

Chapter VIII- WTBA AMERICAN ZONE TENPINI BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRINCIPAL RULES

The following principal rules apply to the AZ Championships. Chapters IX — XI covers the rules which in addition to these principal rules are specific for each Championship. The Host Federation shall operate the tournament under the direction of the AZ and in accordance with the published rules and regulations.

Rule 801. Official Name

The name of the championships shall be the WTBA American Zone Tenpin Bowling Championship hereafter referred to as the American Zone Tenpin Bowling Championships.

Rule 802. Applications to host Championships

1. Application to host all American Zone Tenpin Bowling Championships will be acted upon by the American Zone Conference. Such application must be received by the American Zone President not later than 3 months prior to the conference. However, federations are encouraged to provide verbal notice of their intent to bid at the Conference conducted prior to the one at which the decision will be made.
Selection of the host of the next AZ Tenpin Bowling Championships shall be made at the Conference held in conjunction with the current Championships.
Selection of the host of the next AZ Youth Championships shall be made at a Conference or at a special meeting held in conjunction with the current Youth Championships.
Only member federations may submit applications. If other organizations are involved in any bidding commitments or guarantees, they will be made parties to the written agreement between the American Zone and the Host Federations.
In the AZ Tenpin Bowling Championships no other official tournaments may be conducted in the same building during the official tournament dates.
2. 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 16 lanes; their 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 AZ specifications.
 - d. Available hotels; a general description of guest and meeting rooms; current and projected prices; and distance from the bowling center in driving time and kilometers.
3. An application shall, at a minimum, include a financial commitment to provide the following for official delegation members:
 - a. Airport pick-up and return.
 - b. Transportation between designated hotels and the bowling center in accord with a pre-arranged schedule.
 - c. Bowling expenses for all official practice and competition.
 - d. An Opening Ceremony and Farewell Banquet.
4. The Host Federation may determine the size of the official delegation with the approval of the AZ. President. However, for invitation purposes, the official delegation will at a minimum include:
 - a. 6 male and/or 6 female players
 - b. One coach for male athletes and one coach for female athletes
 - c. One administrator for a male team and one administrator for female team

- d. Elected and accredited delegates to AZ meetings held in conjunction with the Championships.
5. An application shall, at a minimum, include a guarantee to underwrite the following expenses:
- a. Accommodation at the headquarters hotel for the President or authorized representative.
 - b. Accommodation at a suitable hotel for the AZ Technical Delegate and the AZ Tournament Technical Committee Member.
 - c. Dedicated transportation provided on a daily basis for the AZ officials working for the championships, i.e. the AZ President or authorized representative, AZ Technical Delegate, the AZ Tournament Technical Committee Member and (if applicable) a lane maintenance person.
 - d. A daily per diem based on the published WTBA approved per diem amount for the host country, for the AZ Technical Delegate and the AZ Tournament Technical Committee members. If necessary, also a translator for these persons.
 - e. Certified medical personnel on call, including a medical doctor
 - f. Meeting rooms for the AZ Conference, Presidium and Managers/Coaches meetings.
 - g. Translation services for Conference and Presidium meetings.
 - h. Technicians and the necessary equipment to record the proceedings and provide audio/visual service for the AZ conference.
 - i. Luncheon for Presidium members
 - j. Luncheon for the AZ Conference
 - k. Morning and/or afternoon refreshments breaks for Presidium meetings and the A Z Conference.
 - l. Badges of accreditation for members of the official delegation, and such others authorized by the president, which will provide full access to the competition venue at all times.
 - m. Media facilities with appropriate telephone, facsimile and other communication services, as well as badges of accreditation.
 - n. Hotel accommodations for duly authorized officials (i.e. AZ President, Technical Delegate) for required pre-competition visits.

The AZ Championships will only be awarded to federations that as a minimum provide a bowling center having 16 lanes; further, competition must be conducted in only one bowling center.

6. Financial considerations

The Host federation will be permitted to collect a registration fee from each members of an official delegation to be applied against its hosting expenses. Members of the AZ Presidiums are exempt from paying this fee. The fee shall be \$50.00. In case a delegation consists of more persons than is specified above, the fee for extra persons shall be agreed upon between the Host Federation and the AZ President.

