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Updates/Adjustments in WTBA Statutes and Playing rules 2014.

The following paragraphs have been changed since latest issue (2013-02-01) of the Rule Book. Changes marked in red.

1.2.5

To recognize the authority of the Olympic movement and to support and adhere to the fundamental principles, rules, by-laws **and the Code of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee**

1.6.5

A member federation which cannot be represented at the Congress may give its proxy to another federation. Each federation shall be eligible to vote only one proxy. In all cases, the written proxy authority must be submitted **on federation letterhead; signed by the President, Secretary General or CEO of the federation: and be sent to the President or Secretary General in the presence of the Congress for validation before the proxy can be exercised.** Such proxy must be submitted in writing to WTBA President or Secretary General, **no less than eight (8) days before start of the Congress**, stating the name of the country to which the vote is to be transferred and signed by an authorized officer of the federation

1.5.7

- b) To suspend member federations, which have failed to pay any prescribed fee in due time. Such suspension shall be immediately revoked when the arrears have been fully paid including eventual fines.**
- c) To recommend the FIQ to terminate the membership of a member federation, which has failed to settle all arrears within one year.**
- d) Establish special rules for their activities provided they are not contrary to FIQ or WTBA regulations**

1.7.1

The Executive Board shall be the executive and management body of WTBA. It shall consist of **10 persons** as follows

- a) The President
- b) The First Vice President, who shall also serve as a member of the FIQ Executive Board
- c) The Second Vice President
- d) The President from each of the three Zones who shall each also serve as a member of the FIQ Executive Board. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if it's President cannot attend
- e) One Delegate from each of the three Zones. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if it's Delegate cannot attend
- f) One representative for the athletes, elected in conjunction with World Championships for men and women. The election procedure shall be as follows:**
 - i) Every federation participating at the WC will have one vote each, each gender being entitled to a vote. The vote will be cast by the captain or another nominated player from that federation.**
 - ii) Voting will take place once every 4 years (to coincide with the Combined World Championships), commencing in 2013. The vote will occur during the World Championships.**



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- iii) A majority vote will secure the selection of the athlete Delegate to the WTBA Executive Board, who will have such Delegate privileges for a period of 4 years.
- iv) If the Delegate is unable to attend any Executive Board functions, or otherwise perform his/her duties, the athlete with the 2nd highest vote total from World Championships will be called to replace the position, or act as alternate delegate, until the next election.
- v) To nominate a candidate for athlete Delegate, a submission from the candidate's federation must be made at least 30 days prior to the start of the World Championships and sent by email to the Chairman of the Athletes Committee. It is highly recommended that a resume, maximum 2 pages, be submitted as well. Any federation can submit a candidate whether or not that federation is competing at the World Championships. For the 2013 WC only, nominations may be made from the floor

1.8.9

WTBA committee members may be invited by the WTBA President to attend the meeting **or any portion thereof** and shall be entitled to voice but no vote

1.9.1

The term of Office of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall commence **immediately after their election at WTBA Congress and shall continue until after** the 2nd biennial Congress following their election (a term of about four years).

All officers can be re-elected after that period

1.9.2

The term of office for the Secretary General shall commence **immediately** after the confirmation of the Executive Board and shall continue **until after** the 2nd biennial Congress following his appointment

1.9.3

*The term of office for Committee Chairmen, Committee Members and other appointees shall commence at the time specified at the appointment and shall continue until otherwise directed by the President and **approved by majority vote** of the Executive Board.*

1.9.4 Duties of the President

c) He shall appoint the committees and/or any other appointees he deems necessary upon approval by majority vote of the Executive Board. In the event that any committee is not approved by the Board, then the Board members may propose additions and/or deletions to that committee, which as revised must receive majority vote of the board to be approved.



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1.11.2

The Zone, to which the member federation belongs, has the right to decide about such suspension. In order for such a suspension to be revoked and for restoring the membership rights, there will be annually a 20% fine on payments in arrears. On receipt of all arrears, the respective Zone will revoke the suspension. If after one year the arrears have not been fully paid, this shall be recommended to the FIQ Executive Board that will decide on termination of the member federation's membership

1.11.3

The Executive Board is responsible for an audit to be performed before a Congress and that an Auditor's report is presented. All fiscal transactions shall be audited by a certified auditor. Their expenses when on duty for the audit will be paid by WTBA.

Former 1.11.4 to be deleted and former 1.11.5 – 1.11.8 to be renumbered.

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Elections (where applicable)

- *President*
- *First Vice President*
- *Second Vice President*

4.11.3

c) Additions of maximum two bowling balls to the players' bowling ball list shall be allowed (up to the maximum of 6) throughout the tournament **provided they pass rule 4.11.1 above.**

New d)

In addition to the foregoing, a maximum of one ball previously registered may be removed from play during the Championships, and replaced by another ball not previously registered, upon notice to the Technical Delegate. Once this exchange process occurs the ball removed may not be returned to play

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4.16

Current 4.16 is replaced by the following new 4.16 and 4.17. Current 4.17 and following paragraphs are renumbered

4.16 Drinking alcohol

4.16.1 Players must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.

4.16.2 In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played..



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4.17 Smoking and using tobacco products

- 4.17.1 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's and spectator's areas
- 4.17.2 Players and their coach(es) must not smoke, use tobacco products or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.
- 4.17.3 If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game
- 4.17.4 For the second offence by the same player, the player will be excluded from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee.
- 4.17.5 If a coach is caught smoking during a game
 - a) the first penalty is suspension from the block of games when he violated the rule
 - b) in case of a second violation the penalty is suspension from the rest of the Championship

5.8 Singles in WSC

- 5.8.1 Maximum two players of each gender per federation, which players may be scheduled for qualification purposes on the same pair of lanes in the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 5.8.2 18 games per player, divided in 3 squads of 6 games.
- 5.8.3 Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes if possible under the physical conditions of the host bowling center.