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The INTERNATIONAL BOWLING FEDERATION (IBF) and the Pan-American Bowling Confederation proudly present the 2025 World Seniors Championships Bulletin No. 1 for IBF member federations.

The 2025 World Seniors Championships will be hosted by the International Bowling Federation and the Pan-American Bowling Confederation.

This Bulletin includes the following information:
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The 2025 World Seniors Championships has two divisions, Seniors 50+ and Grand Seniors 65+.
Each member federation in good standing may register a team of 4 men and 4 women for the Senior Division and 4 men and 4 women for the Grand Senior Division. Participants must be born in or before 1975 for Senior and 1960 for Grand Senior.

The official email of 2025 World Seniors Championships is 2025WSrC@ibf-bowling.org
All communications regarding to the 2025 World Seniors Championships should be made through this email address.

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President
International Bowling Federation (IBF)

1. Host Information

PAN-AMERICAN BOWLING CONFEDERATION

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2. Official Invitation

The official invitation forms part of this bulletin. The intention to participate, Form A, is attached to this bulletin. The deadline to submit this form is on or before May 13th 2025.

We would like to remind all IBF Member Federations that only federations who are currently paid up and qualified members of IBF are allowed to participate in the championships.

Official Delegation
The official delegation shall include:

a. Teams of 4 athletes (male and/or female) Seniors 50+ Division and Grand Seniors Division. Incomplete teams are not accepted.
b. Coaches for athletes
c. Administrators for athletes
d. Medical officers including sport psychologist and sport physiotherapist

The official delegation is invited to all official functions including the Opening Ceremony as well as the Victory Banquet.

3. Preliminary Schedule

Preliminary Schedule – 2025 World Seniors Championships (subject to change)

Date	Event
13-Oct	Arrivals, Unofficial Practice
14-Oct	Arrivals, Unofficial Practice
15-Oct	Last day of Arrivals Unofficial Practice Team Managers Meeting
16-Oct	Official Practice Opening Ceremony
17-Oct	Singles Qualifying
18-Oct	Singles Finals/ Doubles Qualifying
19-Oct	Doubles Qualifying/Doubles Finals
20-Oct	Team Qualifying/Team Finals
21-Oct	Masters Step 1
22-Oct	Masters Step 2
23-Oct	Masters Steps 3,4,5 Victory Banquet
24-Oct	Departures

4. Official Hotels

The hotel reservation form will be included in Bulletin #2 specifying the deadline.

Hotel	Room Type	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
		12/10/2025	**13/10/2025**	**14/10/2025**	**15/10/2025**
		$49.00	$49.00	$49.00	$49.00
Silver Legacy Resort Casino	Dealers Tower Deluxe Room	**Fri**	**Sat**	**Sun**	**Mon**
		17/10/2025	**18/10/2025**	**19/10/2025**	**20/10/2025**
		$129.00	$129.00	$49.00	$49.00
		Thu	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**
		16/10/2025	**21/10/2025**	**22/10/2025**	**23/10/2025**
		$49.00	$49.00	$49.00	$49.00
Hotel	**Room Type**	**Sun**	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**
		12/10/2025	**13/10/2025**	**14/10/2025**	**15/10/2025**
		$39.00	$39.00	$39.00	$39.00
Circus Circus Hotel Casino	North Luxury Room	**Fri**	**Sat**	**Sun**	**Mon**
		17/10/2025	**18/10/2025**	**19/10/2025**	**20/10/2025**
		$119.00	$119.00	$39.00	$39.00
		Thu	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**
		16/10/2025	**21/10/2025**	**22/10/2025**	**23/10/2025**
		$39.00	$39.00	$39.00	$39.00

Note: The above rates are exclusive of breakfast, resort fee $36.95 per night, Lodging Tax $13.50 and Tourism Surcharge $3.00.

5. Tournament Format - World Senior Championships

(From latest version of the Playing rules approved by the 2019 Congress – Chapter 6)

Introduction

6.1.1 The rules specified in this chapter apply to the IBF World Senior Championships (WSrC) in addition to the rules specified in Chapter 2, 4, 9, 10 and 11.

6.1.2 Each federation shall be limited to a team of not more than four male and four female athletes in the WSrC Senior Division and Grand Senior Division.

6.1.3 Age limits

The athletes in WSrC Senior Division must be 50 years of age or above in the year ofthe Championship; for the Grand Senior Division, the athletes must be 65 years of ageor above in the year of the Championship.

6.1.4 The The official delegation shall include four male and four female athletes for WSrC, Senior Division and Grand Senior Division, one coach for male athletes, one coach for female athletes, one administrator for a male team and one administrator for a female team.

Lane Assignments and Registration

6.2.1 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.

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

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

6.2.4 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.

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

Practice

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

6.3.2 Minimum one day of official practice must be provided immediately prior to the start of the Singles. 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.

