



WORLD BOWLING (WB)

# ***ASIAN BOWLING FEDERATION***

# CONSTITUTION, FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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## CHAPTER 1

### ASIAN BOWLING FEDERATION CONSTITUTION

This Constitution is the Constitution for the federations granted membership in World Bowling (WB) united together as an international sporting organization known as the Asian Bowling Federation in the geographical area covered by the Asian Zone.

#### ARTICLE I

##### NAME AND OFFICE

The organization shall be known as the **Asian Bowling Federation**. The office and all records of the Asian Bowling Federation shall be situated in the country in which the President resides or in a place as agreed to by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE II

##### INTERPRETATIONS

Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number.

Words importing the plural number shall include the singular number.

Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

Words importing the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender.

"**Asian Bowling Federation**" means the international governing body of the sport of tenpin bowling comprising an association of member federations granted membership in the World Bowling (WB) united together as an international sporting organization in the geographical area covered by the Asian Zone, the boundaries of which are defined by World Bowling (WB).

"**Asian Zone**" means the geographical area the boundaries of which are defined by the WB.

"**bowling**" means the participant sport known as tenpin bowling.

"**bowler**" means anyone who plays bowling.

"**congress or association or federation**" means the national federation controlling competitive bowling within a given country.

"**delegate**" means a person authorized by a member federation to be its representative at any General Assembly.

"**Executive Committee**" means the board of management whose members are elected by the General Assembly or appointed in accordance with the terms of this Constitution.

"**Federation**" shall have the same meaning as Asian Bowling Federation.

"**WB**" means World Bowling which is recognized and accepted as the world governing body of bowling sports (ninepin and tenpin) and for the purpose of this Constitution tenpin bowling.

"**General Assembly**" means the supreme governing body determining policies of the Asian Bowling Federation and consists of delegates of member federations and the Executive Committee gathered together at a duly convened meeting.

"**member federation**" means a national controlling body of bowling (an association, congress or federation) which has been granted membership in the WB and has been accepted as a member of



the Asian Bowling Federation by the General Assembly of the Asian Bowling Federation.

"**non-member entity**" means any entity/organization that is not a member federation

"**WB**" means World Tenpin Bowling Association of WB.

"**Zone**" or "**Zones**" means one or more of the Asian, American and/or European Zones, the boundaries of which are defined by the WB.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language at all General Assemblies and Executive Committee Meetings shall be English.

The objectives of the Asian Bowling Federation shall be:

To advance the aims of the WB

To foster interest in tenpin bowling as a sport

To generate international friendship and goodwill amongst the member federations

To promote, organize and conduct the Asian Bowling Championships every two years or as otherwise decided by the General Assembly and to establish standard rules and procedures which shall govern all phases of the day to day operation of those championships

To grant official sanction or moral support for any international tournament, which are to be held within the countries covered by the Asian Zone provided the tournament rules are acceptable.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Asian Bowling Federation is opened to any eligible national federation, regardless of race or religion.  
Eligibility shall be limited to only one federation from each country.
2. Admission of new members shall be in accordance with the rules of the WB but the final decision to admit a new member shall rest with the General Assembly of the Asian Bowling Federation.
3. Full membership in the organization can be conferred by the Asian Bowling Federation General Assembly or by a simple majority postal ballot obtained by the President from amongst members.
4. All applications for membership shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
  - (a) The applicant federation must first apply to the WB in writing as required by its rule
  - (b) Following receipt of WB approval, the President shall then decide whether the application shall be dealt with by the General Assembly when in session or by means of the postal ballot as outline in paragraph 3 above.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE-LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY- REPRESENTATION**

#### **1. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The Asian Bowling Federation shall consist of:

- (a) The General Assembly
- (b) An Executive Committee

#### **2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

- (a) The General Assembly has complete and final authority with respect to any legislation or any matter affecting or likely to affect the Asian Bowling Federation and member federations and may amend, rescind, reinstate or ratify any by-laws adopted, amended or rescinded by the Executive Committee.
- (b) Decisions of the General Assembly shall be final and binding on the Executive Committee and all member federations and their delegates except, and only in those instances where it is established that the decision taken was unconstitutional.
- (c) The authority of the General Assembly does not extend to the domestic affairs of any member federation.

#### **3. MEMBER FEDERATION REPRESENTATION – VOTING RIGHT – DELEGATES AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (a) Member federations shall be represented at any General Assembly by delegate/s who shall have the right to participate in the proceedings.
- (b) Each member federation shall have one voting delegate who shall retain delegate status until the next General Assembly or until his successor is appointed by his respective federation.
- (c) Member federations may designate two additional delegates who shall be entitled to enter into discussion on any of all matters being dealt with by the General Assembly, but these additional delegates shall not be entitled to vote.
- (d) Member federations may designate a maximum of two observers who shall be without voice or vote.
- (e) Voting at each General Assembly shall be on the basis of one vote per federation. Where a tie in voting exists, the President or Chairman may call for a recount or exercise his casting vote, except for the election of office bearers.
- (f) No delegate, whether under Article V, rules 3(b), 3(c) or 3(d) herein, from a member federation whose membership of the Asian Bowling Federation has been suspended or terminated may attend any General Assembly unless and until such member federation's membership has been reinstated.

#### **4. NOMINATIONS**

- (a) All incumbent officers who intend to run for re-election shall so advise the Hon.

Secretary General of his/her interest at least 3 months before an elective General Assembly.

- (b) All other nominations shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary General at least two months before the General Assembly.
- (c) All incumbent and other nominations will then be reported to the member federations.
- (d) If nominations are received pursuant to the above process, no additional nominations from the floor will be accepted at the General Assembly.
- (e) If no nominations are received pursuant to the above process, then nomination from the floor will be accepted.
- (f) All candidates must be members of and authorized by their respective federation to be eligible for election.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. The General Assembly of the Asian Bowling Federation shall be held once every two years and to coincide with the Asian Championships or as otherwise provided for herein.
  - (a) When called for by the General Assembly
  - (b) When called for by the President
  - (c) When called for by the Executive Committee
  - (d) When called for by the President on receipt of a written request from at least five member federations

When one of the above occurs the President shall give at least three months notice of such proposed Assembly.

2. **DECIDING THE HOST FEDERATION AND SETTING OF THE DATE**

The host federation and the timing for regular General Assembly shall be determined at the preceding General Assembly by the delegates entitled to vote at that time.

