

## NEWSLETTER # 8

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**To: All IBF Member Federations**

### **2025 IBF YOUTH WORLD CUP – HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN**

Bulletin #2 for the 2025 IBF Youth World Cup will be held in Helsingborg, Sweden from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, has been released and can be found here [2025 YWC Bulletin 2](#). We currently have 37 federations that have submitted their intention to participate.

### **2025 IBF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS – RENO, NEVADA, USA**

The 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships will be held at the National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada, USA, from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025. Bulletins and further information can be found here [2025 IBF World Seniors Championships](#)

### **2025 IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – HONG KONG, CHINA**

The 2025 IBF World Championships will be held in Hong Kong, China, from the 26<sup>th</sup> November – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Bulletin #1 and further information can be found here [2025 IBF World Championships](#)

### **IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS/EVENTS**

The following events have been approved by the Executive Committee.

IBF Youth World Cup (Under 21)	Jun 15-22 2025	Helsingborg, Sweden
IBF World Seniors Championships	Oct 13-24 2025	Reno, USA
IBF World Championships	Nov 26 – Dec 5 2025	Hong Kong, China
IBF World Youth Championships (Under 21)	Jun 27 – 7 Jul-2026	Sarawak, Malaysia
IBF World Cup	Oct 12-21 2026	Munich, Germany
IBF World Championships	Nov-2027	Korea
IBF World Youth Championships	Jun-Aug 2028	Hong Kong, China

### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BIDS**

A reminder to all federations that 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	May 31, 2025
2027 Youth World Cup	Jun-Aug 2027	May 31, 2025
2027 World Seniors Championships	Mar/Apr 2027	May 31, 2025

If your federation would like to host one of the above events, please contact [ceo@ibf-bowling.org](mailto: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](#)

### **2025 IBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The 2025 IBF General Assembly will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025, in Hong Kong China, prior to the commencement of the 2025 IBF World Championships. Further information will be provided.

## STRING PINS

### Rule Approval & Implementation

The Universal Playing Rules (2.3.6) has been updated.

#### Rule 2.3.6

Pins following a legal delivery to be credited to a player, to be termed dead wood and to be removed before the next delivery shall include

- a) Pins knocked down or off the pin deck by the ball or another pin
- b) Pins knocked down or off the pin deck by a pin rebounding from a side partition or rear cushion
- c) Pins knocked down or off the pin deck by a pin rebounding from the sweep bar when it is at rest on the pin deck before sweeping dead wood from the pin deck
- d) Pins that lean and touch the kickback or side partition
- e) For string pinsetters, pins knocked over by the string from another pin.

Federations should ensure that their national rules align with this update.

### Impact on Competition & Sanctioning

String pin bowling is now recognized for sanctioned play at various levels. Federations should determine whether their national events will permit string pin machines and communicate this clearly to all stakeholders.

### Pinsetter Approval Process

A formal procedure has been established for the approval of string pinsetters, which follows the same process as USBC approval procedures.

Additionally, 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.

## IBF WEBSITE - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The IBF website calendar of events is now being updated with all events that have been approved by the IBF. <https://bowling.sport/events/>

## 2027 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

The World University Games are being held in 2027 in South Korea. The Korea Bowling Association has requested information regarding how many university bowling teams you have in your federation. It would be appreciated if you provide an indication of how many you have by email to [ceo@ibf-bowling.org](mailto:ceo@ibf-bowling.org).