Rule 803 Bowling Center Certification

The tournament shall be conducted with equipment (lanes, pins, balls) which meet the specifications of the WTBA Playing Rules, Chapter VIII.

If the lanes are constructed of wood, they must have been sanded and resurfaced within the immediate six months prior to the competition. However, this requirement may be waved by the President of the Zone if deemed necessary.

New pins or pins of not more than 300 games shall be used Two sets of pins shall be used in each automatic pin setting machine.

As soon as possible following the required resurfacing (in the case of wood lanes), the Host Federation shall pay the expenses of the Technical Delegate to certify the lanes and liaise with the Tournament

Manager and bowling center staff and instruct them in regard to the lane dressing procedures to be followed. The general goal for all competition shall be to achieve a fair and equitable scoring condition which places a premium on bowler accuracy and consistency.

The full length of all lanes shall be stripped (dry) at least daily during the 3 days preceding the tournament.

The lanes shall be stripped and oiled before every squad of each event. The lanes shall be stripped and oiled before the start of the Women's Masters Grand finals. No further stripping and oiling will be done before the Men's Masters Grand finals.

Graphs shall be taken on a daily basis before bowling and made available upon request. The AZ Technical Delegate is authorized to publish detailed guidelines to assist the Technical Committee in performing their duties.

The agreed upon lane dressing procedures shall be immediately circulated to all member federation.

The Technical Delegate shall also meet with the Organizing Committee to review the details required for the conduct of the Championships and related activities. The Technical Delegate shall immediately file a detailed report with the AZ President

Rule 804 Information and Promotion Bulletins

Not less than one year prior to the deadline for participation fees, the Host Federation shall distribute to every AZ member federation and AZ Presidium members, all documents and information required for the federation to file its intent to participate. All material must have the prior approval of the AZ President and shall, at a minimum, explain that:

- a. Any federation failing to file the necessary documents or failing to pay the required fees within the established deadline will not be allowed to participate.
- b. Each participating federation will be responsible to provide a ceremonial national flag and one audiotape of its national anthem.

The Host federation shall also send at least one additional promotional mailing to the AZ member federations and Presidium members.

Rule 805. Participation Procedure and Fees for Championships

1. Federations shall file the required intent to participate documents with the Host federation not later than three months prior to the opening of the Championships. These shall be accompanied by full fees for each member of the official delegation as established by the AZ Presidium from time to time. There shall be no refunds.
2. Federations must certify the eligibility of all participants as outlined in Rules 806 and 807.
3. To be eligible for participation in Zone Championships, federations must be current with the FIQ, WTBA and AZ membership fees. The Host Federation shall notify the FIQ office weekly of the participating federations, so that he/she can verify and monitor membership status.

Rule 806. Eligibility

1. Only nationals of the country of the member federation submitting the entry are eligible to represent that federation in the AZ Championships (subject to the exceptions below) and shall be certified for the competition by the respective national federation holding paid up membership in the FIQ, WTBA and the AZ.

If a competitor has represented a country in the World or Zone Championships or Olympic Games or World or Regional Games, he/she may not represent another country in the World or Zone Championships. Except:

- a. where his/her former country has been incorporated in another state.

- b. when he/she represented the former country, he/she did so because his/her native National Bowling Federation was not a member of FIQ.
 - c. where he/she has become a naturalized citizen of another country and at least three years have elapsed from the date of his/her application for such naturalization.
 - d. after one year from the date on which he/she last represented his/her former country, but in this case only with the agreement of the two National Bowling Federations and the approval of the relevant Zone and their permission of the FIQ.
 - e. in the case of a woman, if she changes her nationality by marriage, she may represent her husband's country.
2. Citizens of colonies or dominions wishing to represent the mother country:
Citizens born in a dominion or colony can represent the mother country if the dominions or colony's National Bowling Federation (if any) is not a member of FIQ. Citizens of dominions, colonies or mother country may interchange. Provided:
- a. they have lived at least three years from the date on which they last represented their former country in the dominion, colony or mother country which they wish to represent.
 - b. they have lived at least one year from the date on which they last represented their former country in the dominion, colony or mother country which they wish to represent provided that in this case:
 - 1) it is legally impossible to become a naturalized citizen of the country which they wish to represent.
 - 2) the agreement of the two National Bowling Federations and the approval of the Zone concerned and the permission of the FIQ have all first been obtained.
3. A person born abroad in a different country to the country of which his/her parents have citizenship can compete for the country of his/her parents. Provided:
- a. he/she has established the nationality/citizenship of his/her parents, and b. has not previously represented the country of birth.
4. Any individual who identifies himself/herself as a professional bowler or is a member of a professional bowling organization shall be ineligible for all Zone Championships.

