

# EUROPEAN DEAF SPORT ORGANISATION



## Technical Regulations Bowling

### European Deaf Bowling Championships San Lazzaro Si Savena, Italy 29 June to 12 July 2026

**Updated: 20 December 2025**

- **EVENTS**  
Bowling competitions will comprise the following events for both genders:
- **PARTICIPANTS**
  - .1. **Age Eligibility**  
There are no age restrictions for bowling competitors.
  - .2. **Number of Players**  
Each National Federation may enter a maximum number of **six (6)** men and **six (6)** women for the Bowling competition.
  - .3. **Non-Starting**  
A fine of EURO €30 is levied on each non-starting athlete except for those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.
  - .4. **Participating**  
The announcement will only be made after the Final Entry (Form 2) notifications.
- **REGISTRATION**
  - .1. **Preliminary Registration**  
Pre-registration is not required due to the short notice.
  - .2. **Final Entry (Form 2)**  
The final entries must be submitted to the EDSO Sport Director Bowling no later than **14 February 2026**. Such submissions will be made via official online registration form followed by the official registration form.

### **.3. Name Registration (Form 3)**

The name Registration with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Sport Director Bowling no later than **29 May 2026**. Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

- .3.1.** No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **29 May 2026**. A replacement can be made if a player who is ill or injured providing an official letter from a doctor.

## **• COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **.1. Technical Organisation**

EDSO is responsible for the technical organisation of the Bowling competitions.

### **.2. Committees**

#### **4.2.1 Technical Committee:**

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Sport Director and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

MARKUS ANTONY	EDSO Sport Director Bowling
BURCU PISKIN	EDSO Representative
ALBERTO MILITTO	EBF Head Referee
CARLO MELFI	Deaf Representative (GDSF)/SLO

#### **4.2.2 Protest Committee:**

The Championship Protest Committee shall consist of:

BURCU PISKIN	EDSO Representative (Chair – NO VOTING RIGHTS)
MARKUS ANTONY	EDSO Sport Director Bowling
ALBERTO MILITTO	EBF Head Referee

### **.3. Competition Rules**

The Bowling competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the EBF statues **17.10.2025**. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

- .3.1.** Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations and Bowling Technical Regulations.
- .3.2.** Read carefully about 'slow bowling' in EBF status, *refer to rules 3.26 on page 15 and 16.*
- .3.3.** Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the EBF Rules and Regulations.
- .3.4.** Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Bowling competitions.

### **.4. Competition Equipment**

- .4.1.** All equipment and implements used during competitions will comply with the EBF/WTBA Rules and Regulations.
- .4.2.** All equipment and implements used during competitions will comply with the WTBA Rules and Regulations. Refer to WTBA regulations, *Rules 4.11 on page 39 and 40 for approved [Bowling Balls](#).*

## **.5. Playing Uniform**

- .5.1.** Players shall wear a standard uniform approved by their national federation. In a team event (doubles, trios, team) players of the same team must wear uniforms of the same colour and type.
- .5.2.** The name of the country the player represents must appear on the uniform.
- .5.3.** The following may appear on the uniform.
  - Name of player
  - Logo of the country and/or member federation, which the player represents.
  - Advertisements

## **.6. Draw**

The draw for lane assignments for all events will be conducted in accordance with EBF Rules and Regulations.

## **.7. Competition Plan**

The style of play will follow the EBF regulations, *Rules 4.4 on page 20-23*.

## **.8. Officials**

### **.8.1. Tournament Manager**

The Tournament Manager and his designated representatives shall supervise and direct the tournament. This shall include responsibility to the Technical Committee, compliance with the EBF/WTBA Playing rules and otherwise with the codes of conduct of the EBF/WTBA.

### **.8.2. Appointment**

The Organising Committee shall appoint manager for the tournament and an appropriate number of scorers, etc.

## **.9. Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. If a bowler is caught smoking during a game, he/she will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he/she will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game.

## **• VENUES**

### **.1. Competition Venue**

The Bowling competitions will take place at **Bowling San Lazzaro, San Lazzaro di Savena (BO), Italy**.

#### **.1.1. Lanes**

There will be **40 lanes**.

#### **.1.2. Lane dressing procedures**

- Only one oil-pattern will be in use during the entire period of the championship.
- Two **(2)** months prior to the first day of the championships, Sport Director will email to all nation members the length details of the oil pattern and the OC will publish on the website.
- The final selected oil pattern shall be presented in person on the evening of the first day of the Championship at the hotel to the players, national coaches and support staff, and shall simultaneously be broadcast live on Instagram.

### **.2. Training Venue**

The training venue is the same as the competition venue:

**Bowling San Lazzaro, San Lazzaro di Savena (BO), Italy**.

- **SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Competition Schedule**

- Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website.  
<https://edbcsanlazzarobologna2026.fssi.it/>

- 6.2. Training Schedule**

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- 6.3. Technical Meeting**

- 6.3.1.1. Date and Location**

- The first Technical Meeting will be held at **The Sydney Hotel, Bologna on 29 or 30 June.**

- The second Technical Meeting will be held at **The Sydney Hotel, Bologna on 09 July at 10.00.**

- 6.3.2. Attendance**

- Each participating National Federation may be represented by one (1) official, and it should be a **Deaf representative.**

- **CONTROL AND SANCTIONS**

- .1. Hearing Devices**

- The use of any hearing devices(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden from the restricted zone area.

- .1.1. Restricted Zone Area**

- The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the whole bowling areas area during the warm-up and competition period.

- .1.2. Violation and Penalty**

- When this rule is violated, the game shall immediately be stopped, and the offending player/s will be disqualified from the event. Refer to ICSD [Audiogram Regulations](#), 8: Violations and Penalties.

- **PROTESTS**

- .1. Procedure for lodging a protest**

- All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance with the ETBF Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Bowling Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Sport Director with EURO €100 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

- .1.1.** The EDSO Sport Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related eligibility related. The Bowling Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €100 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

**.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest**

**The Bowling Protest Committee will meet in the EDSO Sport Director's office at Bowling Stones at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.**

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Sport Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing the hosting Deaf Sport Federation and the EDSO Sport Director will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive Committee about the protest and the outcome of the protest.