



Technical Regulations Bowling

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1. EVENT STATUS

1.1 Event Authority

The European Deaf Bowling Championships (EDC Bowling) are official continental championship events organised, sanctioned and governed by the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

EDSO holds the exclusive authority over the sporting, technical and regulatory framework of the EDC Bowling.

The Organising Committee (LOC) acts under EDSO authority and is responsible for the local implementation of these Technical Regulations.

1.2 Event Type / Sport Status

Bowling is classified as:

- Deaflympic sport, and
- recognised European championship sport within the EDSO competition system.

The Deaflympic status of Bowling does not automatically imply qualification relevance for ICSD events. Any such relevance must be explicitly stated in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

1.3 Event Level

These Technical Regulations apply exclusively to the European Deaf Championships (EDC) in Bowling.

1.4 Sport Classification

Bowling is classified as:

- an individual sport,
- with additional pair, trio and team competitions, where applicable.

Bowling combines individual and team-based competition formats within a unified competition structure.

The applicable formats shall be defined in the Event Programme.

1.5 Competition Categories

The following categories shall be organised:

- Men
- Women

The final list of categories shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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1.6 Qualification Competitions

Participation in EDC Bowling is generally open.

If the number of entries exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- ranking-based selection, or
- qualification competitions.

The applicable system shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

1.7 Advancement Pathways

The EDC Bowling serves primarily as a continental championship event.

Where applicable, it may also serve as:

- a reference competition for international selection, and/or
- an input for ranking systems.

Any qualification or selection relevance for ICSD events (e.g. World Deaf Championships, Deaflympics) must be explicitly stated in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

No automatic advancement shall apply unless explicitly stated.

1.8 Ranking, Seeding and Cycle Systems

Results achieved at the EDC Bowling may be:

- included in EDSO ranking systems, and
- used for seeding, group allocation, draw procedures or qualification purposes.

Where applicable, EDC Bowling results may also be recognised for ICSD-related ranking, seeding or qualification systems.

The applicable systems, point allocations and methodologies shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin or in the relevant EDSO or ICSD regulations.

2. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Invitation / Nomination

Participation in the European Deaf Bowling Championships (EDC Bowling) is subject to official invitation and nomination under the authority of EDSO.

EDSO, through its appointed Sport Director or Technical Director, shall formally invite all National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) in good standing to participate.

The invitation shall include the official Technical Regulations, entry forms and all sport-related instructions.

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The Local Organising Committee (LOC) may issue additional informational bulletins regarding accommodation, transport, training facilities and venue logistics, but shall not have authority over the technical or sporting regulations.

2.2 Eligibility

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who fulfil all eligibility requirements defined by EDSO and ICSD.

All athletes must:

- hold a valid ICSD athlete registration number,
- be registered with a National Deaf Sports Federation recognised by ICSD,
- possess a valid and ICSD-recognised audiogram in accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

Athletes without a valid ICSD ID and recognised audiogram are not eligible to compete.

2.2.1 Hearing Eligibility

Participation is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.

All athletes must comply with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

A minimum hearing loss of 55 dB in the better ear is required.

Audiograms shall be verified in accordance with the applicable ICSD procedures.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone.

2.2.2 Age Eligibility

The EDC Bowling is an adult-level competition.

Unless otherwise specified in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin, no minimum or maximum age limits apply.

If minimum age limits are introduced, they shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

All athletes who are under the age of eighteen (18) must provide written consent from their parents or legal guardians and, where applicable, from their educational authorities.

2.2.3 Compliance

Only athletes who comply with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the present Technical Regulations,
- and all applicable event-specific provisions

are eligible to participate.

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2.3 Number of Teams

Not applicable as a primary team sport.

However, team-based events (doubles, trios and team competitions) are conducted within the individual competition framework.

2.4 Qualified Teams / Athletes

Participation in the EDC Bowling is generally open.

If the number of entries exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- ranking-based selection, or
- qualification competitions.