Rule 807. Reinstatement

- 1. Any individual who has been a professional bowler or a member of a professional bowling organization more than once or for more than one year may re-qualify for AZ competition by showing that he/she has complied with the eligibility requirements of Rule 806.4 for at least three years.
- 2. Any individual who has not been a professional bowler or a member of a professional organization more than once or for more than one year may re-qualify for AZ competition by showing that he/she has complied with the eligibility requirements of Rule 806.4 for at least one year.

NOTE: Three years or one year shall be calculated from January 1st of the year of the event in question.

Rule 808. Bowling Ball Inspection

Prior to the start of competition all bowling balls used must be checked for compliance with WTBA Playing Rules, Chapter VIII Bowling Ball Specifications for weight, balance, holes and surface hardness. If a bowling ball is removed from the place of the tournament, it must be re-checked before bowling in the next event.

New bowling balls approved less than two months prior to the first day of the month in which the official practise of the championships starts will not be allowed to use in the competition.

Rule 809. Tournament Management

1. Tournament Manager

The Host Federation shall select a manager for the tournament. He/she and his/her designated representatives shall supervise and direct the tournament. This shall include responsibility to the Technical Committee, Referee(s), compliance with the WTBA Playing Rules and otherwise with the codes of conduct of the WTBA and AZ.

2. Technical Committee

The Technical Committee for the AZ Championships shall consist of:

- a. The Tournament Manager
- b. The Technical Delegate
- c. The Tournament Technical Committee Member each from a different country.

The members of the Technical Committee, excluding the Tournament Manager, are appointed by the AZ President six months before the start of the championships.

The Technical Committee shall advise and counsel with the host Tournament Committee with regard to lane conditioning procedures and techniques as already set out by the Technical Delegate and on a daily basis during the competition. Should there be disagreement between the Organizing Committee and the Technical Committee, the decision of the Technical Committee shall be final.

The Technical Committee shall handle disputes which cannot be settled by the Referees.

The Technical Committee shall follow the lane conditioning procedures already established by the Technical Delegate and shall verify that the same procedures are followed on a daily basis thereafter. If in the opinion of the Technical Delegate it becomes necessary to modify these procedures or the dressing pattern, consent of the Technical Committee must be obtained and notification provided to the officials of every participating federation.

3. Referee

The Referees are appointed by the chair of the Pre-Tournament Meeting and are responsible for enforcing all the provisions of the WTBA General Playing Rules and the AZ Championship Rules in Chapter VII and VIII which apply to the actual competition. In this capacity, the Referee shall circulate behind the bowlers' seating area and observe the competition for conformance with the rules.

4. Jury of Appeal

A three member Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by the President from representative present at the championships.

The President of AZ shall appoint the Jury of Appeal and three different federations must be represented on this body.

Rule 810. Pre Tournament Meeting

Prior to the start of the competition, a meeting shall be held to provide all necessary information about the competition and related activities, and to answer questions. The Technical Delegate and the Tournament Manager shall attend the meeting which shall be chaired by the AZ President. The AZ President may designate a representative to chair the meeting. Only team managers and coaches should attend the meeting. The meeting may not be scheduled during the official practice and translation services must be available.

Rule 811. Ceremonies

1. Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony shall, at a minimum, include a bowler parade with flag display and appropriate remarks by representatives of the Host Federation, American Zone as well as FIQ and WTBA if present. The program is subject to the approval of the American Zone President.