3. **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONVENE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The President shall issue written notice of his intention to convene a General Assembly at least 90 days in advance of the agreed time.

4. **NOTICE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Such notice shall specify the date, time and place of the Assembly and shall include all the necessary information required to ensure that the delegates are properly informed on all details relating to the proposed General Assembly.

5. **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ATTEND**

Upon receipt of the notice of the proposed Assembly, all member federations are urged, within 30 days to notify the President in writing of their intention or inability to attend.

6. PROPOSAL OR AGENDA ITEMS

Any proposals or notice of motion which have to be dealt with by the Assembly shall unless put forward by the Executive Committee be submitted to the President at the same time as the intention to attend i.e. 60 days prior to the Meeting. The President may accept any such proposal or notice of motion put forward by the Executive Committee at any time prior to distribution of the agenda for the General Assembly.

7. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA

The President shall then prepare an agenda for distribution to the member federations, which shall be in the hands of the delegates entitled to receive such agenda at least 30 days prior to the date of the Assembly.

8. PROPOSALS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

All proposals for which due notice has not been given and which do not affect this Constitution may be discussed by the Assembly but no vote shall be taken except and only as follows:

- (a) If the Assembly by simple majority vote deems a matter to be of sufficient urgency, it may then be placed on the agenda to be duly dealt with.
- (b) Any such motion must then be carried by a 2/3 majority of the votes recorded in respect of same before a resolution can be considered to have been carried.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION WITHOUT NOTICE

All proposals brought to the attention of the General Assembly which if carried, would amend this Constitution and of which due notice has not been given shall be dealt with in the same manner as prescribed in the preceding paragraph 8 except that no amendment shall be considered to have been adopted unless it is carried by 4/5th majority vote.

10. PROXY VOTES

A member federation, which cannot be represented at the General Assembly, may give its proxy to another member federation but no federation shall be entitled to cast more than one proxy vote.

11. PROXIES MUST BE VALIDATED

A written proxy authority must be presented to the President for validation in the presence of the General Assembly before the right of proxy can be exercised.

12. QUORUM AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A quorum for any Assembly shall be 50% of those entitled to vote and the count shall include those represented by proxies.

13. PROPOSALS – MAJORITY VOTE SUFFICIENT

Proposals for which due notice has been given and which do not affect this Constitution shall be carried by a simple majority vote.

14. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS – REQUIRED MAJORITY

Proposals for which due notice has been given which affect this Constitution shall be carried by a 2/3 majority votes. All amendments once adopted by the General Assembly will become effective immediately.

15. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

The Agenda for a biennial General Assembly shall include the following:

- (a) Roll Call and Regrets
- (b) Validation of Proxies and Determination of Voting Rights
- (c) To adopt minutes of the previous General Assembly and to deal with matters arising therefrom
- (d) Report of the President and questions arising therefrom
- (e) Financial report, Auditor's report, and questions arising therefrom
- (f) To deal with applications for membership
- (g) To determine membership fee
- (h) Election of President, four Vice-Presidents (one from each Region), five members of the Executive Committee and the Hon. Auditor, every four years
- (i) To appoint the host federation and fix the date for the next Asian Championships and/or Asian Youth Championship and General Assembly every two years
- (j) To consider and deal with motions of which due notice has been given
- (k) Any other matters

16. EMERGENCY – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The agenda for any Asian General Assembly other than the biennial General Assembly, shall be as follows:

- (a) Roll Call and Regrets
- (b) Validation of proxies and Determination of Voting Rights
- (c) President's interim report
- (d) To fill any vacancies which have occurred since the last General Assembly or confirm the action of the President with respect to the filling of any vacancies which occurred after the last General Assembly
- (e) To deal with applications for membership
- (f) To consider and deal with motions for which due notice has been given
- (g) Any other matters (to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article VI paragraph 8)

## ARTICLE VII

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NUMBER OF MEMBERS – POWERS – DUTIES – RESPONSIBILITIES – MEETINGS

- (a) The Executive Committee, shall consist of ten members which include the following:

President - Elected  
Four Vice-Presidents - Elected  
Five elected delegates of member federations

(No two members of the Executive Committee shall be from the same national federation.)

Nominations for the President and Vice-Presidents should be received by the Hon. Secretary General 60 days prior to the General Assembly.

- (b) Where a member of the Executive Committee cannot attend a Committee Meeting, his place may be taken for that meeting by an alternate seconded by his national congress. When no alternate is available a proxy authority may be issued but no one Executive Committee member shall carry more than one proxy vote.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall meet once every two years immediately prior to a General Assembly unless it is considered necessary to convene before that time. A postal ballot may also be taken at the discretion of the President.
- (d) Members of the Executive Committee shall be members in their own national bowling congress or association and in order to remain a member of the Executive Committee; they shall have the continued support of their respective congress or association. Should a notice of no confidence, suspension or expulsion be reported to the President, an Executive Committee meeting shall be convened and a vote taken to decide if he should continue in office.
- (e) In the event that a member federation's membership of the Asian Bowling Federation is suspended or terminated, any existing member of the Executive Committee or the Hon. Secretary General if a member of such member federation shall not continue in office. In addition, members of such member federation are no longer eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee or appointed as the Hon. Secretary General.

#### 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) NOTICE OF MEETING TO BE ISSUED

The President shall issue a written notice to all member federations and members of the Executive Committee signifying his intention to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee. Such notice must be given 90 days in advance of the proposed meeting date.

(b) NOTICE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Such notice shall specify the date, time and place of the proposed Executive Committee Meeting and in addition it shall invite member federations to submit details of any proposals which they consider should appear on the agenda to be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

(c) NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ATTEND

Upon receipt of the notice of meeting, all members of the Executive Committee are urged, within 30 days to notify the President of their intention to attend.

(d) PROPOSALS AND/OR AGENDA ITEMS

The details of any proposals, whether they arise from committee members or member federations, shall be forwarded to the President at least 60 days prior to the proposed date of the Executive Committee Meeting.

(e) PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

The President shall then prepare the agenda for distribution to the Executive Committee Members, which shall be in their hands at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

(f) PROPOSALS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

Any proposals, which are tabled at the Executive Committee Meeting and for which due notice has not been given, shall be dealt with only after a simple majority decision to discuss the issue has been taken.

