

2027 Master Qualifier re: IBF World Championships
Tournament Rules
- Sanctioned by the Canadian Tenpin Federation
ENTRY FEE: \$350.00, or 365.00 if paid by cc.

The Canadian Team Trials will qualify separate women's and men's divisions to attend the IBF Senior World Championship in April 2027. Each team will consist of 4 men and 4 women.

Eligibility

- All participants must be CTF members in good standing
- All participants must be Canadian citizens and able to obtain a Canadian passport no later than January 31, 2027.
- To qualify for Senior Team Canada, participants must be 50 years of age in 2027.
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Bowling Equipment

- a) All participants must submit their Ball Registration Form to the Tournament Office at midnight on practice day.
- b) Once Ball Registration is submitted, no substitutions will be allowed except in case of damage and only if approved by the Tournament Manager.
- c) Additional Balls can be added if the participant has not submitted the maximum of 9 bowling balls at the time of registration.
Only bowling balls listed on the USBC Approved list as of January 5, 2027
- d) Urethane balls must meet 78D Hardness, otherwise prohibited.
- e) Only bowling balls that are registered may be stored in the bowling center; all others must be removed. Any competitor who has a non-registered bowling ball may be disqualified.
- f) After each block, the Tournament Manager or designate will carry out random verification of bowling equipment. The inspection will include a visual comparison of the serial number on the bowling ball with the serial numbers listed on the Ball Registration Form.
- g) Violation of any of the rules a-f could result in disqualification.

Disruptive Behaviour

Disruptive behaviour by any athlete will not be tolerated. Disruptive behaviour is anything that is deemed inappropriate, such as offensive language, rude gestures, hitting machines, slow play, etc. The Tournament Manager shall have the final say as to what constitutes disruptive behaviour. An authorized tournament official shall warn anyone not observing this rule as follows:

- (a) A white card for the first offence (no penalty).
- (b) A yellow card for the second offence (no penalty).
- (c) A red card for the third and each succeeding offence in any block of games; the penalty shall be zero-pin fall for the frame

Dress Code

A dress code will be enforced during the qualifier, which will include the Official Practice Block. Men will wear dress pants. Women may wear dress slacks, dress shorts, dress skirts, dress skorts, or dress capris. All shirts must have sleeves. T-shirts are not allowed. Sweatpants and/or track-style pants are not allowed. Shirts with the athlete's names are encouraged but not mandatory. Competitors may not wear hats during competition.

Entry Fees and Expenses

All entries and fees must be postmarked or received by CTF National Office no later than midnight PST **on December 4, 2026**. After December 4th, entries will be put on a waiting list, and it will be based on lane availability.

Official Practice attendance is not mandatory. 1 Squad will be available on January 10, 2027 at 9am – 11am. The lanes will be dressed with the chosen patterns. There is no extra fee for competitors as the cost of practice is included in the entry fee.

Cheques, money orders, credit cards, or e-transfers will be accepted. For payments via credit, a \$15 fee will be added for processing fees.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation will pay for the hotel based on 2 athletes sharing, entry fees, 2nd Bag, Uniforms, and Coaches. The athlete will be responsible for airfare and .5 room charges if not sharing with another athlete and any other expenses.

Format

This Qualifier is to Qualify the Teams for IBF World Championships.

1. The tournament consists of 2–4–game qualifying blocks on Day 1 & 2
2. Pinfall carries forward for all 4 shifts (16 games)
3. At the end of shift 4, the top 4 men and 4 women will determine the teams.

Headphones, Ear Buds, Noise Cancelling Devices

May be worn in the seating area only and cannot be worn on the approach while competing.

Lane Courtesy

Competitors must observe one lane courtesy at all times.

Lane Patterns

Up to 2 lane patterns may be used and will be determined by the Tournament Committee. Patterns will be announced at least 1 week before the event.

Protests and Appeals

Protests involving eligibility, scores and general play rules must be confirmed in writing to the tournament manager by the beginning of the next squad of the tournament or in case of the final squad or stepladder, by completion of the award presentations of the tournament.

Re-racks

Competitors will be allowed two (2) re-racks per game during qualifying blocks. Additional re-racks may be requested from the Tournament Manager or Judge of Play. Any competitor who takes additional re-racks during a game without permission from Tournament Management will be given zero (0) for the frame.

Refund Policy

A refund will be given:

- Less \$50 cancellation fee, if written notice is given before December 15, 2026
- Less \$100 cancellation fee, if written notice is given before December 31, 2026

No refund will be given:

- If written notice is given after December 31, 2026 unless doctor's note is submitted to the tournament manager. If a refund is approved, the cancellation fee will be \$100

Scoresheet

Each competitor is responsible for verifying their own scores. If automatic download of scores is available, competitors should record scores on scoresheet and keep for verification on internet. If an automatic download of scores is not available, scoresheets must be handed in and all competitors must sign the scoresheet to verify scores. Competitors have 1 hour after the block to verify posted scores.

Smoking & Alcohol

No Smoking or Vaping is permitted during any blocks of competition. This includes breaks of any kind such as position rounds or lane breakdowns, etc.

No Alcohol is permitted during any blocks of competition. This includes breaks of any kind, such as position rounds, or lane breakdowns, etc.

Spectators may consume alcoholic beverages if they are not in the bowling area.

Slow Play

Players shall be ready to bowl when it is their turn and shall not delay the start of their approach or delivery as competitors must always observe 1 lane courtesy. Arrows are not to be reversed unless advised by the tournament manager.

Ties

Tied Competitors after 16 games will play a one-game roll-off, if still tied, frames 9 and 10 are repeated until a winner is determined.

Tournament Management

Tournament Management has the final authority to make interpretations of any tournament rules and make decisions regarding anything not covered in the rules.

Use of Abrasives on Ball Surface

Altering the surface of any bowling equipment by use of abrasives is NOT permitted during any shift or game. If a ball is altered during a game and the competitor uses the equipment, the competitor forfeits all pins earned during the frames where the altered ball was used. The step ladder is considered a shift.

Use of Ball Cleaning Machine & Other Substances

Use of a cleaning machine on the tournament premises is permitted before or after the competition but may not be used during competition.

Once competition begins, no cleaners, abrasives, or Polishes may be used on the outer surface of the bowling ball. Only a dry towel may be used.

No substance, including, but not limited to, talcum powder and EZ slide, can be applied to the bottom of the player's shoes.