The applicable system shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.5 Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials per NDSF

2.5.1 Athletes

Each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may enter a maximum number of athletes in Bowling:

Men	Women
6	6

This quota defines the maximum number of athletes who may be accredited and allowed to compete per gender and per age category.

No NDSF may exceed this overall athlete quota.

2.5.2 Team Officials and Coaches

In addition to the registered athletes, each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may accredit up to four (4) coaches and a limited number of additional team officials (e.g. head of delegation, medical staff).

Accreditation of coaches and officials does not imply unrestricted access to the field of play or restricted zones.

During competition, a maximum of two (2) coaches per NDSF may be present simultaneously in the competition area or Restricted Zone.

This limitation applies:

- per gender,
- per discipline or event session,
- and per active competition period.

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Coaches may rotate between sessions (e.g. women's events, men's events, singles or doubles), provided that no more than two (2) coaches are present at the same time.

Where necessary for communication and accessibility, one (1) accredited interpreter may be present in the Technical Area or Restricted Zone together with the coaches.

The presence of interpreters in the Technical Area is subject to:

- operational feasibility,
- venue capacity,
- and confirmation at the Technical Meeting.

Unless otherwise specified by the Technical Committee, interpreters shall not interfere with match procedures or officiating.

2.6 Number of Athletes per Discipline / Event

Based on the maximum number of athletes defined in Article 2.5, each NDSF may enter a maximum of:

Event	Men	Women
Singles	6	6
Doubles	3 pairs	3 pairs
Trios	2 trios	2 trios
Team	1 team (5 athletes)	1 team (5 athletes)

All entries must be composed exclusively of athletes entered under Article 2.5. No additional athletes may be entered for the purpose of participating in any discipline.

2.7 Number of Reserves / Substitutes

Event	Men	Women
Singles	-	-
Doubles	-	-
Trios	-	-
Team	1	1

2.8 Competition Entry Standards

Not applicable.

2.9 Competition Entry Rules

Only an authorised representative of each NDSF is allowed to submit competition entries.

All entries must be submitted in accordance with the procedures, deadlines and formal requirements defined in these Technical Regulations and in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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2.10 Non-Starting Athletes (DNS / No-Show)

A fine of EUR 30 shall be imposed on each non-starting athlete.

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits a medical certificate or a doctor's declaration stating that he/she is not allowed to start.

3. ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry Procedure

Entries for the European Deaf Bowling Championships (EDC Bowling) shall be submitted exclusively by the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

All entries must be sent to the EDSO Director Bowling, with the EDSO Representative in copy.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) has no authority over the technical eligibility, acceptance or rejection of entries. The LOC may only provide logistical and informational support.

Entries shall be submitted using the official EDSO entry forms.

Where available, the EDSO Competition Online Platform (COP) may be used as an alternative submission method. During the development phase of COP, this system is considered a beta solution and does not replace the official forms unless explicitly authorised by EDSO.

3.2 Entry Phases

Entries for EDC Bowling follow a multi-phase system.

Due to the short-notice organisation of this event, the standard preliminary phase (Form 1) is waived.

The following phases apply:

Phase 1 – Preliminary Entry (Form 1)

Form 1 serves as a non-binding declaration of intent to participate and is normally used for early planning, capacity estimation and long-term scheduling.

For the present edition of the EDC Bowling, the standard deadline for Form 1 does not apply due to the short-notice organisation of the event.

Phase 2 – Final Entry (Form 2)

NDSFs shall submit their binding Final Entry, indicating:

- the intention to participate,
- the number of athletes,
- the disciplines/events entered.

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Deadline: **14 February 2026**

This phase determines the official list of participating NDSFs.

Phase 3 – Final Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding list of athletes.

Only athletes listed on the Final Name List are eligible to compete.

Deadline: **29 May 2026**

No changes or additional entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Exceptions may only be granted in case of:

- illness, or
- injury,

and must be supported by an official medical certificate and approved by EDSO.