(g) QUORUM AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Quorum of six members physically present and ready to proceed shall be necessary to form a meeting of the Executive Committee.

(h) PROXIES

Voting by proxy shall be permitted at Executive Committee Meetings but only on matters for which due and proper notice has been given and which appear on the agenda. Proxies cannot be considered when the quorum count is being taken.

(i) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The agenda or regular order of business of Executive Committee Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call

2. Validation of proxies and determination of voting rights
3. Adoption of minutes of previous Executive Committee Meeting and matters arising therefrom
4. Report of the President and questions arising therefrom
5. Financial report
6. To consider and deal with all nominations with respect to any vacancies which occurred following the immediate past General Assembly
7. Matters to be referred to the General Assembly
8. To deal with matters due notice of which has been given
9. To deal with other matters not appearing on the agenda

### 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Asian Bowling Federation when the General Assembly is not in session.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall take such action including the adoption, amendment or rescission of by-laws which may be required to clarify or determine matters of policy or procedure or any other matter not previously defined by the General Assembly or not fully covered in this Constitution Provided that:
  - i. The question to be resolved must have to be resolved without “undue delay” and that the lack of suitable action would be detrimental to the best interest of the Federation.
  - ii. The Executive Committee shall use its own discretion to decide what is meant by “undue delay”.
  - iii. Written notice of any adoption, amendment or rescission of by-laws must be given to all member federations and such adoption, amendment or rescission shall bind each member federation upon their receipt of such notice given in accordance with the provisions herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the adoption, amendment or rescission of by-laws shall take effect upon the Executive Committee's adoption, amendment or rescission of the same.
- (c) The Executive Committee may fill vacancies, which occur between General Assemblies provided that all member federations are notified of the vacancy when it occurs and are given the opportunity to submit a nomination to fill a vacancy.
- (d) The appointment of any persons by the Executive Committee to fill any vacancy in circumstances, which differ from those prescribed herein shall be invalid.
- (e) No vacancies can be filled by the Executive Committee at any of its meetings which are scheduled to be held 90 days prior to a General Assembly.
- (f) The Executive Committee has the authority to hear and determine disputes between member federations, and between member federations and bowlers who are members of member federations, provided that the subject matter of the dispute affects the Asian Bowling Federation. The rules and procedure applicable to the resolution of disputes by the Executive Committee shall be provided for in by-laws.



## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS PRESIDENT-VICE-PRESIDENTS-HON. SECRETARY GENERAL-WB PRESIDIUM MEETINGS

#### 1. PRESIDENT

- (a) When a President has been elected by the General Assembly, there shall be a transition period in which the incumbent president shall remain as President and shall hand over the office within 30 days of the General Assembly.
- (b) The President shall be the chief executive and administrative officer, and shall preside at all meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.
- (c) He shall exercise executive care and control over the provisions of this Constitution and all such acts and things done by him shall be consistent with the principles and ideals on which this federation was established. A postal ballot may also be taken at the discretion of the president.
- (d) He shall submit a report in writing to the General Assembly when in session.
- (e) He shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.
- (f) The president shall represent the Federation at any meeting of the WB Presidium.
- (g) The President shall also normally represent the Federation in all legal matters, but should he be unable to do so, he may be represented by a Vice-President of his choice.

#### 2. VICE-PRESIDENTS

- (a) The Asian Bowling Federation shall have four Vice-Presidents elected by the General Assembly and hold office until the General Assembly four years hence.
- (b) Vice-Presidents shall be drawn from Regions and each Region shall consist of member federations from the following countries/territories:

Vice-President – Far East Region

China, Chinese Taipei, DPR Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Macau and Mongolia

Vice-President – Oceanic Region

Australia, Saipan, Guam and New Zealand

Vice-President – South East Region

Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Negara Brunei Darussalam, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

Vice-President – Western Region

Bahrain, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Nepal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Uzbekistan and United Arab Emirates

- (c) The Federation shall be represented at WB Presidium Meetings by the President and one Vice-President or an appropriate person appointed by the President at his discretion.

- (d) In case of absence or other temporary inability of the President, he shall appoint a Vice-President to act as President until the cause for such absence ceases.
- (e) In the event of death, personal impairment or disability, or resignation of the President, the Hon. Secretary General will arrange a postal ballot for all member federations to determine which Vice-President shall act as President until the next General Assembly

### 3. HON. SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) An Hon. Secretary General/Treasurer will be appointed by the President
- (b) He/she may be from any member federation in the Asian Bowling Federation.
- (c) He/she shall be entitled to attend and speak at all General Assemblies and Executive Committee Meetings but shall not have the right to vote.
- (d) He/she shall keep an account of all the receipts and disbursements of the Federation's funds and be prepared to present and disbursements of the Federation's funds and be prepared to present an audited report of all financial transactions of the Federation, which must be officially audited, at the General Assembly.
- (e) He/she may represent the Asian Bowling Federation in lieu of a Vice-President.

### 4. WB and WB PRESIDIUUM MEETINGS

- (a) If for any reason whatsoever, the President is unable to represent the Federation at any WB or WB Presidium Meetings, he shall appoint a Vice-President or the Hon. Secretary General or a representative from the Executive Committee or an appropriate person at his discretion to take his place.
- (b) If for any reason whatsoever, the President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary General and representatives from the Executive Committee are unavailable, the President shall at his discretion appoint an appropriate person.
- (c) The Asian Bowling Federation shall cover all expenses for WB and WB Presidium Meetings.

- 5. All expenses for Executive Committee Meeting shall be covered by the national federation where the Executive Committee Member is from.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **FINANCE AND AUDITING**

#### 1. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Federation's financial year shall start January 1 and end on December 31.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP FEE

- (a) The annual membership fee shall be US\$ 450.00.
- (b) The General Assembly shall be empowered to fix the amount of the membership fee, and each member federation shall be required to pay the fee by March 31 every year.
- (c) In case of membership fee falling into arrears, the member's rights as prescribed by this Constitution shall be suspended during the period of arrearages. Membership rights shall

be restored forthwith upon payment of the arrearages.

- (d) Membership fees shall be paid to the President. Such fees shall be made payable to the “Asian Bowling Federation”.
- (e) The Hon. Secretary General may notify each member federation one month before the membership fees become due and payable, and again when any member federation falls into arrears.