6.3.3 Each federation will have one session of official practice.

6.3.4 After the lanes have been prepared and the official practice concluded, no play whatsoeverby the participants of the championships shall be allowed on the competition lanes during theentire 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.

6.3.5 Warm-up for events in each block
a) Singles, 10 minutes practice time
b) Doubles, 10 minutes practice time
c) Team, 15 minutes practice time
d) Masters, 5 minutes practice time
e) Semi Finals and Finals, 10 minutes practice time for Team; 5 minutes practice time for Doubles and Singles.

Athlete's area

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

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

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

Events

6.5.1 For the WSrC the male and females shall compete in separate divisions but the scheduled events shall be the same for all as follows

a) Singles, 6 games
b) Doubles, 6 games
c) Team (of four athletes), 6 games
d) All Events, a total of the foregoing 18 games
e) Masters, in 5 steps described in 6.10

6.5.2 In Singles, Doubles and Team, athletes assigned to commence bowling on odd numbered lanes will move left and athletes 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.

6.5.3 One game Semi Finals and Finals in all events except in the Team event, All Events and Masters (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 in each event standing to be matched for the Semi Finals). In the Team events, the Semi Finals and Finals will be played in Baker's format, best of three (3) games
The two losers in the Semi Finals will get bronze medals

Singles

6.6.1 Maximum four athletes in each gender in WSrC Senior Division and Grand Senior Division per federation.

6.6.2 Six games in one block across 12 lanes.

6.6.3 Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.

6.6.4 Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game Semi Finals, where the singles position 1 meets the singles position 4 and the singles position 2 meets the singles position 3.

6.6.5 The winners of the two Semi Finals will play a one game final

6.6.6 The two losers in the Semi Finals will both get Bronze medals

Doubles

6.7.1 Maximum two Doubles in WSrC Senior Division and Grand Senior Division per federation in each gender.

6.7.2 Six games in one block across 12 lanes.

6.7.3 Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.

6.7.4 Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game Semi Finals, where the Doubles positioned 1 meets the Doubles positioned 4 and the Doubles positioned 2 meets the Doubles positioned 3.

6.7.5 The winners of the two Semi Finals are playing a one game Final.

6.7.6 Line-up changes are permitted only between the qualification and the Semi Finals and between the Semi Finals and the Final.

6.7.7 Change of athletes is not permitted at any moment during the Doubles event

Team

6.8.1 One Team per federation in each gender for WSrC Senior Division and Grand Senior Division.

6.8.2 Six games in two three-game blocks

6.8.3 In the second block team shall be seeded, based on the results from the first block. The teams with the highest results shall be scheduled to the last squad.

6.8.4 Line-up changes are not permitted during a block.

6.8.5 Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two Semi Finals, where the team positioned 1 meets the team positioned 4 and the team positioned 2 meets the team positioned 3. The Semi Finals will be played in Baker's format best of three (3) games

6.8.6 The winners of the two Semi Finals are playing a Final. The Final will be played in Baker's format, best of three (3) games

6.8.7 Line-up changes are permitted only between the blocks, between the qualification and the Semi Finals and between the Semi Finals and the Final.

All Events

6.9.1 Maximum four athletes per federation in WSrC Senior Division and Grand Senior Division.

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

Masters

6.10.1 The Masters includes five steps (1-5), all starting from scratch.

6.10.2 The 24 highest positioned athletes in the Final all event standing are qualified for the Mastersevent, seeded 1-24. The athletes will retain their seeding throughout the entire Final.

6.10.3 In all steps there will be head to head matches, where the highest seeded athletes will be matched against the lowest seeded athlete, match play style (see 4.19.1)

6.10.4 Each match will played as best of 3 games. If the same athlete is the winner of the first two games, the 3rd game will not be played.

6.10.5 In each match the highest seeded athlete will choose whether he wants to begin the first game on the left or on the right lane. In the second game the starting lane of the athletes will be opposite to the first game and in a possible third game the starting lane of the athletes willbe the same as in the first game.

6.10.6 In step 1, the 16 athletes seeded 9-24 will bowl 8 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 2.

6.10.7 In step 2, the 8 athletes seeded 1-8 and the 8 winners from step 1 will bowl 8 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 3.

6.10.8 In step 3, the 8 winners from step 2 will bowl 4 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 4.

6.10.9 In step 4, the 4 winners from step 3 will bowl 2 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to step 5.

6.10.10 In step 5, the 2 winners from step 4 will bowl 1 match with the winner of the match being declared the Champion.

6.10.11 Lane Assignments in the Masters Event

a) The Tournament Director will perform an impartial draw for matches to be assigned to lanes in Step 1 and Step 2 of the Masters event

b) Unless the same pair of lanes is in use for more than one match, there will be seven different pair of lanes in use for Step 3, Step 4 and Step 5 of the Masters event

Procedure for Semi Finals and Finals (except Masters)

6.11.1 After half of the practice period, the highest seeded Singles, Doubles or Team will decide which lane to start. After half of the practice period all Doubles or Teams must decide their line-up for the match.

