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### ABOUT THE WORLD BOWLING WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Bowling Women's World Championship is held under the supreme patronage of H.H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak, Chairperson of the UAE General Women's Union, Supreme Chairperson of Family Development Foundation and Chairwomen of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood.

The World Bowling Women's Championship is bowling's most prestigious event for women bowlers. Held every four years, This year's event will occur in Abu Dhabi at the purpose built Khalifa International Bowling Centre in the world class Zayed Sports City from December 7th – 14th.

In its 17<sup>th</sup> installment since the Women's World Championships were first held in Mexico City in 1963, in 2015 147 athletes from 30 countries will be competing for titles in the Singles, Doubles, Trios, Teams, All Events and Masters Events. Listed as a Major Event in the World Bowling Tour Schedule, athletes also have the chance to earn double points on the World Bowling Tour Rankings (WBT Rankings).

To see where the World Women's Championships have been held in the past go to:

<http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/about/history/>

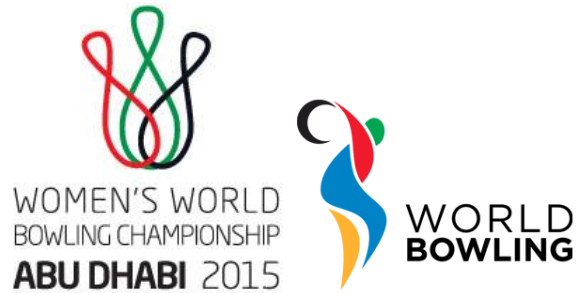
For a list of World Championship Records since 2013 go to:

<http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Records-Women-after-2013.pdf>

For a full list of World Bowling Championship events and our selected host cities please see:

<http://www.worldbowling.org/events/championships/>





## VENUE

The Khalifa International Bowling Center is a purpose built high performance bowling center consisting of 40 textured, pro lanes utilizing GS 98 Consolidated pin setters with Brunswick Max pins. Housed inside the first class sporting venue of Zayed Sports City, a vibrant sports and entertainment hub of the UAE.

This will be the third time that this world class venue has hosted a major World Bowling Championship. In 1999 the Khalifa International Bowling Center hosted the FIQ 14<sup>th</sup> World Bowling Championships, the event for which the center was specifically built and last year we saw the Championship events return with the 2015 World Bowling Men's World Championship.

## CONDITIONS

The two lane pattern categories will be Short and Long with the specific lane patterns to be announced on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Team Manager's Meeting.

## THE WORLD BOWLING TOUR & WORLD BOWLING TOUR RANKINGS

The World Bowling Tour is a series of high performance global bowling tournaments sanctioned by World Bowling and run by local tournament organisers. The best male and female bowlers come together to compete for prize money, their chance to win points to enter the World Bowling Tour Rankings and the title of the world's best female and male bowler. Events listed as World Bowling Tour Major Events, such as the World Bowling Women's Championships, have a double points system awarded to them.

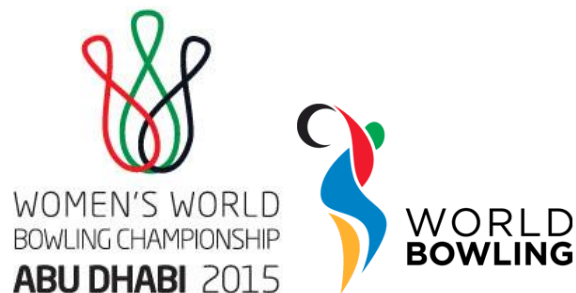
For more information on the World Bowling Tour go to:

<http://www.worldbowling.org/events/world-bowling-tour/>

To see the current World Bowling Tour Rankings go to:

<http://www.worldbowling.org/athletes/rankings/>





## COMPETITION FORMAT

There will be six events in the WWC2015. Singles, Doubles, Trios, Teams, All events and Masters.

In Singles, Doubles, Trios and Teams the competitors will play a six game qualification after which four best qualifiers will enter the semi-finals. The one game matches will be played in order 1 – 4 and 2 – 3. Winners of the semi-finals will play for gold and silver in one game match, both knocked out bowlers will receive bronze medals.

For All events the pinfall of all four events will be added up and medals presented with the total of 24 games, three medals will be given, gold, silver and bronze.

After 24 games top 24 bowlers will enter the Masters finals. They will bowl 6 games to existing pinfall and top 8 will continue to 7-game round robin. After 37 games top 4 will enter semi-finals, which will be played as described above.

## QUALIFICATION AND THE TEAMS OF 2015

Each of World Bowling's 112 National Federations are invited to select their six best female athletes to represent their country in the competition. Each National Federation determines their own qualification system to ensure that their best female athletes are selected.

The following countries and athletes will be competing at the World Bowling Women's Championships: <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/participants/>

## MATCH SCHEDULE

The match schedule can be viewed at: <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/schedule/>

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

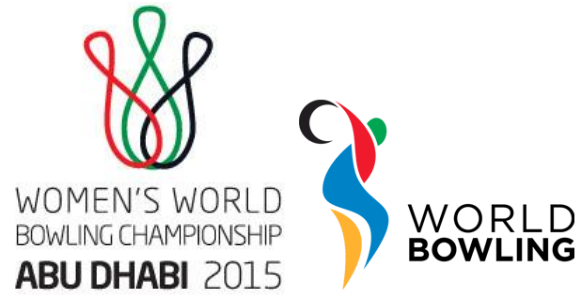
The World Bowling Women's Championships are run under the World Tenpin Bowling Association Statutes and Playing Rules.

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 Pekka Korpi (Finland)

Host Tournament Manager Salah Al Jaeedi (UAE)

Technical Delegate Marios Nicolaides (Cyprus)

Khalifa International Bowling Center Manager Bahjat Zoorob (UAE).

## LOGOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

To download the event logos please go to: <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/media/>

To request the World Bowling logo and event photographs please Megan Tidbury via [megan@worldbowling.org](mailto:megan@worldbowling.org)

## WHERE TO WATCH

Online scoring: Link to be announced on <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org>

Results : <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/results/>

Livestreaming: <http://bowl.com/livestream/>

Host Broadcaster: Abu Dhabi TV

Highlights Package: Will be produced and distributed by Proactive TV  
<http://www.proactivetv.com/>

Social Media: Follow @/worldbowling & #2015WBWC for live updates and competition news on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