### 3. FINANCIAL POLICY

The rules and regulations regarding financial policy shall be contained in the byelaws.

### 4. OTHER FEES

The General Assembly may from time to time decide on such other fees as it deems fit.

In case of the “Other Dues” not being paid by March 31 of every year, the membership rights as it deems fit.

In case of the “Other Dues” not being paid by March 31 of every year, the membership rights as prescribed by this Constitution shall be suspended during the period of arrearages. Memberships rights shall be restored forthwith upon payment of the arrearages.

The Hon. Secretary General may notify each member federation one month before its “Other Dues” become due and payable and again when any member federation’s fee falls into arrears.

### 5. AUDITOR

At each biennial meeting of the General Assembly, one auditor shall be elected for the ensuing period charged with the duties of carrying out an audit report of the funds and financial records of the Federation in the charge of the President.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **MEMBERS OBLIGATION**

- 1. All member federations are required to observe the terms of this Constitution and any additional rules, regulations or requirements, which from time to time may be introduced by the General Assembly or the Executive Committee or by the WB or the WB.
- 2. The penalties that may be imposed by the Asian Bowling Federation in respect of any failure by a member federation to observe the terms of this Constitution or any by-laws shall include (but are not limited to) fines, withholding sanctioning of international tournaments under Article XI herein or suspension or termination of membership of the Asian Bowling Federation.
- 3. The decision as to whether or not to impose a penalty and the nature and extent of any such penalty is to be made by the Executive Committee. The rules and procedure applicable to disciplinary proceedings conducted by the Executive Committee shall be provided for in

by-laws.

4. The rules and regulations of each member federation shall not contravene the rules and regulations of the Asian Bowling Federation and the WB and WB.
5. Each member federation shall notify the President of the location of its congress or association and the number of its members. The Federation President shall in turn report them to all member federations. The number of members in each federation shall be compiled as of December 31 every year.
6. The Federation President shall be promptly notified of any changes in the address of the member federation's congress or association and/or the composition of its Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **SANCTIONING OF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

#### **1. INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

- (a) A tournament shall be an international tournament if bowlers from more than one country and/or Zone are invited or otherwise accepted to participate in that tournament.
- (b) An international tournament in which bowlers from more than one country covered by the Asian Zone are invited or otherwise accepted to participate may only be held in a country covered by the Asian Zone:
  1. in the case of a tournament organised and conducted by a member federation, if such member federation has first sought and obtained the sanction of the Asian Bowling Federation; or
  2. in the case of a tournament organised and conducted by an entity other than a member federation, if such entity has first sought and obtained the sanction of the member federation of the country in which the tournament is to be held and such member federation has subsequently sought and obtained the sanction of the Asian Bowling Federation.
- (c) In the case of a tournament held in a country covered by the Asian Zone in which bowlers from more than one Zone are invited or otherwise accepted to participate, Article XI, rule 1(b) herein shall apply with the additional requirement that such tournament may only be held if the Asian Bowling Federation has also sought and obtained the sanction of the WB.
- (d) To obtain the sanction of the Asian Bowling Federation, a tournament must comply with the following requirements:
  - i. the tournament must be conducted under the Universal Playing Rules set out in Chapter 2 of the WB Statutes and Playing Rules;
  - ii. the lanes, pins and balls must comply with the specifications set out in Chapters 9, 10 and 11 of the WB Statutes and Playing Rules;
  - iii. the member federation or non-member federation entity organising and conducting the same must (unless exempted) pay the relevant fees, which shall be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time;
  - iv. the member federation or non-member federation entity organising and

- conducting the same must (i) in the case of a tournament in which bowlers from more than one country covered by the Asian Zone are invited or otherwise accepted to participate, comply with the relevant rules and procedures set out in by-laws, and (ii) in the case of a tournament in which bowlers from more than one Zone are invited or otherwise accepted to participate, comply with the rules and procedures set out in Chapter 3 of the WB Statutes and Playing Rules; and
- v. any other requirement as set out in by-laws from time to time.
- (e) The Asian Bowling Federation may at any time withdraw its sanction of any tournament if:
- vi. tournament sanctioning requirement(s) set out herein or in by-laws have been or are likely to be breached; and/or
  - vii. tournament playing rules and/or arrangements approved upon sanctioning by ABF have not been or are unlikely to be complied with; and/or
  - viii. disciplinary decisions of the Executive Committee have not been complied with; and/or,
  - ix. it is likely that not doing so would adversely affect the interests of the sport of bowling and/or the Federation and/or member federations.
- (f) Member federations must promptly inform the Asian Bowling Federation of any international tournament held or intended to be held within their country of which they have knowledge whether or not sanctioning by the member federation or Asian Bowling Federation has been sought for that tournament.
- (g) Member federations must take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that their member bowlers do not participate in unsanctioned tournaments of which they have knowledge and to discipline those of their member bowlers who have participated in such tournaments. Unsanctioned tournaments mean tournaments that require sanctioning by ABF under Article XI herein.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **DISSOLUTION**

The General Assembly shall not be dissolved except at a General Meeting of the General Assembly specially convened for the purpose and by a resolution carried by a majority of 4/5th of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

In the event of such dissolution, any General Assembly assets in hand shall be distributed in such manner, as the General Assembly shall determine.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **SERVICE OF NOTICES**

1. Except as otherwise provided herein, any notice in writing required to be given or served by the Asian Bowling Federation or a member of its Executive Committee to member federations hereunder may be given or served:

- (a) by hand delivering it at or posting it by registered post to the address notified under Article X, rules 3 and 4; or
  - (b) by fax or e-mail to such number or address as may be advised by a member federation in writing for this purpose.
2. Except as otherwise provided herein, any notice in writing required to be given or served by the Asian Bowling Federation or a member of its Executive Committee to member federations hereunder shall be considered given or served:
- (a) if hand delivered - at the time of delivery;
  - (b) if sent by post - 3 working days from the date of posting; or
  - (c) if sent by fax or e-mail - at the time of transmission.
3. Except as otherwise provided herein, any notice in writing required to be given or served by member federations to the Asian Bowling Federation or a member of its Executive Committee hereunder shall take effect at the time it is received by:
- (a) the Asian Bowling Federation at the office and correspondence address or fax number stated on page 1 herein or such other postal or email address or fax number as the Asian Bowling Federation may advise in writing to member federations for this purpose;
  - (b) the relevant member of the Executive Committee at such postal or email address or fax number as he or she may advise in writing to member federations for this purpose.

