

Global Expansion in Ground-Breaking Arrangement for TBA and International Bowling Federation

Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) is proud to announce the signing of a significant MOU with the International Bowling Federation (IBF). This agreement is for the International Bowling Federation Academy (IBFA) to license access to our Bowl Patrol and Bowl Abilities programs for all international bowling Federations.

This is an historic moment for Tenpin Bowling globally, with the limited offerings for junior and all abilities programs in many regions in the world, this agreement will see increased reach and scope for youth development programs that will streamline the athlete pathway for the global bowling community. Australia is a mature market and is leading the charge in program development.

‘A core philosophy embedded within this MOU is, to offer more people the opportunity to bowl. This means we will find more people to participate and potentially become high performers within our sport over time’, Jerome Joseph (Chair, TBA) said. ‘We are thrilled to have signed with the IBF for programs developed and adapted in Australia. It demonstrates enormous confidence in TBA and our programs, that the IBFA wishes to promote for adoption by the rest of the global bowling Federations.’

Jerome further commented that this is also a wonderful endorsement for Sport Australia and their commitment to sports funding. These programs were conceived as a direct result of targeted Sport Australia program funding support.

Andrew Oram (CEO, IBF) commented ‘we couldn’t be happier to partner with TBA on this important project. The Bowl Patrol and Bowl Abilities programs align with our goal to establish a Long-Term Athlete Development Framework and will fill the current void in the Athlete Performance Pathway. The pathway to participant health, longevity and high performance in sport starts with strong junior programs. The IBFA is focused on growing our global junior and all abilities programs to increase participation in bowling along with finding the next generation of Jason Belmonte’s and Bec Whiting’s. Programs such as Bowl Patrol and Bowl Abilities allow us to further support our member federations in new and emerging markets’.

The outcomes TBA anticipate from this signing are many, enduring and will have direct positive impacts, including new revenue streams, for our Sport in Australia. Keep an eye out for further content and progress on these exciting developments.

About Tenpin Bowling Australia

TBA is the National Sporting Organisation to lead the management and development of tenpin bowling in Australia. Tenpin bowling is a sport for all, with no age, size, speed, or strength limitations. Participants can learn at their own pace while having fun with friends, regardless of their individual skill and ability.

About International Bowling Federation

The International Bowling Federation represents member federations and bowlers from across the world. At the heart of what we do, uniting us all, is our mission to connect the world with the greatness of bowling.

Connecting further, faster for all. Tenpin, Ninepin, academy, para, male, female, young, old; whoever you are, wherever you come from, our sport crosses cultures. Truly inclusive, united by a passion for bowling, we bring the world closer together by innovating our sport with technology and data.

Championing the best of bowling. Guardians of our sport, we show bowling at its best, by removing the complexity and barriers to play, without compromising the integrity of our sport.

The IBF is the International governing body for the sport of Tenpin, Ninepin and Para Bowling representing five continental zones and 114 member federations.

IBF was recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1979 as the world governing body for the sport of Bowling and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in 2019 for Para Bowling.

About The IBF Academy

The IBF Academy is where the world's best begin. We are here to inspire future bowlers, coaches, officials and managers to be the best they can be, to push what is possible and to take our sport forward. We'll bring out the athlete in you.

We're bowling's home for learning and inspiration. We're here to help every athlete on their journey from grassroots all the way to elite.

We are here to mentor the bowling family, engage with them, encourage them and inspire them to reach greatness. We do all this with the authority and rigor of the professional body behind them.

We do all this by blending knowledge with passion. We share technical expertise with energy and approachability, with a strong sense of fun.

About Bowl Patrol

Bowl Patrol is Australia's introductory program developed based on research and evidence with support of Sport Australia. Qualified coaches deliver the 8-week program for 6–12-year olds in the unique surrounds of Tenpin Bowling centres across the country.

About Bowl Abilities

Bowl Abilities is Australia's introductory program for older teens and adults who have a disability. Qualified coaches who have completed Special Olympics Australia online training deliver the 8-week program in partnership with tenpin bowling centres, community groups and support agencies.