3.3 Entry Limits

Entry limits per NDSF, discipline or event may apply.

For EDC Bowling, the following overall athlete limits apply per NDSF:

Men	Women
6	6

These limits refer exclusively to athletes and do not include coaches, team officials, interpreters or support staff.

No fixed maximum number is imposed on the total number of non-athlete delegation members per NDSF.

However, the number of coaches and officials allowed in the field of play, competition area or restricted zones shall be limited and regulated in accordance with the sport-specific competition rules.

All additional delegation members may only access spectator areas or non-restricted zones.

3.4 Reserve Athletes

Reserve athletes may be designated only within the maximum number of athletes defined in Chapter 2.5 (Number of Athletes per Discipline).

No additional athletes beyond this limit shall be accredited.

3.5 Late Entries & Changes

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Late entries, late changes, and additions after the applicable deadlines are not permitted.

Exceptions may only be granted:

- for medical reasons, or
- in cases of force majeure,

and require written approval from EDSO.

3.6 Non-Start, Withdrawal & Penalties

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied for each non-starting athlete (DNS).

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits an official medical certificate or a doctor's declaration confirming that he or she is not allowed to start.

Additional sanctions may apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees.

3.7 Maximum Numbers of Teams and/or Athletes

This article complements the limits defined in Articles 2.5 and 2.6 and applies where overall event capacity constraints require further restrictions.

The maximum number of athletes admitted to the EDC Bowling shall be determined by:

- lane availability,
- time schedule,
- safety considerations,
- and operational capacity.

If the number of entries exceeds capacity, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- ranking-based selection, or
- qualification mechanisms.

The applicable system shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.8 Accreditation Fees

Participation in the EDC is subject to an accreditation fee payable to EDSO.

Unless otherwise specified in the sport-specific Technical Regulations, an accreditation fee of EUR 30 per person shall apply for:

- athletes,
- coaches,
- team officials,
- team leaders,
- physiotherapists,
- interpreters,
- and any other accredited delegation members.

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This accreditation fee is payable to EDSO and is mandatory for all persons accredited for participation in EDC events.

3.8.1 Local Organising Committee (LOC) Fees

Any additional fees charged by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), including but not limited to accommodation, meals, transport or local services, are not included in the EDSO accreditation fee.

Such LOC-related fees shall be invoiced separately by the LOC and are governed exclusively by the event-specific participation package.

3.8.2 Passport Control & Accreditation Procedure

- Passport control of all athletes will be carried out upon arrival, before accreditation.
- Each team must present valid passports for all its members. National ID cards will not be accepted.
- After verification, accreditation will be issued.

4. COMPETITION RULES

4.1 Governing Rules

The European Deaf Bowling Championships (EDC Bowling) shall be conducted in accordance with:

- European Bowling Federation (EBF) Playing Rules,
- in conjunction with the International Bowling Federation (IBF) Playing Rules,
- and the EDSO and ICSD Technical Regulations.

In the event of any conflict or discrepancy, the English version of the relevant international federation rules shall prevail.

Any matters not explicitly covered by the above rules shall be decided by EDSO in accordance with the principles of fairness, sporting integrity and equal treatment.

4.1.1 Slow Bowling

Read carefully about 'slow bowling' in EBF status, refer to rules 3.26 on pages 15 and 16.

4.1.2 Official & Appointment

a) 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/IBF Playing rules and otherwise with the codes of conduct of the EBF/IBF.

b) Appointment

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

4.1.3 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.

4.2 Deaf-Specific Adaptations

All competitions shall apply Deaf-specific adaptations where required.

These may include, but are not limited to:

- visual start signals,
- visual communication systems,
- visual warnings and announcements,
- adapted referee communication procedures.

Acoustic-only signals shall not be used as the sole means of communication.

All adaptations must preserve the integrity of the sport and shall not provide any competitive advantage.