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6.11.3 In case of withdrawals from any Semi Finals or Final, the athlete, Doubles or Team withoutopponent will be declared the winner of the match.

6.11.4 In the Team event, the Semi Finals and Finals will be played in Baker's format

Substitution

6.12.1 An athlete who has already started in an event shall not be replaced.

6.12.2 In case of an injured athlete having to leave the game, the remaining athletes on the teamshall continue their games for all event purposes.

Tie breaking procedures

6.13.1 Ties for scores for the following positions;

(a) Position 4 & 5 before the Semi Finals of the Singles, Doubles, Teams or Masters;
(b) Position 8 & 9 in the Masters;
(c) Position 24 & 25 in the Masters;will be broken with a one game Roll Off.

In the case of a further tie, the tie will be broken by allowing each athlete involved in the tie to play a one ball Roll Off on a full set of pins.

This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.

The Roll Off in the Doubles, and Teams will use the Baker format.

The pair of lanes to be used for the tie breaking as well as the warm up time will be decided by the Tournament Director.

A draw will decide on which lane in the pair the Roll Off will be played, and another draw will decide which team shall start. When the Roll Off includes more than one athlete, athletes of the competing teams shall alternate after each shot.

Ties for either position 1 or 4 before Semi Finals in Singles, Doubles or Teams, will be brokenby the individual or team with the highest game in that event.

The team with the highest accumulated score will be the winner of the tie.

The line-up of both teams must be the same as the line-ups in the last game of the event.

Ties for positions in the top 24 of the Masters, will be broken by the individual with the highestgame during all events of the Championships. If there is still a tie then the second highest game, continuing until the tie is broken.

6.13.2 Ties in the Semi Finals or Finals of any event shall be broken by allowing each athleteinvolved in the tie to play a one ball Roll Off on a full set of pins.

In case of a further tie, the procedure will be repeated on the second lane of the pair and the order of teams to start will be opposite to the first Roll Off.

This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.

The team with the highest accumulated score will be the winner of the tie.

The line-up of both teams must be the same as the line-ups in the game where the tieoccurred.

The highest ranked athlete or team will decide on which of the lanes in the pair the Roll Off will be played and which of the teams will play the first shot. When the Roll Off includes morethan one athlete, athletes from the competing teams shall alternate after each shot.

In case of a further tie, the procedure will be repeated on the second lane of the pair and the order of teams to start will be opposite to the first Roll Off. This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.

6.13.3 In case of tie for the medal positions in All Events there will be no tie-breaking for the medals.The athletes will be declared co-winners.

6.13.4 In case of a tie in Step 1 to Step 4 of the Masters a one ball Roll Off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

The highest seeded athlete will choose the order of play and the lane, where both athletes are delivering their shots. For a second Roll Off delivery, the athletes will switch lane and order of deliveries. A third Roll Off delivery will be played like the first Roll Off delivery etc.

Awards

6.14.1 IBF medals of Gold; Silver and Bronze shall be presented to each of the individuals winning those positions in the following events

a) Singles
b) Doubles
c) Team
d) All Events
e) Masters

6.14.2 In addition to the medals for the individual athletes, a medal shall be given to the coach ofthe medallists and to the national federation the medallists represent.

6. Bowling Center (78 lanes)

National Bowling Stadium
Address: 300 University Way, Reno, Nevada, USA
Phone:
Email:

7. Visa Information

Please check here. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html

8. Results Services

The latest technology will be in use both for the press officials and for accumulation and presentation of scores and standings. Scores will be shown in the venue on appropriate display units. Online results will be available as well.

9. Transportation

Airport pick-up service will be provided if participating teams stay in the Official Hotels.

10. Fees

2025 WSrC Entry Fee

The 2025 WSrC entry fee per person is **US$300**.

This fee is payable for all members of each delegation, including athletes, coaches, managers, head of delegations, other officials and supporters in the team. This fee covers accreditation card, transportation, participation in Opening Ceremony and the Victory Banquet.

Form A: Entry Form

Please return this form <u>if you wish</u> to participate in the 2025 WSrC.

Country & Federation →	

Confirmation	
Does your federation **want** to participate?	(Yes / No)

The delegation		
Number of players in team	MALES	FEMALES
Number of officials in the team	Coaches	Officials

Contact information	
Contact person	
Mobile – please include country code	
E-mail	
Federation Contact (if different from above)	
Federation E-mail	
Federation Phone (include country code)	

The ultimate deadline of submitting this form is May 13th 2025	
Contact information of the 2025 WSrC Organizing Committee	
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