IBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – HOSTING INFORMATION

Introduction

This document is intended for any International Bowling Federation (IBF) member federation, zone, city, region, event organiser or commercial body that may be interested in bidding for IBF World Championships. Individual organisations must bid through their National Bowling Federation (NBF) or Zone organisation. No bids will be accepted without being submitted and supported by the NBF or Zone.

This document is for informational purposes only as is intended to give prospective hosts an understanding of the requirements to host an IBF event. It is in no way binding on the IBF.

IBF has several Championships, and these events are considered the most prestigious international events for athletes representing their countries.

1. IBF Events

Event	Proposed Dates
IBF World Championships (Teams of 6, Men, Women, Combined and Singles)	As per the 4-year cycle
IBF Seniors World Championships (Teams of 4, 50+ and 65+)	Mar/April odd year
IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	Jul/Aug even year
IBF World Singles Championships (formerly World Cup)	Nov even year
IBF World Youth Singles Championships (formerly Youth World Cup) (Under 21) (1 representative, Men and Women)	Jul/Aug odd year
IBF Para Bowling World Championships	Mar/April even year

2. IBF and the IBF World Bowling Championships

The International Bowling Federation governs the sport of Tenpin Bowling throughout the world. There are 114 member federations worldwide and there are also five continental zones: African, Asian, European, Oceanic and Pan American Zones.

The IBF World Championships are conducted under the supervision of the International Bowling Federation. Through a bid process, the IBF will select the host to conduct the IBF events. Bidders are encouraged to develop proposals that can enhance the scope, presentation and marketing of the IBF events and the sport of Bowling.

Prospective hosts should keep in mind the following benefits in hosting an IBF event:

- The prestige of hosting an international event for athletes representing their country
- Benefits of consumer spending from additional visitors to the city
- Fantastic promotional opportunities for the city, region, country.
- Competition date flexibility to fit the host's schedule
- Total control over all local revenues generated from the event
- Opportunity to activate community outreach initiatives
- Close, mutually beneficial partnership with the IBF
- Partnership development assistance for IBF member federations and their government entities.

3. Competition Venues

The requirements for the competition venues are:

- The competition venue should be a QubicaAMF centre.
- The minimum lane requirements, meeting IBF standards, for each event, are listed below.
- Consideration ***may*** be given to venues that don't meet these requirements.

Event	Number of Lanes Required
IBF World Championships (Teams of 6, Men, Women and Combined)	Minimum 34
IBF Seniors World Championships (Teams of 4, 50+ and 65+)	Minimum 34
IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	Minimum 30
IBF World Singles Championships (formerly World Cup)	Minimum 30
IBF World Youth Singles Championships (formerly Youth World Cup) (Under 21) (1 representative, Men and Women)	Minimum 20
IBF Para Bowling World Championships	Minimum 24

4. Dates and event schedule

To ensure that the host receives maximum benefit from organising an IBF event, IBF allows the host the possibility of flexibility in proposing the competition dates. While the proposed dates detailed above are the IBF's preferred competition period, it is possible for the events to take place at another time, provided it does not clash with any other IBF regional tournaments/championships and International Games.

The following table shows the typical event schedule for IBF events assuming the minimum lane requirements have been met.

Event	Est. # of Days Required
IBF World Championships (Teams of 6, Men, Women and Combined)	13 days
IBF Seniors World Championships (Teams of 4, 50+ and 65+)	10 days
IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	12 days
IBF World Singles Championships (formerly World Cup)	10 days
IBF World Youth Singles Championships (formerly Youth World Cup) (Under 21) (1 representative, Men and Women)	8 days
IBF Para Bowling World Championships	10 days

The event schedule may be varied in consultation with the IBF should there be a larger competition venue.