4.3 Competition Format

4.3.1 Events

The following events may be contested at the EDC Bowling:

- Singles
- Doubles
- Trios
- Team
- Masters
- All-Event

The exact list of events to be held at a specific edition of the EDC Bowling shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

4.3.2 Competition System

The competition system, including:

- qualification rounds,
- finals,
- elimination procedures,
- progression systems,
- and ranking methods

shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable EBF and IBF rules.
See EBF statutes 17.10.2025.

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Any EDSO-specific adaptations shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

4.3.3 Scoring and Ranking

Scoring shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable EBF and IBF rules.

The methods for determining rankings, tie-breaking procedures and qualification for finals shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

4.3.4 Lane Allocation and Draw

Lane allocation, starting orders and draws shall be conducted under the supervision of the Technical Committee.

The applicable draw procedures shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

4.4 Field of Play & Equipment

4.4.1 Venue Requirements

All competition and training lanes shall comply with the applicable EBF and IBF standards.

The technical characteristics of the training lanes and competition lanes shall be identical.

4.4.2 Competition Venue

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

4.4.3 Lane Dressing Procedures

All competition shall be conducted using one (1) oil pattern for the entire championship.

The Technical Committee shall pre-select three (3) oil patterns approved for the event.
For this championship, the three (3) pre-selected oil patterns are the following:

- Beaten Path V2
- Route 66 V2
- Stone Street

Shortly before the start of the competition, one (1) of the three pre-selected oil patterns shall be selected by draw at a time and place designated by the Technical Committee.

Once selected, the oil pattern shall apply uniformly to all events and all rounds of the championship and shall not be changed.

4.4.4 Balls, Shoes and Accessories

All balls, shoes and accessories used during competition must comply with the applicable IBF rules. See IBF regulations, Rules 4.11 on pages 39 and 40 for approved Bowling Balls.

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4.4.5 Competition Clothing/Uniform

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.

The name of the country the player represents must appear on the uniform.

The following may appear on the uniform.

- Name of player
- Logo of the country and/or member federation, which the player represents.
- Advertisements

4.5 Equipment Control / Verification

The Organising Committee and the Technical Committee reserve the right to inspect and verify:

- bowling balls,
- drilling layouts,
- surface modifications,
- shoes,
- and any other competition equipment.

Any equipment not complying with the applicable rules may be rejected and shall not be used in competition.

4.6 Technical Information – Venue

Venue	Bowling San Lazzaro
Number of Bowling lanes	40
Lane Surface	08/2025
Lane Surface Levelers and Underlayment	08/2025
Head area replaced and if y2s, end distance	08/2025
Approaches	08/2025
Lanes / Pin Deck	AMF 08/2025
Pins / Pinsetters	Schmidt
Score System	Qubica
Conditioner	Kustodian Plus 1 Tank
Cleaner	Defense
Lane Dressing Procedure Oil Pattern	Kegel Kustodian Igor Pinardi / ICE - FIRE

5. EVENT PROGRAMME

5.1 Disciplines / Events Offered

The European Deaf Bowling Championships (EDC Bowling) shall comprise the following events for both men and women:

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- Singles
- Doubles
- Trios
- Team
- Masters
- All-Event

Only disciplines explicitly listed in these Technical Regulations and confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin shall be contested.

5.1.1 Definitions of Masters and All-Event

For the purpose of these Technical Regulations, the following definitions apply:

5.1.1.1 All-Event

The All-Event ranking shall be determined by the total number of pins knocked down by an athlete across all applicable individual and team events contested in the championship. Details regarding the included events and calculation method shall be specified in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.1.1.2 Masters

The Masters event shall consist of athletes qualified based on their All-Event ranking. The number of qualified athletes and the competition format (e.g. step ladder, knockout, round robin) shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.1.2. Demonstration Event

In addition to the official disciplines listed above, a Demonstration Event may be conducted:

- Mixed Team (2 Women and 2 Men)

The Demonstration Event shall not count as an official championship discipline and shall be conducted subject to confirmation in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.2 Confirmation of Programme

The final list of events and disciplines shall be confirmed after completion of the Final Entry phase (Form 2).