2. Award Ceremony

Medals shall be of consistent design and quality and shall have prior approval of the AZ President. The Award Ceremonies should be conducted after each event and preferably before the commencement of the next event. The Grand Masters' award may be presented at either the Closing Ceremony or the Farewell Banquet. National anthems shall be played for the winners. Medal presentations shall follow a plan established by the Host Federation and approved by the AZ President. The plan shall designate the dignitaries who will be accorded the honour of participating in the presentations.

3. Closing Ceremony

There shall be a closing Ceremony which shall, at a minimum, include appropriate remarks by representatives of the Host Federation, AZ and FIQ and WTBA if present. The program is subject to the approval of the AZ President.

Rule 812. Anti Doping Rules

When the Zone decides there will be doping control at the Championships, anti doping regulations, as appearing in the WTBA Doping Control Guidelines will be applicable.

Rule 813. Smoking and Drinking

The players must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he/she may be suspended by the Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played.

Non alcoholic beverages are allowed provided they are not consumed in the players' area.

During the championships, alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in the player's area or the spectators' area.

During the championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling center. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the players and spectators area.

Rule 814 Playing Uniforms - Advertising

1. Players shall wear a standard uniform approved by their national federation. Individual variations are not permitted. Men must wear pants or slacks. Women may wear skii*~ skorts, pants, slacks or dress shorts, however, no variation is allowed within a team.
2. The following may appear on the uniform:
 - a. Name of player.
 - b. Name of country
 - c. Logo of the country or member federation which the player represents
 - d. Advertisements, provided the size is not more than half the size of the largest text on the player's back and the advertisement does not conflict with the law of the country of the host federation and the rules of the International Olympic Committee.

Rule 815. Style of Play

The normal style of play shall be as stated in WTBA Rule 109 unless otherwise specified.

1. Match play style

In the match play style each player bowls two frames at a time. However, the player starting on the left (odd numbered) lane bowls one frame only. Thereafter, both players bowl first on the right lane, then

immediately bowl another frame on the left lane. The player who bowled first will finish his/her game by bowling the tenth frame on the right lane. When match play consists of more than one game, in succeeding games players alternate in starting on the left lane.

2. Round Robin format

In the round robin, the qualifying format of the event determines the number of players who will advance to round robin competition. Each player bowls one match against every other player. Matches may consist one or more games. A final position round match may be added. In a position round pairings are determined by the position in which a player finished the initial matches. In case of a tie before the position round 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

3. Order of Bowling

One or more players may be scheduled on a pair on lanes. After a block of game has started, no changes shall be made in the line-up in that block except that substitutions may be made in accordance with the rules for each specific championship.

Rule 816. Official scoring

The tournament is required to have official score keepers to record all games bowled in the competition. An automatic scoring device which has been approved by the WTBA may be used. This device shall provide a printed record of the score which can be audited frame by frame and otherwise comply with the scoring and playing rules of the tournament.

Written (printed) score sheets shall be maintained indicating the pinfall on each ball so a frame by frame audit may be made. Each individual player, coach or team manager shall receive a copy of the scores. After a score has been recorded, it cannot be changed unless there is an obvious error in scoring or calculation. Obvious errors must be corrected by a tournament official immediately upon discovery. Questionable errors shall be decided by the Referee.

A tournament game or frame(s) within a game, that is irretrievably lost in the scoring process may be re-bowled with approval of Tournament Management.

Rule 817. Foul Detection

Tournament management may adopt and use any automatic foul-detecting device approved by WTBA. When none is available, a foul judge must be stationed in a position to have an unobstructed view of the foul line. Should a foul detecting device become temporarily inoperative, the tournament officials shall assign a foul judge or authorize the official scorekeepers to call fouls.

