



INTERNATIONAL BOWL PLAYING ASSOCIATION

Rules for European Championships

I. General Rules

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To simplify matters it's talked about competitor(s) instead of female and male players/competitors.

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Everybody involved in the competitions (competitor(s), helpers, organizers, officials, coaches) bind themselves to observe safety regulations. The hosting associations has to ensure the safety of the spectators.

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Matters of luck or obstacles have to be excluded from all places of competition.

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Competition venues shall be agreed in advance, by the mutual consent of all participating Associations.

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All associations bind themselves to support and stick to the timetable.

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Intended are the disciplines Dutch Moors, Irish Road Bowling, and German Lofting. The order of disciplines is fixed by the hosting association.

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The associations start with a Boys team, a Girls team, a Women team, and a Senior Men team. In this order they will start for competition.

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Teams shall consist of: Youth team (boys): 4 competitors and 1 substitute, Youth team (girls): 3 competitors and 1 substitute, Women team, 6 competitors and 1 substitute, Senior Men team, 10 competitors and 2 substitutes.



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Youth competitors have an age limit. Youth competitors must not have completed their 18th year of life on the 1st of January in the year the competition takes place. There is no minimum age limit for youth.

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The age of competitors has to be proved at the request of the members of the board.

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All persons, who by virtue of their age, are eligible to compete in the Boys and/or Girls teams are prohibited from being selected for or competing in both the Senior Men's or Senior Women's teams.

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A jury has to be constituted. The jury consists of one representative of each association and the president of the IBA. This jury decides cases, that are not regulated by the competition rules, by simple majority.

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The instructions of the referees have to be obeyed in all disciplines.

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Each participating Association shall furnish the names of each of their teams, including team captains, to the hosting Association at least 28 days in advance of the competition. Changes may be made subsequently.

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Each participating Association shall confirm to the hosting Association, the order of play for each competitor on each of its teams no later than 6 pm (local time) on the day prior to competition. Each competitor shall be allocated a number on the basis of this list and shall wear this number on the back during competition.

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The associations start in the following order of play:

1. Hosting association
2. Association that hosts the next competitions
3. Association that hosts the competitions after the next ones
4. Association that hosted before the last competitions
5. Association that organized the last competitions



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The hosting Association shall provide bowls that adhere to the standards approved by the IBA for each competition. The **bowls** will be inspected by the host association in the presence of a member of the IBA Presidium. At the end of the competition the bowls have to be returned to the organizers.

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The style of throwing is free.

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In all disciplines, groups will be formed with one thrower from each association.

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During competition places of competition only have to be entered by the competitors, coaches and helpers of the organizers. Each player is allowed to take two helpers (road showers) with him.

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After the referee has signalled that a bowl may be thrown, the player has to do this without delay. Does this not happen the player will be warned by the referee. If the player does not throw after this warning or if he deliberately delays his throw, the player may be suspended from the rest of this competition.

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The start referee enables the first throw of each competitor. The referee has to take care that the playing area is kept free.

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All forward motion of the bowl shall count. If a bowl has not passed the start line or the mark from which it is being thrown, it shall be considered not thrown.

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If a bowl is damaged (partly or totally) the throw has to be repeated with another bowl provided by the organizer.

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Lost bowls have to be replaced immediately by the organizer. The referee of the group decides the official end point of this throw.

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If a bowl rebounds from an object the referee of the group decides the official endpoint of his throw.



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If a throw is hindered on the road of play (road surface) respectively the marked course (Dutch Moors) by a referee, helper, spectator or a moveable object (sports bag, piece of clothing etc.) then the throw can be repeated. However under this rule a player is not permitted to repeat the throw when (a) the bowl has left the road of play (road surface) respectively the marked course (Dutch Moors), (b) the bowl has left the road of play (road surface) respectively the marked course (Dutch Moors) and then returns to the road of play (road surface) respectively the marked course (Dutch Moors) and goes on. In such circumstances, the bowl is marked at its final end place.

If a member of the competitors association is aiming to positively change the throw, the location of this attempt is appointed as end point.

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The point of measurement is the rearmost point of the bowl. The official measurement shall be rounded-up to the nearest five centimetres.

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If a competitor is injured the substitute will carry out the other throws and finish competition. The combined distance is only valid for the team metres. For the individual metres it is necessary that all throws are done by one person.

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After a competition in one discipline has ended the organizer has to draw up clearly arranged lists with the names and results of each competitor. These lists have to be handed to the associations immediately. A protest against the results has to be done immediately.

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In the individual and the team, competitions medals are handed to the competitors. These medals should carry the IBA emblem or the emblem of the organizing association. Advertisement on medals is prohibited.

Individual scores

There is gold, silver, and a bronze medal for each discipline and each class (Boys, Girls, Women, and Senior Men).



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Team scores

In each discipline will be given each time:

In Boys class:

6 medals: (4 boys competitors, 1 substitute, 1 team captain) in gold, silver, and bronze.

In Girls class:

5 medals: (3 girls competitors, 1 substitute, 1 team captain) in gold, silver, and bronze.

In Women's class:

8 medals: (6 competitors, 1 substitute, 1 team captain) in gold, silver, and bronze.

In Senior Men's class:

13 medals (10 competitors, 2 substitute, 1 team captain) in gold, silver, bronze.

