



## **Qualification criteria for Tenpin bowling at IBSA World Games (WG)**

### Context

No IBSA sanctioned event has been held since 2018 when the European Open Championships were held in Pardubice (Czech Republic). Unfortunately, World Parabolwing Tours are unsanctioned and without IBSA classification procedure and further development are still in talks for 2023. IBSA Tenpinbowling committee is not planning any mutual agreement i.e. Memorandum of understanding with the International Parabolwing Federation (IBF) until the problem of the differing eye classification categories are resolved which are in contradiction with the usual IPC/IBSA VI standards. The Covid era made a lot of athletes lose their current review classification status and the IBSA World Games classification slots will be limited due to the high variety of other sports and number of athletes. The final number of tenpin bowling athletes will be fixed thanks to the agreement of IBSA WG LOC and IBSA Tenpin bowling Sports Committee chair also due to limited number of bowling lanes at the venue.

### Current plans

- To host IBSA sanctioned continental championships in Europe and Asia separately by May 2023
- Thanks to dealing with some new emerging countries to include them into IBSA WG by wild cards
- Further more attempt to develop the sport by bringing new under 26 athletes (born in 1997 and later)

### Country ranking system

Due to the limited number of athletes able to take part at IBSA WG, tenpin bowling practising countries are divided into two key categories:

#### Currently active countries

European zone: Finland, Poland, Czech Republic and Israel

Asian zone: Japan, South Korea, Hongkong, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia

#### Grey zone partly active countries:

European zone: Great Britain

Asian zone: Philippines, Brunei, Chinese Taipei

#### New emerging countries:

European zone: Romania, Slovakia, Italy and any other country starting to develop tenpin bowling under IBSA auspices

Asian and Pacific zone: Australia, Iraq, Pakistan and any other country starting to develop tenpin bowling under IBSA auspices

#### Other continents

The American and African zone are inactive at present but we welcome any enquiries

The IBSA WG LOC and IBSA Tenpin bowling Sports Chair have agreed on the following numbers:

Total number of athletes able to take part at IBSA WG will be set to 50 and maximum 60 athletes (10 athletes are given wild cards for new emerging market countries).

Only 15 bowling lanes will be provided for the venue.

IBSA TSC is planning also to closely co-operate with IBSA Ninepin bowling Sports Committee Chair in expanding the portfolio of new emerging market countries.

Maximum number of athletes being classified during IBSA WG is set to 20 athletes due to the limited number of free classification slots.

Classification preferences during qualification events:

1. New athletes that were never classified for tenpin bowling
2. Borderline athletes that are on the verge of B1 to B2, B2 to B3 status
3. Athletes with classification status review during Covid years i. E. 2021 and 2022

IBSA will be hosting two qualification major events by May 2023 during which as many as possible number of athletes will be newly classified and/or reviewed. Both events must be done for VI athletes only. WPB Tour events are currently out of qualification status which is currently subject of further negotiations in the future.

Key targets for setting up two continental events are:

- a) Classify as many athletes as possible under a certain structure with bringing at least 2 pannels on each event
- b) Optimise and consoldie travel, accommodation costs for all the countries from specified region
- c) Enable qualification criteria for both competition in which Asian countries thanks to higher number of active countries are allowed to get more athletes
- d) Open slots for new emerging market countries to take part without any limits

### **Major events in 2023**

Continental championship for European zone

Continental championship for Asian zone

Note: In the case that there will be no applicant willing to host continental events, it is already pre-agreed that one qualification championship will be held by May 2023 prior to IBSA WG for all tenpinbowling countries.

No athlete is allowed to take part at IBSA WG without taking part at defined qualification events.

IBSA will accept the athletes registered in ISAS database for any classification procedure and elligibility to take part. Licences and registration/application forms must be filled only by IBSA member country which:

- a) Has paid all annual IBSA membership fees for all previous years and current year 2023
- b) Is entitled to register and licence athletes at ISAS database

Note: IBSA will not accept any third party application/registration forms. IBSA member countries are allowed to do so only.

Athletes who are not registered and licenced in the ISAS database are not allowed to take part at qualification events neither at the IBSA WG.

During IBSA World Games women and men will compete in separate competition events.

