

NEWSLETTER # 6

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To: All IBF Member Federations

2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP – HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN

The IBF is pleased to announce that the 2025 IBF Youth World Cup, presented by QubicaAMF, will be held in Helsingborg, Sweden from the 15th – 22nd June 2025. The first Bulletin with information will be issued shortly.

2025 IBF WORLD CUP – HONG KONG CHINA

The 2025 IBF World Cup, presented by QubicaAMF, will be held in Hong Kong, China, from the 5th – 14th January 2025. Currently there are 32 federations (31 men, 22 women) who have submitted an intention to participate. Federations that intend to participate in the Championships and have not yet submitted their (Form A) are requested to do so as soon as possible. Further information can be found at [2025 IBF World Cup](#).

2025 IBF PARA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – HONG KONG CHINA

The 2025 IBF Para World Championships will be held in Hong Kong, China, from the 17th – 24th January 2025. Federations that intend to participate in the Championships and have not yet submitted their (Form A) are requested to do so as soon as possible. Further information can be found at [2025 IBF Para World Championships](#).

2026 IBF WORLD CUP – MUNICH, GERMANY

The IBF is pleased to announce that the 2026 IBF World Cup will be held in Munich, Germany from the 12th – 21st October 2026.

2024 IBF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2024 IBF World Youth Championships were held in Incheon, Korea from the 7th – 18th July 2024. Full results can be found on the IBF website [2024 IBF World Youth Championships](#)

IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS/EVENTS

The following events have been approved by the Executive Committee.

IBF World Cup	Jan 5-14 2025	Hong Kong, China
IBF Para Bowling World Championships	Jan 17-24 2025	Hong Kong, China
IBF Youth World Cup (Under 21)	Jun 15-22 2025	Helsingborg, Sweden
IBF World Championships	Nov 26 – Dec 5 2025	Hong Kong, China
IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	Jul-2026	Sarawak, Malaysia
IBF World Cup	Oct 12-21 2026	Munich, Germany
IBF World Championships	Nov-2027	Korea

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BIDS

The IBF is seeking bids from member federations/zones to host the following events.

Event	Date	Deadline for Submission
2026 Para Bowling World Championships	Mar/Apr 2026	December 31, 2024
2027 Youth World Cup	Jun-Aug 2027	December 31, 2024
2027 World Seniors Championships	Mar/Apr 2027	December 31, 2024
2028 World Youth Championships	Jun-Aug 2028	December 31, 2024

If your federation would like to host one of the above events, please contact ceo@ibf-bowling.org with your expression of interest. Information relating to the hosting of an event can be found here [World Championships Hosting Information](#)

BOWLING BALLS AT IBF EVENTS

Only USBC-approved bowling balls are allowed and MUST have the manufacturer's name, product name and serial number clearly visible. The serial number must be the original serial number. Any ball that does not meet this requirement will not be allowed for play.

IBF STATEMENT ON STRING MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS

In 2020, the International Bowling Federation (IBF) introduced a set of specifications for string machines, approving their use for sport leagues and competitions worldwide. Since then, many IBF member federations have embraced these standards and adopted the ruling within their respective countries. In mid-2023, the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) established its own string machine specifications and approval processes for the U.S. market, which differ from the IBF's original specifications.

We would like to take this opportunity to update and clarify the IBF's current position on string machines. Our stance is as follows:

The original IBF string machine specifications and approval from 2020 will remain in effect for all IBF-affiliated sport leagues and local competitions within IBF member federations. We continue to encourage our member federations to adopt these standards to maintain consistency across our sport.

Moving forward, for all IBF-sanctioned titled events that are held in centres equipped with string machines, those machines must comply with IBF/USBC specifications. This dual compliance will help ensure greater consistency and fairness at the highest levels of competition, aligning with the expectations of both global and U.S.-based participants.

Technological advancements have always played a vital role in the growth and preservation of our sport, from the introduction of automatic pinsetters and scoring systems to the development of synthetic lanes and evolving bowling ball technology. The advancements in string machine technology are in line with this tradition, representing another step forward in modernizing the sport while maintaining its integrity.



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