The winning team of each discipline will get a challenge cup. competitor or teams achieving the same result shall be declared tied in that discipline. The equalization is taken into account next ranking. If one association is not able to provide the challenge cup, the IBA supplies a new challenge cup at the cost of this association (*approx. €150*). Each winner is responsible for the engraving of the cups.

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Overall scores

Overall ranking will be decided by a point system. This point system is based on individual results. In this case the results of the substitutes are valid as well. The winner gets 1 point, the last one gets as many points as competitors have taken part in this competition. All points gained by the competitors of one association are summed up and will lead to the final score. Winner is the association with the lowest amount of points.

- 32 -

The medal conferring in the individual and team scores takes place subsequent to the competition on the competition area. The cup for the total winning team is presented to the winners at the closing ceremony.

- 33 -

Training on the locations of competition is allowed until the day before the competition takes place, as far as this possible. Training facilities must be provided, for example in other locations.

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If a player trains on competitions course on the day of the event this will lead to his disqualification of this **competition**.

A substitute player can be used after disqualification.



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II. Irish Road Bowling and Dutch Moors

- 1 -

The bowls have to be marked in colours. Each association is assigned a dedicated colour. All competitors of one association throw with bowls that are marked in the same colour.

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Next helpers are brought into action:

- a) The referee at the starting line. He supervises the timetable, calls up the groups for start and clears the start for each competitor.
- b) Each group of 5 competitors is accompanied by a group referee, a marker referee (referee with the metre pole) and 5 helpers (road or field markers). The group referee calls up the competitors and clears the start. He makes a note of each throw and the results measured by the helpers on the scorecard. After the competition has ended the group referee has to hand the scorecard to the organizing committee. The marker referee supervises the correct throw-off of the competitors. The 5 helpers have to mark the furthest point of each throw.

- 3 -

The referees and helpers have to take care that the playing area is kept free.

- 4 -

Each competitor has 10 throws.

- 5 -

From the starting line onwards a 2 metre pole is placed in direction of the throw. If a player oversteps the starting line two metres will be subtracted. The following throw starts two metres behind. If a player oversteps the starting line more than two metres the throw is valid and will be written down with 0 metres. The next throw starts from the same point.

- 6 -

The competitors are not allowed to pick up the bowls until they have been authorized by the referee.

- 7 -

The player with the least metres in each group shall always throw first.

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A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed to search for not discoverable or lost bowls. After this the group referee decides the official endpoint where the next throw starts.

- 9 -

The winning team is the association that gains the most metres. If metres are the same both teams get the same place. The teams get the same medals for their place. The individual score is done in the same way.



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III. Irish Road Bowling

- 1 -

The Competition bowl is an iron bowl of 28 ounce weight. The bowl has a diameter of 58 mm and is 794 gm in weight. Tolerance plus/minus 1 mm and 10 gm is allowed.

- 2 -

Run up and throw have to be done on the roadway.

- 3 -

In consideration of the official end point each player is allowed to determine his personal throw-off point.

- 4 -

The road has to be marked every 5 metres.



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IV. Dutch Moors

- 1 -

The Competition bowl is a 300 gm Dutch bowl. The bowl is made of solid wood with 3 holes filled with lead. The bowl has a diameter of 65 mm. Tolerance plus/minus 1 mm and 5 gm is allowed.

- 2 -

The **side lines** of the playing area have to be marked clearly with chalk or in another way. Run up and throw to be within the playing area. The player is allowed to move the bowl up to six metres left or right of **the furthest point**. Throws that left the playing area are brought back into the playing area, up to 6 metres, by the side-line in the height of the furthest point of this throw.

- 3 -

The playing area has to be marked every 10 metres.



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V. German Lofting

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The bowl for Senior Men competition is a 475 gm Frisian bowl. The bowl has a diameter of 58 mm. Youth and Women competitors throw with a 375 gm Frisian bowl. The bowl has a diameter of 55 mm. Tolerance plus/minus 1 mm and 5 gm is allowed.

- 2 -

The starting line has to be marked clearly. Run up area has to be 30 metres long as a minimum. The throw-off area has to be closed off spaciouly and only the start-referee, two throw-off referees, the player and two helpers are allowed to enter this area. The start-referee calls up the competitors, the throw-off referees supervise the correct throw-off.

- 3 -

Only the helpers who are needed for measuring the throw and three representative of the competitors association are allowed in the finish area.

- 4 -

Each competitor has three throws which are carried out one after another. All throws are valid and add up. The playing area has no Side-lines.

- 5 -

If a player oversteps the starting line with his standing leg he will be warned. The overstepped distance will be subtracted in units of 5 cm from the achieved distance. If the player oversteps more than 2 metres, the throw is valid and will be noted with 0 metres.

- 6 -

Throws will be measured at right angles to the starting line. Only the flying distance of the bowl will be measured.

- 7 -

The finish area has to be marked every 5 metres.

- 8 -

The winning team is the association that gains the most metres. By equal results the same qualification and medal.



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VI. Final Remarks

The competition rules are binding upon the organizers as well as upon the association participating in the competitions. Business that is not regulated by this competition rules are decided by the board of the IBA or the jury. These competition rules only can be changed with a 2/3 majority at a regular meeting of the members of the IBA.

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