Rule 818. Interrupted Game

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

Rule 819 Slow Bowling

1. Players preparing to step on the approach and deliver a ball shall have the following rights and obligations:
 - a They may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl

- immediately to their left.
 - b. They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their right.
 - c. Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery if the lane immediately adjacent to them on both the right and left are clear.
2. If a player does not observe the procedure outlined in paragraph 1, it may be construed as slow bowling. A player failing to observe these procedures shall be warned by an official as follows:
 - a. A white card for the first offense (no penalty)
 - b. A yellow card for the second offense (no penalty)
 - c. A red card for the third and each succeeding offense in any block of games (six games for singles and doubles, three games for trios or five-person team and all games of match play in a day). The penalty shall be zero pinfall for the frame.
 3. For interpretation of the enforcement of this rule, the Referee shall specifically monitor any player or team that gets more than four frames behind the leader in a singles, doubles or masters event; or more than two frames behind in trios or team, not counting the end pairs of lanes.
 4. Whenever there is any question concerning the enforcement of this rule, or lack thereof, in the Masters Grand Finals, the final decision shall be made by the AZ President or his/her designee, notwithstanding the reference to the Referee.

Rule 820. Bowling on Wrong 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 to re-bowl 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.

Rule 821. Penalties for Rule Violations

Penalties for rule violations, when the rule does not specify a penalty, are governed as follows:

1. A player/team failing to observe a rule(s) shall be warned by an authorized tournament official with a yellow card for first offense (no penalty)
2. For a second offense in the same tournament, the player/team will be disqualified from the tournament, and will not be allowed to participate in Zone sanctioned /conducted tournament for 90 days.
3. All offenses shall immediately be reported by the Tournament Manager to the General Secretary of WTBA, who will report to all member federations.

Rule 822. Protests

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 pinfall 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.

Rule 823. Appeal Procedures

All matters which cannot be settled by the Referee, shall be heard and reviewed by the Technical Committee. The decision of the 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.

Protest 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 Technical Committee's decisions must be filed in writing with the Referee or with a member of the Jury of Appeal, or with the President of the Zone or his/her designated representative. Each appeal must be specific and include a fee of \$100 US. If the appeal is not upheld by the Jury of Appeal, the fee will be forfeited to the AZ. The foregoing also applies to protest 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 the members.

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CHAPTER IX - WTBA AMERICAN ZONE TENPIN BOWLING ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The rules specified in Chapter IX apply to the WTBA American Zone Tenpin Bowling Adult Championships in addition to the rules specified in Chapter VIII and WTBA rules in Chapter I — General Playing Rules and Chapter VIII— Equipment Specifications.

Rule 901. Competition

1. Number of players

Each member federation shall be limited to a squad of not more than six men and six women players. The player of each team shall be nominated prior to the start of the official practice.

2. Practice

Minimum one day of official practice must be provided immediately prior to the start of the singles event. 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.

After the lanes have been prepared and the official practice concluded, no play whatsoever by the participants of the tournament shall be allowed on the competition lanes during the entire period of the Championships, except the Championships proper. Note: This will not preclude efforts (e.g. exhibition) to promote bowling 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 center is available to the public for open bowling. Violators are subject to disqualification.

In Singles and Doubles competition 10 minutes practice time will be allowed, 15 minutes for Trios and 25 minutes for five player teams.

3. Style of play

Each game shall be bowled on a pair of lanes. Team and/or individuals shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the adjoining lane, so alternating each frame until five frames are bowled on each lane, completing the game. When any question arises as to who of any two bowlers shall bowl first, it is incumbent upon the bowler on the right to do so. Masters Grand Finals shall be bowled Match Play style.

4. Lane assignment

Lane assignments shall be determined by lot for Singles, Doubles, Trios and Teams and subject to special pre-arranged schedule requirement for Masters Finals Round Robin and position round. For Singles and Doubles, once competition is underway, the number of players scheduled on a pair of lanes must be consistent throughout the tournament.

5. Players' Area

The players' area may be defined by the Tournament Manager, using methods of identification which are obvious to spectators. Only 1 coach or official from any member federation will be permitted in the players' area in the immediate vicinity of each pair of lanes on which their players are competing. A player may have no more than four bowling balls in the players' area. It is not permissible to bring in or consume food in the player's area. Note: This does not include candy bars or fruits.

6. Tournament events.

The men and women shall compete in separate divisions but the scheduled events shall be the same for both as follows:

- a. Singles. Six games
- b. Doubles. Six games
- c. Trios. (teams of three) Six games
- d. Five Player Team (Teams of five) Six games
- e. Male & Female Masters Final. One game round robin, plus position round
- f. Masters Grand Finals. Roll-off for the first, second and third positions.