EDSO reserves the right to cancel or merge events if the number of entries is insufficient to ensure a fair and meaningful competition.

Any such decisions shall be communicated to all National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) without delay and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.3 Timetable

The official competition timetable:

Date	Time	Activity
29.06.2026	21:00 – 21:30	Draw one of three oil patterns in The Sydney Hotel

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30.06.2026	10:00 – 15:00	Bowling Ball Procedure - Training
01.07.2026	10:00 – 15:00	Bowling Ball Procedure - Training
	16:00 – 16:30	Opening ceremony (bowling alley)
02.07.2026	8:00 – 18:30	Single – Women + Medal victory ceremony
03.07.2026	8:00 – 18:30	Single – Men + Medal victory ceremony
04.07.2026	8:00 – 18:30	Doubles – Women + Medal victory ceremony
05.07.2026	8:00 – 18:30	Doubles – Men + Medal victory ceremony
06.07.2026	8:00 – 18:00	Trios – Women + Medal victory ceremony
07.07.2026	8:00 – 18:00	Trios – Men + Medal victory ceremony
08.07.2026	8:00 – 19:30	Women ´s Team + Medal victory ceremony
09.07.2026	8:00 – 19:30	Men ´s Team + Medal victory ceremony
10.07.2026	8:00 – 19:30	Mixed team, (2 men and 2 women) - Demo
11.07.2026	8:00 – 16:00	Masters – Men & Women + Medal victory ceremony
	16:00 – 17:00	Men / Women All Event Medal and Closing ceremony

The competition schedule shall be made available on the official event website.

<https://edbcsanlazzarobologna2026.fssi.it/>

Any changes to the timetable must be communicated promptly to all NDSFs.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING

6.1 General Provisions

A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the competition in order to ensure the proper organisation, coordination and conduct of the EDC Bowling Championships.

The Technical Meeting serves as the official forum for:

- confirmation of entries and eligibility,
- clarification of competition rules and procedures,
- presentation of technical and organisational information,
- addressing questions from participating delegations,
- and the adoption of binding technical decisions.

All decisions taken at the Technical Meeting shall be binding for the competition.

6.2 Date, Time and Location

For the EDC Bowling Championships 2026, the following Technical Meetings are scheduled:

Date - Time		Location
29 June 2026 16:00 – 18:00	First Technical Meeting	The Sydney Hotel, Bologna, Italy
10 July 2026, TBA	Second Technical Meeting	The Sydney Hotel, Bologna, Italy

Any changes shall be communicated without delay to all participating NDSFs.

6.3 Attendance

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Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. In addition, a maximum of one interpreter may accompany the country if the second official is not deaf.

6.4 Chair and Organisation

The Technical Meeting shall be chaired by the EDSO Director Bowling or by a person designated by EDSO.

The Organising Committee and the Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) shall support the organisation of the Technical Meeting, including:

- room booking,
- provision of interpretation,
- distribution of documents,
- and preparation of attendance lists.

6.5 Languages and Accessibility

The official working language of the Technical Meeting shall be English.

International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation shall be provided.

All important information shall be communicated in a visually accessible manner.

6.6 Agenda and Content

The agenda of the Technical Meeting shall normally include:

- confirmation of participating delegations,
- confirmation of athlete eligibility,
- explanation of the competition format and schedule,
- explanation of applicable rules and special provisions,
- lane allocation procedures,
- presentation of the oil pattern(s),
- training schedules,
- protest procedures,
- safety instructions,
- and any other relevant technical matters.

6.7 Binding Effect of Decisions

All technical clarifications and decisions made during the Technical Meeting shall be binding. Delegations are responsible for informing their athletes accordingly.

The absence of a delegation at the Technical Meeting does not exempt it from compliance with the decisions taken.