5. Financial and Obligations

The host shall be required to pay IBF a hosting fee for each event as detailed in the following table:

Event	Hosting Fee USD (as of Nov 2026)
IBF World Championships Combined (Teams of 6, Men and Women)	$55,000
IBF World Championships Men (Teams of 6, Men)	$50,000
IBF World Championships Women (Teams of 6, Women)	$40,000
IBF Seniors World Championships (Teams of 4, 50+ and 65+)	$45,000
IBF Youth World Championships (Under 21)	$30,000
IBF World Singles Championships (formerly World Cup) (1 representative, Men and Women)	$20,000
IBF World Youth Singles Championships (formerly Youth World Cup) (U21) (1 representative, Boy and Girl)	$10,000
IBF Para Bowling World Championships	$20,000

Note: These fees are subject to change and will be updated accordingly.

The host is entitled to:

- USD $300 of the standard entry fee of USD $350 for all bowlers, officials, supporters with the remaining USD $50 to IBF.
- All income generated from ticket sales, licensing arrangements, catering and hotel packages in relation to the Championship.

- Up to 50% of Secondary and up to 50% of Tertiary advertising space within the venue so long as no sponsorship categories conflict with IBF international partnerships

The IBF shall be entitled to retain all revenue generated from the sale of International Media Rights, data rights, live scoring and from the sale of sponsorship in respect of areas not reserved for the host.

6. Hosting Obligations

Detailed below is brief outline of the obligations of the host;

a. Accreditation

- The Host is responsible for providing accreditation to the relevant participants in the Championship.

b. Accommodation

- The Host shall provide recommendations of 3-star, 4-star and 5-star hotel for the accommodation of all Participating Athletes, Team Officials, IBF Staff and Guests, IBF Officials and English-speaking Commentators throughout the Championship Period.
- The hotels referred to shall:
  a. be within reasonable travelling distance, i.e. a maximum half-hour travel time of the Championship Venue and provide free Internet access (Wi-Fi connection) within the whole hotel or a designated location within the hotel.

c. Meeting Rooms

- If required by the IBF, the host shall reserve, secure and be responsible for the cost of providing IBF with a conference/meeting room in the IBF Hotel with capacity for 20 people, with associated equipment. This room may be required for two full days. If this requirement exists, the IBF will confirm to the host the requirements no later than 1 (one) month prior to the Championship.

d. Local transportation

- The Host shall provide necessary free transportation to duly accredited Participating Athletes, Team Officials, Accredited Supporters and IBF Staff and Officials between the nearest international entry point to the city and the official hotels' accommodation sites, and between the official hotels and the Championship Venue during a period of three (3) days prior to and two (2) days after the Championship Period.

e. IBF Officials

- The Host shall be responsible for the expenses related to the IBF staff (Tournament Director, Technical Delegate, Kegel Lane Maintenance Staff, Media/Results Manager) and officials (IBF President, CEO), including but not limited to;
  - Air Travel or costs associated with travel to the host city/country, except for the Kegel Lane maintenance Staff;
  - Hotel accommodation for the period of the championships, as agreed between the Host and IBF;
  - Per Diem as agreed between the Host and IBF, (IBF Staff $100 USD per day and for the Kegel Lane Maintenance Staff $300 USD per day).
- The Host shall be responsible for the expenses related to any pre-championship site visits by IBF staff (e.g. lane inspection and certification).

f. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

- The Host shall be responsible for providing an opening ceremony and a closing banquet.

g. Promotion

- The host is required to make all good faith efforts to promote the Championship by conducting various PR and promotional programs.

h. Visa And Entry Formalities

- The host shall undertake good faith efforts to coordinate with the appropriate authorities to facilitate the application for and issuance of visas for all the participants.

i. Championship Venue

- The venue should have an office, with associated equipment and facilities, for the Tournament Director, Technical Delegate and any other IBF staff, a medical room, an Anti-Doping room, an area for sports presentation and a media centre.
- The venue must have a ball paddock with customary amenities and shall be made available by the host to the Athletes and Teams on an exclusive basis from 2 days before the first day of the Competition through to its completion.
- Host shall ensure that there is an area for VIP hospitality.

7. Further Information

Further details and information can be obtained from the IBF Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
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