7. Conduct of events

In each of the following events, 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.

a. Singles

Open to all members of each squad. Six games across 12 lanes in one block with two persons from the same federation when feasible scheduled per lane. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Players from a federation shall be scheduled on at least two different squads.

b. Doubles

Six games in across 12 lanes. Each game to be bowled on a different pair of lanes. Three teams per federation, one to be scheduled per lane. A federation's teams shall be scheduled on different squads when possible.

c. Trios

Six games in two three-game blocks across 12 lanes, each game to be bowled on a different pair of lanes. Two teams per federation. They shall be scheduled on different squads when possible. Change of player is not permitted during or between the blocks. Line-up changes are not permitted during a block.

d. Five player Teams

Six games in two three-game blocks on different days. Both blocks to be bowled across 6 lanes. One team scheduled per lane with each game of a block bowled on a different pair of lanes. A team may change one player at start of each game or make a change as otherwise provided under the substitution rule. Line-up changes are not permitted during a block.

- 1) Extra players: All players shall be scheduled for make-up teams to bowl toward their all events total. Players from different federations shall be combined to form such teams.

e. Masters Finals and Grand Finals

- 1) Masters Finals: The finals shall be round robin competition between the top 16 player based on their 24 qualifying games. All qualifying pinfall is dropped. One game matche will be played. A final match will be played as a position round, making a total of li matches. These 16 matches shall be bowled over two days, eight on the first day and eight on th second day according to a prearranged schedule.. However, because of time constraint and following approval by AZ Presidium, these 16 matches may be bowled over one day. Position numbers for the pre-arranged schedule are decided by draw. However th Technical Committee will select position numbers for players from the same federation t~ ensure such players will compete against each other within the first eight games. Standings shall be based on total pins from each of the matches together with a bonus o ten for each match won. Each player shall receive a bonus of five for a tie. Players from the same federation will be scheduled to bowl against each other within the first eight games to the extent that is possible.

- 2) Masters **Grand** Finals. The Grand Finals will be played match play style with the player in the higher position having the choice of starting lane. All pinfall and bonus points are dropped.
- 3). Players failing to qualify for the Masters Finals shall fill vacancies, which may exist at the start of the Masters Finals. Such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from the non-qualifiers available at the time and in the order of finish in the qualifying competition. In case of a tie between two or more available nonqualifiers, the selection will be made by draw.
- 4). Any finalist who has not registered in person for the first 8-game block prior to the time specified in the schedule shall be considered a vacancy and shall be replaced in accordance with the forgoing.
- 5). A finalist who withdraws for any reason after the finals have begun or fails to register in person for the second block of games prior to the specific time, shall be replaced immediately by a "pacer". Where a pacer is used as above, all players who play a pacer or have played with the player replaced, shall be given a 10 pin bonus.
- 6) Players failing to qualify for the Masters Grand Finals shall fill vacancies, which may exist at the start of the finals. Such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from the non qualifiers available at that time and in the order of finish in the qualifying competition. In case of a tie between two or more available non-qualifiers, the selection will be by draw.

Rule 902 Substitution

A player who has already started in an event shall not be replaced except in cases of injury or illness or as provided in Rule 901, 7e (3) and (4)

A player having already participated in the same event shall not replace another player. When a player replaces another player during a game under this rule, he shall forfeit his all events score. In case of a disabled player having to leave the game, the remaining players on the team shall continue their games for all events purposes.

Rule 903. Tie Breaking Procedures

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

1. When equal scores (ties) are registered for any of the first three positions in the Singles, Doubles, Trios or Five player 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 the 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, there will be no medals for the third position. In case of a tie for the third position, duplicate medals will be awarded.
2. When a tie occurs for the sixteenth (16) place in all events total, a one game roll-off shall be held.
3. 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 lowest game e) the higher game.
4. When a tie occurs after the position round for first or third place, a one game roll off shall be held.
5. If a tie occurs for any position in the stepladder final a 9th and 10th frame shall be bowled to break

the tie. If a tie still exists, repeat the 9th and 10th roll off until the tie is broken.