7. TRAINING, WARM-UP & FIELD OF PLAY REGULATIONS

7.1 Official Training

Official training sessions shall be organised before the start of the competition.

The purpose of official training is to allow athletes to:

- familiarise themselves with the competition lanes,
- test equipment and balls,
- adapt to the lane conditions and oil pattern,
- and prepare for the competition under realistic conditions.

Participation in official training is optional but strongly recommended.

7.1.1 Training Venue

The official training venue is identical to the competition venue:
Bowling San Lazzaro, San Lazzaro di Savena (BO), Italy.

7.2 Training Schedule

The Organising Committee shall publish the official training schedule.

The schedule shall include:

- dates and times of training sessions,
- lane allocations,
- training group assignments (if applicable),
- and any restrictions.

For EDC Bowling 2026, the training schedule shall be published on the official event website:
<https://edbcsanlazzarobologna2026.fssi.it/>

This online version shall be considered the authoritative version.
Any updates or changes shall be published exclusively via this platform and communicated to all NDSFs.

If no official training timetable is available at the time of publication of these Technical Regulations, the final version shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

7.3 Warm-Up Areas

Designated warm-up areas shall be provided where possible.

These may include:

- physical warm-up areas,
- stretching zones,
- and preparation areas for equipment.

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Warm-up activities must not interfere with the competition area.

7.4 Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes all competition and operational areas within the bowling venue that form part of the Field of Play (FOP) and competition environment.

The Restricted Zone includes in particular:

- the bowling lanes,
- the approach area,
- the pin decks and pinsetter areas,
- the area immediately surrounding the lanes, including run-off and safety zones,
- athlete seating areas and team benches adjacent to the lanes,
- designated warm-up and practice areas within the field of play,
- the Call Area,
- and any other areas designated by the Technical Committee.

The Restricted Zone extends to the clearly marked boundaries separating competition areas from spectator and public zones.

Within the Restricted Zone, the use of any hearing aids, amplification systems, cochlear implants, or external cochlear implant parts is strictly prohibited.
All applicable ICSD and EDSO Audiogram Regulations apply.

7.4.1 Hearing Devices (Audiogram Regulations)

In accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in EDC Bowling are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant devices within the Restricted Zone during warm-up and competition.

For EDC Bowling, the Restricted Zone applies from the moment athletes enter the Call Area, the field of play, or designated warm-up areas and remains in effect throughout the entire warm-up and competition period.

7.4.2 Authority

The authority within the Restricted Zone lies with the Tournament Director, Referee, Lane Marshals, and other competition officials appointed by the Technical Committee.

The Referee has final authority regarding the interpretation and enforcement of Restricted Zone regulations.

7.4.3 Violation and Penalty

If this rule is violated, play shall be stopped immediately, and the offending athlete(s) shall be disqualified from the respective event.

Further handling of the violation, including additional sanctions, shall be governed by the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, Section 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. CHECK-IN / CALL ROOM

8.1 Procedures

For EDC Bowling, formal Call Room procedures are not required in the traditional sense used in track-and-field or similar sports.

Instead, a check-in and attendance confirmation procedure shall apply.

All athletes must report to the designated competition desk or technical control point at the bowling venue before their first scheduled competition session.

The purpose of the check-in procedure is to:

- confirm the presence of the athlete,
- verify accreditation,
- confirm assigned events,
- confirm lane assignments,
- identify possible last-minute issues.

Failure to complete the check-in procedure may result in exclusion from the respective session.

Compliance with Restricted Zone regulations shall be verified during the check-in process where applicable.

8.2 Timing

The exact timing of the check-in procedure shall be communicated at the Technical Meeting.

Unless otherwise stated:

- Athletes must check in no later than 60 minutes before the start of their scheduled event or squad.
- Late arrival may result in DNS (Did Not Start) for the respective event.

