

NEWSLETTER # 3

8th December 2023

To: All IBF Member Federations

IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following events have been approved by the Executive Committee.

IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	7 th July – 18 th July 2024	Incheon, Korea
IBF World Cup	Jan-25 *	Hong Kong, China
IBF Para Bowling World Championships	Jan-25 *	Hong Kong, China
IBF Youth World Cup (Under 21)	Jul-25	Turkey (TBC)
IBF World Championships	Nov-25	Hong Kong, China
IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	Jul-26	Sarawak, Malaysia
IBF World Championships	Nov-27	Korea

* The events scheduled previously for November 2024 have been moved to January due to the change of date of the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.

The IBF is seeking bids to host the following events in 2026.

- IBF Para Bowling World Championships Mar/Apr-26
- IBF World Cup Nov-26

IBF COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee agreed to the following committees with the proposed terms of reference.

The **IBF Competition Committee** is responsible for reviewing and recommending to the Executive Committee any additions or revisions to IBF Tournament rules, formats, or schedules. This should be done in consultation with the Technical Committee and Athletes Committee.

Chair – Mr Francois Lavoie (IBF Athlete Committee Chair)

The **IBF Technical Committee** is responsible for the provision of technical advice, guidance and recommendations to the Executive Committee and Competition Committee to ensure a fair and equitable playing environment.

Chair – Mr Marios Nicolaidis (IBF 2nd Vice President)

The **IBF Para Bowling Committee** is responsible for, the provision of advice, guidance and recommendations to the IBF Executive Committee regarding Para Bowling, to oversee the delivery of the Para Bowling World Championships and to support members to enable Para Bowling athletes to achieve sporting excellence.

Chair – Ms Vivien Lau (IBF Para Bowling Representative)

The **IBF Ethics Committee** is responsible for the provision of advice and guidance to the IBF Executive Committee regarding ethics including the development and maintenance of an IBF Code of Ethics, the examination of situations involving possible breaches of the ethical principles and, if necessary, propose sanctions. Providing a review of the IBF Articles against the IOC Principles of Good Governance and recommending any changes that may be required.

Chair – Mr Guy Iglori Machado (IBF PanAm Bowling Delegate)

The **IBF Marketing Committee** is responsible for the development of the IBF's marketing approach, tools and strategies to raise the overall profile and awareness of the IBF and will provide support to committee members and committees where assistance is required for specific event marketing.

Chair – Mr Onder Gurkan – (IBF EBF Delegate)

The **IBF Rules Committee** is responsible for reviewing Chapters 2,3,4 & 8,9,10 & 11 of the World Bowling Statutes as of September 2019 and making recommendations to the Executive Committee for revisions. This does not include tournament formats or rules.

Members - 3 members of the Executive Committee – Mr Martin Faba, Mr Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Dr Danny Santos.

EUROPEAN BOWLING FEDERATION (EBF)

The EBF Congress 2023 was held in Berlin, Germany on the 22 October 2023.

Mr. Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Iceland was elected President for 2 years.

Mr Marios Nicolaidis, Cyprus was elected Vice-President for 4 years

Mr. Marc Beaufays, Belgium was re-elected into the Presidium for 4 years

Mrs Lisa John, England was elected to the Presidium for 4 years.

Mr Addie Ophelders, was introduced as the new Honorary EBF President. He retired earlier in the year due to health issues. Addie had been President of EBF from 1989 or 34 years.

OCEANIA BOWLING FEDERATION (OBF)

The OBF 2023 General Assembly was via Zoom on the 9th November 2023.

Mr. Joey Miranda III from Guam was elected President.

Mr. Craig Nevatt from New Zealand was elected Vice-President.

Mr. Jay Leon Guerrero from Guam was re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Ryan Edgar from Australia was elected to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Jerry Tan from Saipan was elected to the Executive Committee.



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