

Updated ETBF Constitution

The ETBF Constitution is updated according to decisions made at the ETBF Congress in June and a few changes derived from decisions made at the WTBA Congress early August.

The following main changes are included:

Quorum at ETBF Congresses

The quorum has been changed from at least half of the member federations (including proxies) to at least one third of the member federations (including proxies).

Fees

The annual ETBF membership fee for federations having less than 4.000 members is changed from € 800 to € 880.

The annual ETBF membership fee for federations having 4.000 or more members is changed from € 2.400 to € 2.640.

The champion fee for ETBF is changed from € 50 per member of the delegation to € 60 per member of the delegation.

The fee for congress delegates is changed from € 25 for the voting delegate and € 50 for each additional delegate to € 50 for each congress delegate.

Ball control at championships

Bowling balls will no longer be weighted at ETBF Championships and the ball check is here after limited to eligibility of balls as specified in the list of approved bowling balls, serial numbers and a minor visual inspections.

Altering surfaces of bowling balls

The WTBA Congress has decided that players in WTBA Championships, in addition to practise sessions before a block and in between blocks, are allowed to alter the surface of bowling balls also in between games.

This rule is **only** in effect for WTBA Championships and **not** for any tournaments approved by WTBA.

The new alteration rule is furthermore **not** adopted in the ETBF Constitution, which means that alterations of bowling balls surfaces are allowed during practise sessions before a block/squad and in between blocks/squads, but **not** in between games at any ETBF Championship or at any approved tournament in Europe, irrespective of the approved tournament is adopted in the European Bowling Tour or not.

If an organizer of an approved tournament outside the European Bowling Tour wants to adopt an option for players to alter the surface of bowling balls in between games, he/she must adopt such a rule in the tournament rules of that specific tournament.

Frequency of Championships in WTBA and ETBF

At the WTBA Congress it was decided to introduce World Championships for both genders with qualification. These combined championships will be held every fourth year, first time in 2013.

The decision influences the frequency of adult championships both in ETBF and in WTBA, where after a 4 years period looks as follows.

2010

World Men Championships
European Women Championships

2011

World Women Championships
European Men Championships

2012

European Men Championships
European Women Championships

Federations will qualify from these two championships to the World Championships in 2013

Qualification rules for Europe will be decided at the ETBF Congress in 2011.

ETBF will open for bids for the EMC 2012 very soon.

2013

World Championships for both genders

The frequency of championships in the four years period 2010-2013 will be repeated for 2014-2017 etc.

The “window” for all European Championships will remain as weeks 23 and 24, except for the EMC 2012 and the EMC 2016 etc., where the “window” will be weeks 33 and 34.

The updated ETBF Constitution is available at this site under the item Publications.

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