Any deviations from these timings shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

8.3 Substitution & Replacement

Substitution and replacement rules shall apply in accordance with Chapter 3 (Entries & Registration) and Chapter 2 (Participants).

Replacements after the final name list deadline shall only be permitted:

- in case of medical emergency,
- upon submission of official medical documentation,
- and subject to approval by the Technical Committee.

Failure of an athlete to appear at the designated check-in time without valid justification may result in a DNS.

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8.4 Bowling-Specific Provisions

For Bowling, the following sport-specific procedures apply:

- Lane assignments shall be communicated prior to the start of competition.
- Athletes must be present in the bowling area before the start of warm-up.
- Practice balls, warm-up time and lane usage shall follow the official schedule.
- Athletes must remain available for official announcements and instructions.

Any athlete who is not present at the assigned lane when their squad is called may be declared DNS.

Details regarding lane assignment, lane movement or rotation, number of practice balls, and warm-up procedures shall be defined in the official competition schedule and/or the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

All athletes and teams shall comply with the procedures as published.

8.4.1 Team Line-up and Substitutions

For team, trio, and doubles events, the line-up must be declared prior to the start of each competition block.

Substitutions are permitted only between games or blocks and are not allowed during an active game, except in cases of injury or other exceptional circumstances approved by the Referee.

Any substitution must be reported to and approved by the Referee or Tournament Director prior to implementation.

9. PROTESTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

9.1 Protests

All protests must be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limits. For EDC Bowling, the following procedures apply:

9.1.1 Lodging a Protest

All sport-related protests shall be resolved in accordance with the EBF Playing Rules, the IBF Regulations, and the applicable EDSO and ICSD Technical Regulations, as well as these Technical Regulations.

Any official protest must:

- be submitted in writing in English,
- be completed on the Official EDSO Protest Form,
- be submitted to the EDSO Director Bowling,
- be accompanied by a protest deposit of EUR 100,
- be submitted within 60 minutes after the official posting of the relevant results.

9.1.2 Classification of Protests

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The EDSO Director Bowling shall determine whether a protest is:

- sport-related (technical, rules, competition matters), or
- eligibility-related (participation, compliance, status).

Sport-related protests shall be reviewed by the Protest Committee.

Eligibility-related protests shall be referred to EDSO for decision.

9.1.3 Protest Deposit

A protest deposit of EUR 100 must accompany each official protest.

The protest deposit shall be returned only if the protest is upheld.

If the protest is rejected, the deposit shall be retained by EDSO.

9.2 Disciplinary Bodies

For EDC Bowling, the following disciplinary and adjudication bodies may be appointed:

9.2.1 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the technical organisation and supervision of the competition.

It shall normally be composed of:

EDSO Director Bowling (Chair)	Markus Antony
EDSO Representative	Burcu Piskin
EBF Head Referee	Alberto Militto
Deaf Representative	TBA
Sport Liaison Officer	TBA

The final composition shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

9.2.2 Protest Committee

A Bowling Protest Committee shall be established.

It shall normally consist of:

EDSO Representative (Chair – no Voting Rights)	Burcu Piskin
EDSO Director Bowling	Markus Antony
EBF Head Referee	Alberto Militto

The Protest Committee shall adjudicate all sport-related protests.

9.3 Protest Review and Decision Procedure

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9.3.1 Procedure for Reviewing a Protest

The Protest Committee shall meet at a location and time determined by the Chair of the committee.

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply:

- The EDSO Representative shall chair the meeting.
- The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) shall arrange the meeting room and interpretation.
- The SLO shall notify all committee members of the time and location.
- The EDSO Director Bowling shall liaise with the relevant competition officials.
- The SLO shall inform the hosting Deaf Sport Federation.
- The EDSO Director Bowling shall inform the EDSO Executive Board of the protest and the decision.

9.3.2 Decision Authority

All sport-related protest decisions taken by the Protest Committee are binding for the competition.

EDSO retains final authority in all disciplinary and eligibility matters.

