



WORLD BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

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ABOUT THE WORLD BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

The World Bowling Championships 2017 is bowling's most prestigious event featuring the top male and female athletes from World Bowling's National Federations. Held every four years, this year's event will occur at South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas.

400 male and female athletes from 44 countries will compete in the 10 days of competition. For the full list of participating athletes and their countries please go to: <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/participants/>

VENUE

South Point Bowling Plaza is a state of the art bowling facility which was completed in 2014 to cater for both professional and amateur tournaments. There are 30 lanes on each side of stadium spectator seating for a total of 60. Voted Best of Las Vegas in 2013 and 2014, South Point Bowling Center is a top competition facility having hosted many of the USA's best bowling events. In 2013 the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) signed a 12 year deal with South Point Hotel & Casino to host several of the federation's top events at the Bowling Plaza including the USBC Masters, USBC Queens, USBC Senior Masters and USBC Team USA trials. In 2017 the USBC Open Championships were held in this venue from February until July.

HISTORY

Originally developed as part of the Championship calendar that holds one event for adult athletes every year, this is World Bowling's largest Championship as it hosts both men and women athletes. The championship is conducted every fourth year with the first men's world championships being held in 1954 in Finland. Women first competed in 1963 in Mexico. The last combined World Championships was conducted in 2013 in Henderson, Nevada, USA.

To view the results of the last World Bowling Championships for men and women please see <http://www.worldbowling.org/events-results/world-championships/archive/>



For a full list of World Bowling Championship events and our selected host cities please see:
<http://www.worldbowling.org/events/championships/>

QUALIFICATION

In the combined WC (for men and women) 36 men's team and 36 women's team qualify to participate

The host federation is automatically qualified with one men's and one women's team. The remaining 35 teams are distributed among the zones and the number of teams from each zone will be decided by how many member federations there are in each zone relative to the total number of member federations.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition schedule can be viewed at: <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/schedule/>

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The World Bowling Championships 2017 are run under the World Bowling Statutes and Playing Rules.

Playing Rules Chapter 2, Format Chapter 5, WC Principle rules Chapter 4

Please see here for the full list of World Bowling statutes and rules:

<http://www.worldbowling.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/WTBA-Statues-and-Playing-Rules-2015-06-01.pdf>

OFFICIALS

Championship Director Michael Seymour

Host Tournament Manager Michael Monyak.

Technical Delegate Marios Nicolaides (Cyprus)

LOGOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

To request the World Bowling logo, World Bowling Championships 2017 logo and event photographs please Megan Tidbury via megan@worldbowling.org



WHERE TO WATCH

Event website: <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/>

Livestreaming: November 24th – December 2nd <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/>

Action from December 3rd and December 4th will be shown live on the Olympic Channel: <https://www.olympicchannel.com/en/> and linked to the event homepage <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/>

Highlights, live clippings & competition updates: Follow @/worldbowling & #worldbowlingchamps2017 for on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

Online scoring: Link to be announced on <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/>

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COMPETITION FORMAT

There are 6 championship events

- a) Singles, 6 games
- b) Doubles, 6 games
- c) Trios, 6 games
- d) Team (of five players), 6 games
- e) All Events, a total of the foregoing 24 games
- f) Masters, in 4 steps described in 5.13

Singles

Maximum six players per federation will bowl six games in one block across 12 lanes. Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi-finals, where the singles positioned 1 meets the singles positioned 4 and the singles positioned 2 meets the singles positioned 3.

The winners of the two semi-finals will play a one game final. The two losers in the semi-finals will both get bronze medals

Doubles

Maximum three Doubles per federation with each bowler to bowl six games in one block across



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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.

The winners of the two semi finals will play a one game final. The two losers in the semi-finals will both get bronze medals

Trios

Maximum two Trios per federation with each bowler to bowl six games in two three-game blocks across 12 lanes.

Top 4 in the final standing is qualified for two one game semi-finals, where the trios positioned 1 meets the trios positioned 4, the trios positioned 2 meets the trios positioned 3.

The winners of the two semi-finals will play a one game final. The two losers in the semi-finals will both get bronze medals

Team

One Team per federation with each bowler to bowl six games in two three-game blocks

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

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 and finals will be played in Baker format best of three (3) games. In the Baker format, members of the competing teams successively and in regular order bowl complete and consecutive frames within the same game

The winners of the two semi-finals will play a final. The two losers in the semi-finals will both get bronze medals

All Events



The all events standings will be decided based on a total of the 24 played games in the foregoing 4 disciplines (Singles, Doubles, Trios and Team).

Masters

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

The 24 highest positioned players in the final all events standing will qualify for the Masters event, seeded 1-24. The players will retain their seeding throughout the entire final.

In all Rounds there will be head to head matches, where the highest seeded players will be matched against the lowest seeded player.

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

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

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

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

In Round 4, the 4 winners from Round 3 will bowl 2 matches with the winners of the matches continuing to the Finals, and the losers awarded bronze medals.

In the Finals the 2 winners from Round 4 will bowl 1 match with the winner of the match being declared the champion and receiving the gold medal, and the loser receiving a silver medal.

CONDITIONS

The lane pattern category will be Block 2 with the specific lane pattern to be announced on Thursday, November 23rd at the Team Manager's Meeting.



The following countries and athletes will be competing at the World Bowling Championships 2017: <http://2017wc.worldbowling.org/participants/>

MATCH SCHEDULE

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