THIS CONSTITUTION was formally adopted at a General Assembly Meeting held in Adelaide on November 21 1980 and updated on: November 3, 1984 in Singapore, again on June 21, 1986 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, again on July 12, 1988 in Hong Kong, again on August 25, 1992 in Perth, Australia, again on June 16, 1996 in Seoul, Korea and again on June 25, 2000 in Doha, Qatar, again in Jakarta, Indonesia on August 7, 2006, again on July 3, 2008 in Hong Kong.

## CHAPTER 2

### FEDERATION AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following championships shall be conducted by the Asian Bowling federation;

- a) The Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships (adult) shall be conducted every second year;
- b) The Asian Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships shall also be conducted every two years. (These Championships shall, however, be conducted on different year.);
- c) The Asian Schools Championships which shall be conducted every year

#### 2.1 Application to Host

Applications to host all Asian Championships will be acted upon by the Asian Bowling Federation General Assembly held in conjunction with the current championships. Such applications must be received by the Asian Bowling Federation's Hon. Secretary General not later than 6 months prior to the General Assembly. However federations are encouraged to provide verbal notice of their intent to bid at the General Assembly prior to the one at which the decision will be made.

ONLY MEMBER FEDERATIONS MAY SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

#### 2.2 Information Required

An application shall at a minimum, provide the following information:

- a. Proposed location (city, state, region)
- b. Proposed dates (at least which month)
- c. Available bowling centers having the required minimum number of lanes (32, 18 and 16 respectively for adult, team and youth); viewing capacity; a general description of accompanying facilities and meeting rooms; assurance of exclusive availability for the duration of competition; and assurance of meeting all WTBA specifications.
- d. Available hotels; a general description of guest and meeting rooms; current and projected prices; and distance from the bowling center(s) in driving time and kilometers. Host to ensure and guarantee availability of sufficient rooms.

#### 2.3 Financial Commitment

An application shall at a minimum, include a financial commitment to provide the following for official delegation members:

- a. Airport pick-up and return
- e. Transportation between designated hotels and the bowling center in accordance with a pre-arranged schedule.
- f. Bowling expenses for all official practice and competition.
- g. An opening Ceremony, Welcome Party and Farewell Banquet.

#### 2.4 Official Delegation

The Host Federation may determine the size of the official delegation with the approval of the

Asian Bowling Federation President. However, the minimum official delegation will include:

- a. Six male and/or six female players (four and four for youth and schools)
- b. One coach for male athletes and one coach for female athletes
- c. One administrator for a male team and one administrator for a female team.
- d. Elected and accredited delegates to Asian Bowling Federation Meetings held in conjunction with the Championships.

## **2.5 Registration Fee**

The Host Federation will be permitted to collect a registration fee from each member of an official delegation; to be applied against its hosting expenses. Member of the Asian Bowling Federation Executive Committee are exempted from paying this fee. For all championships the maximum registration fee shall be US\$ 200.

Such fees may be revised by the Executive Committee from time to time if deemed necessary.

## **2.6 Federation Expenses**

An application shall at a minimum, include a guarantee to underwrite the following expenses:

- a. Accommodation at the headquarters hotel, car and driver for: the Asian Bowling Federation President; the Asian Bowling Federation Hon. Secretary General; and the duly appointed Asian Bowling Federation Technical Delegate. However for the Federation Hon. Secretary General and Technical Delegate, car and driver may be replaced with appropriate local traveling allowances.
- b. A daily US\$ 100.00 stipend and translator (if required) for the Asian Bowling Federation Technical Delegate.
- c. Rooms for the Asian Bowling Federation General Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings.
- d. Technicians and the necessary equipment to record the proceedings and provide audio/visual service for the Asian Bowling Federation General Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings.
- e. Luncheon for the Executive Committee members (for two days).
- f. Luncheon for the Asian Bowling Federation General Assembly.
- g. Badges of accreditation for members of the official delegation, and such others authorized by the Asian Bowling Federation Hon. Secretary General, which will provide full access to the competition venue at all times.
- h. Media facilities with appropriate telephone, facsimile and other communication services, as well as badges of accreditation.
- i. Hotel accommodations for duty authorized officials (i.e. Asian Bowling Federation President, Technical Delegate) for required pre-competition visits.

A successful host will sign an arrangement with Asian Bowling Federation incorporating all of the above together with a cash deposit of US\$ 5,000.00.

## **2.7 Withdrawal as Host**

Notwithstanding the above, a member federation that is awarded Asian Championships and subsequently withdraws as host will lose its deposit and if the withdrawal is less than 4 months prior to the tournament it will be fined an additional US\$ 5,000.00. Any member



federation that fails to pay the fine in the event of withdrawal as host will not be allowed to participate in any activities organized or sanctioned by the Asian Bowling Federation.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Additional rules and regulations governing the Asian Championships and International Tournaments may be contained in by-laws.

#### **3.1 Eligibility – Rule 3.3.1, 3.3.2 & 4.9.1**

Players participating in the Asian Championships must be certified by their respective national federation. The federation must not be under suspension by World Bowling (WB).

A player must not be under suspension by any WB member federation.

Federations must be current with their WB and Zone membership fees.

#### **3.2 Number of Players – Rule 5.1.2, 6.1.2**

- a. Each member federation shall be limited to a team of not more than six male and six female players for the Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships (adult);
- b. Each member federation shall be limited to a team of not more than four male and four female players for the Asian Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships; and
- c. For the Asian Schools Championships each member federation is allowed to submit a maximum of 2 Boys' teams and 2 Girls' teams. Each participating team shall include no more than 4 players.

#### **3.3 Lane Assignments and Registration – Rule 5.3, 6.2**

In due time before the start of the championships, the Tournament Director will decide the number of squads for each event and the number of lanes in use for each squad.

Lane assignments shall be determined by lot for Singles, Doubles, Trios and Team, and subject to special pre-arranged schedule requirements for Masters round robin and the position round.

For Singles and Doubles, once competition is under way, the number of players scheduled on a pair of lanes must be consistent throughout the tournament.

An impartial lane assignment should be performed in due time prior to the Pre-Tournament meeting in order for it to be announced at the meeting.

