federation

3.17 Official scorekeeping

3.17.1 The tournament is required to have official score keepers to record all games bowled in the competition.

3.17.2 An automatic scoring device, which has been approved by the IBF, may be used. This device shall provide a printed record of the score which can be audited frame by frame and otherwise comply with the scoring and playing rules of the tournament.

3.17.3 Written (printed) score sheets shall be maintained indicating the pin fall on each ball so a frame-by-frame audit may be made. Each individual athlete, coach or team manager shall receive a copy of the scores bowled and will be required to sign the official copy immediately after bowling to acknowledge the score.

3.17.4 After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Obvious errors must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon discovery. Questionable errors shall be decided by the Referees.

3.17.5 A tournament game, or frame(s) within a game, that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with approval of Tournament Management.

3.18 Foul detection

3.18.1 The tournament management may adopt and use any automatic foul detecting device approved by IBF.

3.18.2 When none is available, a foul judge must be stationed in a position to have an unobstructed view of the foul line.

3.18.3 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.

3.19 Interrupted game

3.19.1 The tournament officials may authorize the completion of a game and block of games on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the block

3.2 Slow bowling / Lane Courtesy

3.20.1 Athletes shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery when the pairs immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear (one (1) pair lane courtesy).

3.20.2 Competitors must observe one (1) lane courtesy at all times. Competitors on the same pair may not bowl consecutive deliveries without allowing one (1) competitor from the lane to the right and one (1) competitor from the lane

to the left have made a delivery, unless those competitors are not ready to bowl or they give way.

3.21 Bowling on wrong lane

- 3.21.1** In singles match play competition, where an athlete bowls two frames each time it is the athlete's turn to bowl, and the other athlete bowls on the wrong lanes, a dead ball shall be called and the athlete required re-bowling on the correct lanes, providing the error was discovered before the opposing athlete has made a delivery.
- 3.21.2** Otherwise, the score stands as bowled, with all subsequent frames in the game bowled on the correct lanes.

3.22 Late athletes

- 3.22.1** Any athlete or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count beginning with the frame then being bowled on the lane or lanes to which they are assigned.
- 3.22.2** If they are scheduled alone, they will start in the earliest frame then being bowled on the squad.

3.23 Penalties for rule violations

- 3.23.1** When not specified in any rule, the penalties for rule violations are governed as stated below.
- 3.23.2** An athlete/team failing to observe a rule(s) shall be warned by an authorized tournament official with a yellow card for first offence (no penalty).
- 3.23.3** For a second offence in the same tournament, the athlete/team will be disqualified from the tournament and will not be allowed to participate in IBF /Zone approved tournaments and conducted championships for 90 days.
- 3.23.4** All offences shall immediately be reported by the Tournament Manager to the IBF President, who will report to all member federations.

3.24 Protests

- 3.24.1** Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before prize presentation, whichever is the sooner.

- 3.24.2** When a protest involving a foul or the legality of pin fall is entered, an official representative of the federations involved may be present when evidence is taken relative to the protest.
- 3.24.3** If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration period as stated, the game or games shall stand as bowled.
- 3.24.4** Each rule under this rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

3.25 Appeal procedure

- 3.25.1** All matters, which cannot be settled by the Referees, shall be heard and reviewed by the Tournament Technical Committee. The decision of the Tournament Technical Committee is final unless there is an appeal to the Jury of Appeal within 24 hours after the decision is announced, or before prize presentation, whichever is the sooner.
- 3.25.2** Protests on eligibility arising after the conclusion of the championships shall be filed directly with the Jury of Appeal within 30 days.
- 3.25.3** All appeals from the Tournament Technical Committee's decisions must be filed in writing with the Referees or with a member of the Jury of Appeal, or with the President of IBF or the Zone. Each appeal must be specific and include a fee of USD 100. If the Jury of Appeal does not uphold the appeal, the fee will be forfeited to the IBF. The foregoing also applies to protests filed directly with the Jury of Appeal.
- 3.25.4** The Jury of Appeal shall be empowered to cite before it all papers and persons involved in the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting or if deemed appropriate, the Jury of Appeal may decide an issue by a mail vote after all material involved in the matter has been studied by each of its members.