Rule 904. Awards

FIQ Awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze shall be presented as follows:

1. Singles event: gold, silver and bronze to first, second and third place.
2. Doubles event: two gold, silver and bronze to first, second and third place teams
3. Trios event: three gold, silver and bronze to first, second and third place teams.
4. Five-player event: six gold, silver and bronze to first, second and third place teams.
5. All Events: gold, silver and bronze to first, second and third place.
A certificate to each of the remaining players who have qualified for the Masters Event.
6. Masters: gold, silver and bronze to first, second and third place.
7. In addition to the awards for the individual players, an award shall be given to each national federation the individual winner represents.

Note: In case of a tie for any of the positions, see Rule 903.

The medal presentation shall be made in accordance with a predetermined plan established by the AZ Presidium and the host federation officials including the selection of dignitaries who shall be accorded the honour of participating in the presentation ceremonies.

Rule 905. Record Stipulations

The following high score records will be maintained for the American Zone Championships (men's and women's records)

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| a. One game | In singles, doubles, trios and teams |
| b. Three game (1-3 or 4-6) | in singles, doubles, trios and teams |
| c. Six games | In singles, doubles, trios and teams |
| d. 24 games | Individual all events |
| e. Masters round robin | High actual score for 16 games, as well as matches won. |
| f. Masters Grand Finals | Individual one game score |

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WORLD TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION AMERICAN ZONE YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

The rules specified in Chapter X apply to the AZ Youth Championships. In addition, the rules specified in Chapter VIII and the rules in Chapters I and VIII of the World Tenpin Bowling Association Playing Rules shall apply.

Rule 1001. Eligibility

All players must be no older than nineteen (19) plus 364 days on January 1 of the year of the Championships.

Rule 1002. Official delegation

The official delegation shall include no more than four male and four female players, one coach for male players, one coach for female players, one administrator for a male team and one administrator for a female team. The Host Federation may increase the size of the official delegation with the approval of the AZ President.

Rule 1003. Competition

1. Number of players

Each member federation shall be limited to a team of not more than four male and four female players. The players of each team shall be nominated prior to the start of the official practice.

2. Practice

Minimum one day of official practice must be provided immediately prior to the start of the singles event. 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.

After the lanes have been prepared and the official practice concluded, no play whatsoever by the participants of the tournament shall be allowed on the competition lanes during the entire period of the Championships, except the Championships proper.

Note: This will not preclude efforts (e.g. exhibition) to promote bowling 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 center is available to the public for open bowling. Violators are subject to disqualification.

In Singles and Doubles competition 10 minutes practice time will be allowed and 20 minutes for four-player teams.

3. Style of play

Each game shall be bowled on a pair of lanes. Team and/or individuals shall successively and in regular order bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the adjoining lane, so alternating each frame until five frames are bowled on each lane, competing the game. When any question arises as to who of any two bowlers hail bowl first, it is incumbent upon the bowler on the right to do so. Masters Grand Finals shall be bowled Match Play style.

4. Lane assignment

Lane assignments shall be determined by lot for Singles, Doubles, and Teams and subject to special pre-arranged schedule requirement for Masters Finals Round Robin and position round. For Singles and Doubles, once competition is underway, the number of players scheduled on a pair of lanes must be consistent throughout the tournament.

5. Players' Area

The players' area may be defined by the Tournament Manager, using methods of identification, which are obvious to spectators. Only 1 coach or official from any member federation will be permitted in the players' area in the immediate vicinity of each pair of lanes on which their players are competing.

A player may have no more than four bowling balls in the players' area. It is not permissible to bring in or consume food in the players' area.

Note: This does not include candy bars or fruits.

6. Tournament events.

The male and females shall compete in separate divisions but the scheduled events shall be the same for both as follows:

- a. Singles. Six games
- b. Doubles. Six games
- c. Team (teams of four) Six games in blocks of three games
- e. Masters Final. One game round robin, plus position round for the high 12 all-event scorers in the foregoing 18 games.
- f. Masters Grand Finals. Roll-off for the first, second and third positions.