Verification of the number of players from each participating federation and spellings of their names must be done latest in conjunction with the Pre-Tournament meeting. No changes will be permitted thereafter.

#### **3.4 Practice – Rule 5.4, 6.3**

The players of each federation shall be nominated prior to the start of the official practice.

Minimum one day of official practice must be provided immediately prior to the start of the championship. One hour practice is required for each federation. However, if the competition lanes are not available for unofficial practice immediately prior to the official practice, two days of official practice will be required with two hours for each federation the first day and one hour for each federation the second day.

Each federation will have one session of official practice, each second pair of lanes dressed with short oil condition and the lanes between dressed with long oil condition.

After the lanes have been prepared and the official practice concluded, no play whatsoever by the participants of the championships shall be allowed on the competition lanes during the entire duration, except the championships proper. This will not preclude efforts (e.g. exhibition) to promote bowling before, after or in between events.

However, this does not allow any play by participants on the competition lanes after the last event of the day when the bowling centre is available to the public for open bowling. Violators are subject to disqualification.

Practice for events in each block

- a.Singles, 10 minutes practice time
- b.Doubles, 10 minutes practice time
- c.Trios, 10 minutes practice time
- d.Team, 15 minutes practice time
- e.Masters, 10 minutes practice time

### 3.5 **Players' Area – Rule 5.5, 6.4**

The Tournament Manager, using methods of identification, which are obvious to spectators, shall define the players' area.

Only one coach or official from any federation will be permitted in the players' area in the immediate vicinity of each pair of lanes on which their players are competing.

It is not permissible to bring in or consume food in the players' area. This does not include candy bars or fruit.

### 3.6 **Events – Rule 5.6.1, 5.6.2, 6.5.1, 6.5.2**

For the Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships (adult), the males and females shall compete in separate divisions but the scheduled events shall be the same for both as follows:

Singles	Six games
Doubles	Six games
Trios	Six games
Team	Six games

All Events, a total of the foregoing 24 games

Masters, 16 games round robin and stepladder final

For the Asian Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships and the Asian Schools Tenpin Bowling Championships, the males and females shall compete in separate divisions but the scheduled events shall be the same for both as follows:

Singles                 Six games

Doubles                Six games

Team                    Six games

All Events, a total of the foregoing 24 games

Masters, 16 games round robin and stepladder final

In Singles, Doubles, Trios (adult) and Team, players assigned to commence bowling on odd numbered lanes will move left and players assigned to commence bowling on even numbered lanes will move right for each successive game. The Tournament Manager will determine the number of lanes to be moved each game during the event.

### 3.7 Conduct of Events

#### a. Singles

Maximum six players per federation (adult), a maximum 4 players per federation (youth) and a maximum of 8 players per federation (schools).

Six games in one block across 12 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Players from a federation shall be paired two and two and scheduled on different squads when possible.

#### b. Doubles

Maximum three Doubles per federation (adult), a maximum of two Doubles per federation (youth) and maximum of four Doubles per federation (schools).

Six games in one block across 12 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Doubles from the same federation shall be scheduled on different squads when possible.

#### c. Trios

Maximum two Trios per federations (adult).

Six games in one block across 12 lanes. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Trios from the same federation shall be scheduled on different squads when possible.

#### d. Team

One Team per federation (adult and youth) and a maximum of two teams per federation (schools)

Six games in two three-game blocks.

One team scheduled per lane with each game of a block bowled on a different pair of lanes

Line-up changes are not permitted during a block

All extra players (adult) shall be scheduled for make-up teams to bowl toward their All Events total. Players from different federations shall be combined for such teams.

#### e. All Events

Maximum six players per federation (adult), a maximum 4 players per federation (youth) and a

maximum of 8 players per federation (schools).

Standing to be decided based on a total of the 18 or 24 games played in the foregoing 3 or 4 disciplines (Singles, Doubles, Trios and Team).

f. **Masters**

Masters Finals shall be round robin competition between the top 16 players based on their 24 qualifying games. All qualifying pinfall is dropped. One game matches will be played. A final match will be played as a position round, making a total of 16 games.

Position number for the pre-arranged schedule shall be decided by draw. (Players from the same federation will be scheduled to bowl against each other within the first 8 games to the extent that is possible.) However, the Technical Committee will select position numbers for players from the same federation to ensure such players will compete against each other within the first 8 games.

Standings shall be based on total pinfall from each of the matches together with a bonus of 10 for each match won, including the position round. Each player shall receive a bonus of 5 for a tie. Any vacancies that may exist at the start of 1st Block of the Master Finals shall be filled by reserve players who are present. Any finalist who has not registered in person for the first eight-game block prior to the time specified shall be replaced as described in above. Any vacancies that occur at the start of the 2nd Block of the Masters Final shall be filled by a pacer and player/s who had played against that absent player will be given back 10 bonus points in case they have lost to the absent player. Player playing against the pacer will be given a win.

Masters Grand Finals shall be conducted, step-ladder fashion, for three top players after the 16 matches to determine the champion, second and third positions.

Number three shall play number two, one game total pinfalls to count, beginning from scratch. The winner shall play number one over two games, total pinfalls to count, starting from scratch. The winner of this match will be declared the Masters Champion.

**3.8 Substitution – Rule 5.15, 6.12**

A player who has already started in an event shall not be replaced.

In case of an injured player having to leave the game, the remaining players on the team shall continue their games for all event purposes.

**3.9 Tie Breaking procedures**

The player or team with the highest score in the Championships shall be the winner.

When equal scores (ties) are registered for any of the first three positions in the Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team or All Events, co-champions shall be declared. There shall be no play off of the tie.

(Teams or players with equal scores will get the same medals). In case of a tie for the first

position, the next position will get bronze medal. In case of a triple tie for the first position, all will get gold medals, and there will be no other medals. In case of a tie for the second position, no medals for the third position.)

When a tie occurs for the sixteenth (16th) place in All Events total, a one game roll off shall be held. If a tie still exists repeat a 9th and 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken.

In case of a tie in the Masters Final before the position round (after 15 games) between places 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 and so on, the player with the higher position is the one who in the round robin has;

- a. the higher total scratch pinfall
- b. won their match.
- c. won more matches
- d. the least difference between the highest and the lowest game
- e. the higher game

When a tie occurs after the position round for first or third place a one game roll off shall be held. If a tie still exists, repeat the 9th and 10th frame roll off until the tie is broken.

