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CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

5.13 WC Format (Effective from 2021 World Championships onwards)

5.13.1 Singles

- a) Round 1 192 athletes divided into 6 groups of 32 athletes Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 athletes each
 - i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii) Athletes bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
- b) Round 2 24 athletes, composed of the winner from each subgroup
 - i) They will be divided into 4 groups of 6 athletes with pre-determined schedule
 - ii) Athletes will bowl 5 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
- c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i) The winner from each group will proceed to the semi-finals; they will be seeded according to their points in Round 2. If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip.
 - ii) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners shall bowl best of three games.

5.13.2 Doubles – all games shall be bowled in Baker format

- a) Round 1 96 doubles divided into 3 groups of 32 doubles. Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 doubles each
 - i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii) Athletes bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
- b) Round 2 24 doubles, composed of the winner and second place from each subgroup
 - i) They will be divided into 4 groups of 6 doubles with pre-determined schedule
 - ii) Athletes will bowl 5 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
- c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i) The winner from each group will proceed to the semi-finals ii) They will be seeded according to their points in round 2
 - iii) If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip
 - iv) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners shall bowl best of 3 games

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- 5.13.3 Trios all games shall be bowled in Baker format
 - a) Round 1 64 trios divided into 2 groups of 32 trios. Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 trios each
 - i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii) Trios will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
 - b) Round 2 16 trios, composed of the winner and second place from each subgroup
 - i) They will be divided into 2 groups of 8 trios with pre-determined schedule
 - ii) Trios will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
 - c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i) The top 2 from each group will proceed to the semi-finals
 - ii) They will be seeded according to their points in round 2
 - iii) If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip
 - iv) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners will bowl best of three games
- 5.13.4 Team all games shall be bowled in Baker format
 - a) Round 1 One group of 32 teams. Each group is subdivided into 4 subgroups with 8 teams each.
 - i) Groups are seeded according to previous Championships
 - ii) Teams will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for draw
 - b) Round 2
 - i) Top 2 teams in each subgroup advances to Round 2
 - ii) They will be in 1 group of 8 teams with pre-determined schedule
 - iii) Teams will bowl 7 games round robin and will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw
 - c) Semi-finals and finals
 - i) The top 4 teams from Round 2 will proceed to the semi-finals ii.) They will be seeded according to their points in round 2
 - iii) If there is a tie for seeding positions, the points from round 1 and 2 will be added. Further ties will be determined by a coin flip
 - iv) Best of three games for position 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 and the winners will bowl best of three games
 - v) Line up changes are allowed after each game, prior to the start of the game
- 5.13.5 Ties in all disciplines that affect proceeding to a next round will be determined by a 9th and 10th frame roll off

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- 5.13.6 An all-events medal will be awarded based on the sum of the finishing position in each discipline.
 - a) The winner is the athlete with the least number of points, based on finishing position in each discipline
 - b) Ties will be declared co-medallists
- 5.13.7 Over-all federation champion medals will be awarded based on the sum of finishing positions in each discipline.
 - a) The federation ranking will be done by a formula: S*(P-Avg+1)*T, where S = number of athletes in team (1 for singles, 2 for doubles, etc); P = total number of athletes/teams in event; Avg = average position for the federation in event; T = tier, singles 0.25, doubles 0.50, trios, 0.75, team 1.00
 - b) The winner is the federation with the highest number of points c) Ties will be declared co-medallists