7. Conduct of events

In each of the following events, 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.

a. Singles

Open to all members of each squad. Six games across 12 lanes in one block with two persons from the same federation when feasible scheduled per lane. Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes. Players from a federation shall be scheduled on at least two different squads.

b. Doubles

Six games in across 12 lanes. Each game to be bowled on a different pair of lanes. Three teams per federation, one to be scheduled per lane. A federation's teams shall be scheduled on different squads when possible.

c. Teams:

Six games in two three-game blocks on different days. Both blocks to be bowled across six lanes. 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.

d. Masters Finals and Grand Finals

1) Masters Finals: The finals shall be round robin competition between the top 12 players base their 18 qualifying games. All qualifying pinfall is dropped. One game matches will be playec final match will be played as a position round, making a total of 12 matches.

These 12 matches shall be bowled over two days, six on the first day and six on the second according to a prearranged schedule. However, because of time constraints and following appi by AZ Presidium, these 12 matches may be bowled over one day.

Position numbers for the pre-arranged schedule are decided by draw. However the Tech Committee will select position numbers for players from the same federation to ensure such ph will

compete against each other within the first six games.

Standings shall be based on total pins from each of the matches together with a bonus of ten for match won. Each player shall receive a bonus of five for a tie

- 2) Masters **Grand** Finals. The Grand Finals will be played match play style with the player in the higher position having the choice of starting lane. All pinfall and bonus points are dropped.
- 3). Players failing to qualify for the Masters Finals shall fill vacancies, which may exist at the start of the Masters Finals. Such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from the non-qualifiers available at the time and in the order of finish in the qualifying competition. In case of a tie between two or more available non-qualifiers, the selection will be made by draw.
- 4). Any finalist who has not registered in person for the first 6-game block prior to the time specified in the schedule shall be considered a vacancy and shall be replaced in accordance with the forgoing.
- 5). A finalist who withdraws for any reason after the finals have begun or fails to register in person for the second block of games prior to the specific time, shall be replaced immediately by a "pacer". Where a pacer is used as above, all players who play a pacer or have played with the player replaced, shall be given a 10 pin bonus.
- 6) Players failing to qualify for the Masters Grand Finals shall fill vacancies, which may exist at the start of the finals. Such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from the non-qualifiers available at that time and in the order of finish in the qualifying competition. In case of a tie between two or more available non-qualifiers, the selection will be by draw.

Rule 1004. Substitution

A player who has already started in an event shall not be replaced except in cases of injury or illness or as provided in Rule 1003, 7d (3) and (4)

A player having already participated in the same event shall not replace another player. When a player replaces another player during a game under this rule, he shall forfeit his all events score. In case of a disabled player having to leave the game, the remaining players on the team shall continue their games for all events purposes.

Rule 1005. Tie Breaking Procedures

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

1. When equal scores (ties) are registered for any of the first three positions in the Singles, Doubles, or Team 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 the 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, there will be no medals for the third position. In case of a tie for the third position, duplicate medals will be awarded.
2. When a tie occurs for the twelfth (12) place in all events total, a one game roll-off shall be held.
3. In case of a tie in the Masters Final before the position round (after 11 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 lowest game
 - e) the higher game.
4. When a tie occurs after the position round for first or third place, a one game roll off shall be held.
5. If a tie occurs for any position in the stepladder final a 9th and 10th frame shall be bowled to break the tie. If a tie still exists, repeat the 9th and 10th roll off until the tie is broken.

Rule 1006. Awards

FIQ Awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze shall be presented to each of the individual winning those positions in the following events:

1. Singles event
2. Doubles event
3. Team event
4. All Events
5. Masters:

In addition, an award shall be given to each national federation the individual winners represent.

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| 1. | One game | In singles, doubles, and teams |
| 2. | Three game (1-3 or 4-6) | In singles, doubles, and teams
In singles, doubles, and teams |
| 3. | Six games | Individual all events |
| 4. | 18 games | High actual score for 12 games, as well as |
| 5. | Masters round robin | matches won. |
| 6. | Masters Grand Finals | Individual one game score |

Rule 1007. Record Stipulations

The following high score records will be maintained for the following male and female high scores

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