If a tie occurs for any position in the stepladder final a 9th and 10th frame shall be bowled, starting from scratch, to break the tie. If a tie still exists, repeat the 9th and 10th frame roll off until the tie is broken.

### 3.10 **Foul Definitions – Rule 2.8.6**

No appeal shall be allowed when a foul is called unless:

- a. It is proved that the automatic device is not operating properly.
- b. There is preponderance of evidence the player did not foul.

### 3.11 **Provisional Ball – Rule 2.9**

A provisional ball or frame shall be bowled by a player when a protest involving a foul, legal pin fall or a dead ball is made and cannot be resolved by the tournament officials.

When a dispute occurs on a player's first delivery in any frame, or on the second delivery in the tenth frame after a strike on the first delivery

- a. If the dispute is over whether the player fouled, the player shall complete the frame and then bowl one provisional ball at a full setup of pins
- b. If the dispute involves alleged illegal pin fall, the player shall complete the frame and then bowl one provisional ball at the setup that would have remained standing had the disputed pin(s) not fallen.
- c. If the dispute is over whether a dead ball should have been declared, the player shall complete the frame and then bowl a complete provisional frame.

When a dispute occurs on a spare attempt, or on the third delivery in the tenth frame, no provisional ball is necessary unless the dispute is over whether a dead ball should have been declared. In that case a provisional ball shall be bowled at the same setup, which was standing when the disputed ball was bowled.

### **3.12 Bowling Ball, altering surface (Rule 2.10)**

Any use of chemicals must be on the „Acceptable list” as listed on WTBA website; [www.worldtenpinbowling.com](http://www.worldtenpinbowling.com). A full, up to date list of these products is available at WTBA website includes anything listed in the "Acceptable during certified competition" sections. It is not allowed to use anything listed in the "Products Containing Solids or Abrasives" section nor anything listed in the "Not acceptable at any time" sections. The ball must be wiped clean after any adjustments..

### **3.13 Bowling ball, altering surface (Rule 4.10)**

Bowling ball surface adjustments by hand are acceptable between games provided they are done in the designated area and that the adjustment procedure does not delay the bowler's next turn. Use of chemicals see 2.10.1.

Altering the surface of the bowling ball, besides what is mentioned in 4.10.1, is allowed in a designated area only during the official practice session, during the practice session immediately preceding a competition round, and between competition rounds.

Altering the surface of the bowling ball during a game is not allowed.  
If the surface is adjusted during a game the penalty is zero pinfall in that game

### **3.14 Bowling ball procedure**

Only bowling balls manufactured on or after January 1, 1991 that are on the USBC approved ball list are allowed for use in sanctioned WTBA competition.

The online list may be found at WTBA website [www.worldtenpinbowling.com](http://www.worldtenpinbowling.com)

Given that the online ball list was created on January 1, 1991 any bowling ball not on the list and proven to be manufactured prior to January 1, 1991 have been previously approved.

A complete hard copy of the USBC approved ball list will be made available at the ball registration desk.

Acceptance of manufactured balls prior to the inception of the USBC ball list for use in competition is at the discretion of the Tournament Committee

Altering the surface of the bowling ball is allowed per rule 4.10.1.  
During a stepladder final format, each match is considered a competition round.

### **3.15 Registration of bowling balls**

- a. Each player will be permitted to register a maximum of 6 bowling balls during the tournament. Prior to the start of the Official Practice the bowling balls to be used during competition shall be inspected and registered. The inspection shall include but not be limited to:
  - i. Eligibility of the ball as specified in the list of approved bowling balls

- published latest the day the tournament starts
  - ii. Serial number
  - iii. Visual inspection with regard to material, surface, plugs, etc.
- b. Immediately following the official practice (latest one hour after the last practice session) registration shall be made of the bowling balls to be used during the championship events.
- 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.
- 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.
- e. Additions to a player's bowling ball list shall be made no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the event where the additional bowling ball(s) will be used.
- f. No modifications of a bowling ball shall be permitted apart from the altering of the surface as described above.
- g. In very special circumstances the Tournament Technical Committee may allow a replacement of a registered bowling ball.
- Each day during the events random inspection of the bowling balls may be performed.

The Tournament Technical Committee shall decide on the number of balls and the players, which shall be randomly selected. The inspection shall be limited to a visual inspection of the serial number of the balls and the size and number of the balance holes (refer rule 11.14.3).

The penalties for violation of the rule above are for a serial number and/or a number of balance holes violation

- a. Daily random inspection, zero score for the event in which the failed inspection was performed
- b. Medallists', zero score for the event
- c. Masters Finals, disqualification and all scores null and void.

If a ball is in violation regarding the size of the balance hole, the ball shall be removed from play and cannot be used again until the balance hole complies. No additional balls may be added to the bowling ball list.

A maximum of five gripping holes are allowed in a bowling ball. The player must be able to reach each set of finger holes (not all four simultaneously) while using the thumb hole. Any hole, which cannot be reached, is considered a balance hole. The ball must be balanced twice when one set of finger holes are for fingertip and the other set for conventional grip.

When delivering the ball the player must have his/her thumb in or over the thumb hole. It may not be 180 degrees away from the thumb hole

It is not permissible to use resin/powder products anywhere outside of designated area in any WTBA/ABF event. The tournament manager shall/will designate such an area.

### **3.16 Approaches Must Not Be Defaced – Rule 2.11**

The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to, such substances as talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes; also soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach are prohibited.

### 3.17 **Errors in Scoring – Rule 2.12**

Errors in scoring or errors in calculation must be corrected by a responsible tournament official immediately upon discovery of such error. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the designated official.

The time limit for filing protests on scoring errors shall be one hour from the end of the event or block of games for each day of tournament, but must be before the prize presentation or the commencement of the next round (in an elimination event), whichever is the sooner.

Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule shall not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

### 3.18 **Interrupted Game – Rule 4.22**

The tournament officials may authorize the completion of a game and block of games on another pair of lanes when equipment failure on the starting lanes would delay the normal progress of the block.

### 3.19 **Drinking and Smoking – Rule 4.16, 4.17**

#### **a. Drinking alcohol.**

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. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be expulsion from the tournament.

Players, coaches or administrators may not consume alcohol while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation in the bowling centre during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion of the Masters competition.