All medal events must contain at least 4 athletes in each category.

The following competition categories will be carried out during IBSA WG:

**Singles:**

B1 men

B1 women

B2 men

B2 women

B3 men

B3 women

All 6 competitions will be counted also for all events competition but men and women categories will be carried out separately also in the final standings.

**Doubles:**

B2 +B2

B1 +B3 with maximum quote 5

**New categories for IBSA WG:**

B1 +B1

B3 +B3

Doubles and triples can be mixed gender

Note: One athlete cannot compete in multiple doubles simultaneously.

Triples: B1, B2, B3 with quote 6 at most

Note: There will be no qualification event for IBSA WG in the continental events. Doubles and triples will be finalised after final slots according to the qualification criteria in the singles.

6 rounds in basic stage are carried out. 4 rounds are played in final stage for best of 6 athletes.

Note: Final stage will be carried out only if there are more than 6 athletes in each competition which counts for all singles, doubles and triples.

**Qualification slots for IBSA WG**

All male categories will have 12 athletes. Number of athletes can be expanded only in the case of wild cards given for new emerging market countries. Applicable for singles B1, B2, B3.

Here are the qualification slots:

1. Winner from IBSA Asian Championships
2. Runner-up from IBSA Asian Championships
3. 3rd place athlete from IBSA Asian Championships
4. 4th place from IBSA Asian Championships
5. 5th place from IBSA Asian Championships
6. 6th place athlete from IBSA Asian Championships
7. Winner from IBSA European Championships
8. Runner-up from IBSA European Championships
9. 3rd place athlete from IBSA European Championships
10. Great Britain athlete hosting country
11. Best result done by grey zone and/or new emerging country athlete from IBSA Asian Championships
12. Best result achieved by new emerging market country athletes from IBSA European championships

Wild card for slots 13 and 14 etc.

13. Best result achieved by any athlete under 26 from IBSA European/Asian Championship
14. Free slot for new emerging market country athlete from American and African zone

**Notes:**

- a) There must be at least two athletes under 26 (born in 1997 and later) in total referred to both IBSA Asian/European zone qualification events in order to choose the best athlete in a specific category.
- b) New continents are not able to host any IBSA continental events at the moment so they can take part as follows:
- c) Any prospective tenpinbowling athletes from Africa and/or America can take part in the IBSA European Championships
- d) Any prospective tenpinbowling athletes from the Pacific can take part in the IBSA Asian Championships
- e) Application for wild cards will be given only to new emerging market countries if there are more countries taking part in IBSA European/Asian Championships
- f) If the qualification slots do not get to 12 athletes in male categories according to the above mentioned criteria, the slots will be given to athletes with the highest score achieved from IBSA Asian/European Championships. This exception from the rule does not count if all the slots are filled with 12 athletes.
- g) The final list of athletes taking part in IBSA WG will be issued at the end of May according to qualification events and final standings applicable to free slots.

**Women**

All women categories will have 8 athletes. Number of athletes can be expanded only in case of wild cards given for new emerging market countries. Applicable for singles B1, B2, B3.

Here are qualification slots as follows:

1. Winner from IBSA Asian Championships
2. Runner-up from IBSA Asian Championships
3. 3rd place athlete from IBSA Asian Championships
4. Winner from IBSA European Championships
5. Runner-up from IBSA European Championships
6. Great Britain athlete hosting country
7. Best result done by grey zone and/or new emerging country athlete from IBSA Asian Championships
8. Best result done by new emerging market country athlete from IBSA European championships

Wild card for slots 9 and 10 etc.

9. Best result done by any athlete under 26 from IBSA European/Asian Championships
10. Free slot for new emerging market country athlete from American and African zone

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- e) Application for wild cards are given only to new emerging market countries if there are more countries taking part in IBSA European/Asian Championships
- f) If the qualification slots are not filled with 8 athletes in women categories according to the above mentioned criteria, the slots will be given to athletes with the highest score achieved from IBSA Asian/European Championships. This exception from the rule does not count if all the slots are filled to 8 athletes.
- g) The final list of athletes taking part in IBSA WG will be issued at the end of May according to qualification events and final standings applicable to free slots.

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