The penalty for violation of this rule shall be - a warning for the first violation - 100 USD for a second violation (paid by the federation before the next event) and - for any subsequent violation, suspension for the duration of the Championships.

#### **b. Smoking and using tobacco products**

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.

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.

The player penalty for smoking during a game will be zero pinfall for the game currently being played. The penalty for smoking in between games will be zero pinfall for the succeeding game. The penalty for the second offence by the same player shall be exclusion from the rest of the



championship by the Tournament Technical Committee.

The coach penalty for smoking during a game shall be suspension from the block of games in which he violated the rule. The penalty for a second violation is suspension from the rest of the Championship.

Players, coaches or administrators may not smoke, use tobacco products or any kind of synthetic or e-cigarettes while wearing the standard uniform of their national federation during the period commencing with the start of official practice through the completion of the Masters competition.

The penalty for violation of this rule shall be - a warning for the first violation, - 100 USD for a second violation (paid by the federation before the next event) and - for any subsequent violation, suspension for the duration of the Championships.

### **3.20 Slow Bowling / Lane Courtesy – Rule 4.23**

Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery when the pairs immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear (one (1) pair lane courtesy).

Competitors must observe one (1) pair lane courtesy at all times. Competitors on the same pair may not bowl consecutive deliveries without allowing one (1) competitor from the pair to the right and one (1) competitor from the pair to the left have made a delivery, unless those competitors are not ready to bowl or they give way.

If a player does not observe the procedures outlined in paragraphs 4.23.1 and 4.23.2, it shall be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an authorized tournament official as follows

- a. A white card for the first offence (no penalty);
- b. A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty);
- c. A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games (six games for singles and doubles, three games for team and all games of match play in a day) the penalty shall be a zero pin fall for the frame.

For interpretation of the enforcement of this rule, the Referees shall specifically monitor any player or team that gets more than four frames behind the leader in a singles, doubles or master event; or more than two frames behind in trios or team, not counting the end pairs of lanes.

Whenever there is any question concerning the enforcement of this rule, or lack thereof, in the Masters Grand Finals, the ABF President or his designee, notwithstanding the reference to the Referees, shall make the final decision.

### **3.21 Bowling on Wrong Lane – Rule 2.7 and 4.24**

A ball shall be declared dead and the player or players required re-bowling on the correct lane if no more than a total of 4 individual frames have been bowled on a pair of lanes by the players for Singles, Doubles, Trios and Team.

If more than four individual frames have been bowled on the wrong lane, that game will be completed without adjustment. Any succeeding game must be started on the correctly scheduled lane.

In singles match play competition, where a player bowls two frames each time it is the player's turn to bowl, and the other player bowls on the wrong lanes, a dead ball shall be called and the player required re-bowling on the correct lanes, providing the error was discovered before the opposing player has made a delivery. Otherwise, the score stands as bowled, with all subsequent frames in the game bowled on the correct lanes.

### 3.22 **Tardy Players – Rule 4.25**

Any player or team arriving late shall begin play with the score count beginning with the frame then being bowled on the lane or lanes to which they are assigned.

If they are scheduled alone, they will start in the earliest frame then being bowled on the squad.

### 3.23 **Penalties for Rule Violations – Rule 4.26**

When not specified in any rule, the penalties for rule violations are governed as stated below.

A player/team failing to observe a rule(s) shall be warned by an authorized tournament official with a yellow card for first offence (no penalty).

For a second offence in the same tournament, the player/team will be disqualified from the tournament, and will not be allowed to participate in WTBA/Zone approved tournaments and conducted championships for 90 days.

All offences shall immediately be reported by the Tournament Manager to the ABF Hon. Secretary General, who will report to all member federations.

### 3.24 **Protests – Rule 4.27**

Protests involving eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible tournament official not later than 24 hours after the game in which the infraction occurred or before prize presentation, whichever is the sooner.

When a protest involving a foul or the legality of pin fall is entered, an official representative of the federations involved may be present when evidence is taken relative to the protest.

If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration period as stated, the game or games shall stand as bowled.

Each rule under this rule shall not be construed to cover a similar or previous violation.

### 3.25 **Appeal Procedures – Rule 4.28**

All matters, which cannot be settled by the Referees, shall be heard and reviewed by the Tournament Technical Committee. The decision of the Tournament Technical Committee is final unless there is an appeal to the Jury of Appeal within 24 hours after the decision is announced, or before prize presentation, whichever is the sooner.

Protests on eligibility arising after the conclusion of the championships shall be filed directly

with the Jury of Appeal within 30 days.

All appeals from the Tournament Technical Committee's decisions must be filed in writing with the Referee or with a member of the Jury of Appeal, or with the Hon. Secretary General of Zone. Each appeal must be specific and include a fee of USD 100. If the Jury of Appeal does not uphold the appeal, the fee will be forfeited to ABF. The foregoing also applies to protests filed directly with the Jury of Appeal.

The Jury of Appeal shall be empowered to cite before it all papers and persons involved in the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting or if deemed appropriate, the Jury of Appeal may decide an issue by a mail vote after all material involved in the matter has been studied by each of its members.

### **3.26 Playing Uniforms, Advertising – Rule 4.18.1, 4.18.3 & 4.18.5**

Players shall wear a standard uniform approved by their national federation. In a team event (Doubles, Trios and Team) players of the same Doubles, Trios or Team must wear uniforms of the same colour and type

The following may appear on the uniform

- a. Name of player
- b. Logo of the country or member federation, which the player represents
- c. Advertisement: The number of advertisements is decided by each federation.
- d. A place on all federations uniforms, situated on the left side of the breast, is reserved for a ABF sponsor. No later than six months before the start of the championship ABF has to inform all member federations if this right will be used by ABF and provide all federations with an original design for printing

Coaches and officials in the player's area should be in the uniform specified by the national federation

### **3.27 Awards – Rule 5.17**

ABF medals of gold, silver and bronze shall be presented to each of the individuals winning those positions in the following events:

- e. - Singles
- f. - Doubles
- g. - Team
- h. - All Events
- i. - Masters

In addition to the medals for the individual players, a medal shall be given to the coach of the medalist and to the national federation the medalist represent. The players who have competed in the Masters shall be given a certificate.

### **3.28 Matters not provided for**

Any matters not provided for or covered in these rules and regulations shall be governed by the current WB Playing Rules.