9.3.3 Unforeseen Cases

In cases not covered by these regulations, the Protest Committee shall decide.

If the Protest Committee is not available, the EDSO Director Bowling shall make a provisional decision, subject to later confirmation.

10. AWARDS & CEREMONIES

10.1 Location and Procedure of Award Ceremonies

Award ceremonies for the European Deaf Bowling Championships shall take place at the official competition venue:

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

The exact timing and detailed procedure of the ceremonies shall be published by the Organising Committee.

Award ceremonies shall normally be conducted immediately after the conclusion of the respective event or session, unless otherwise announced.

10.2 Medals

Gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded for each official event and discipline.

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In Bowling, two (2) bronze medals shall be awarded where applicable, in accordance with international bowling practice.

Medals and official placements shall be awarded in accordance with the EDSO General Regulations.

10.3 Trophies, Cups and Team Awards

No trophies or cups shall be awarded for team competitions in Bowling unless explicitly announced otherwise.

Additional special awards (e.g. highest game, highest series, special achievements) may be introduced at the discretion of the Organising Committee and/or the host federation.

Such awards shall have no effect on official rankings or medal standings.

10.4 Certificates and Diplomas

Where applicable, certificates, diplomas or participation confirmations may be issued.

According to EDSO practice, official certificates may be awarded up to 8th place per event.

The design, format and distribution of certificates shall be defined by EDSO and/or the Organising Committee.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Event Modification or Cancellation

EDSO reserves the right to modify, reschedule or cancel the European Deaf Bowling Championships or parts thereof in case of:

- safety concerns,
- force majeure,
- insufficient participation numbers,
- organisational constraints,
- or other exceptional circumstances.

Any such modifications shall be communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations without delay.

11.2 Reactivated / Pilot Sports

Not applicable.

(Bowling is an established and recognised EDSO and Deaflympic sport.)

11.3 Authority

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These Technical Regulations are issued under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

All matters relating to the interpretation, enforcement, and application of these regulations fall under the jurisdiction of EDSO.

11.4 Language

This Technical Regulation is issued in English.

In case of any discrepancies, ambiguities or differing interpretations, the English version shall prevail.

11.5 Additional Provisions

Any matters not explicitly covered in this Bowling Technical Regulation shall be governed by:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- and the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

12. ADDENDUM

The provisions defined in this Addendum take precedence over the corresponding articles in Chapters 1–11 for the respective event.

It may be used to publish:

- additional competition details,
- late technical clarifications,
- updated procedures,
- or newly introduced provisions,

which could not reasonably be included in the main body of these Technical Regulations at the time of publication.

Any future addenda shall form an integral part of these Bowling Technical Regulations and shall be published by EDSO.

Such provisions shall not conflict with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- or applicable ICSD Regulations.

12.1. Entry Phases (reference 3.2)

With effect from 11.01.2026, EDSO introduces a harmonised entry structure for all future EDSO competitions, consisting of:

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- Form 1 – Preliminary Entry (where applicable)
- Form 2 – Final Entry
- Form 3 – Provisional Name List
- Form 4 – Final Name List

This structure replaces earlier formats in which the Final Name List was submitted as *Form 3*.
Transitional provision

For the EDC Bowling 2026, the entry structure and deadlines as originally published in the official Technical Regulations and entry documents shall remain valid and binding.

In particular:

- The former Form 3 shall continue to be treated as the Final Name Registration for EDC Bowling 2026.
- The newly introduced Form 3 (Provisional Name List) and Form 4 (Final Name List) structure shall apply only to competitions announced after the effective date of this Addendum, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

No retroactive application of the new form structure shall take place.

New version:

Phase 3 – Provisional Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit a provisional and extended list of athletes, including reserve athletes.

This list serves for:

- eligibility checks,
- accreditation preparation,
- medical and anti-doping planning,
- logistical arrangements.

Deadline: **29 March 2026**

Phase 4 – Final Name List (Form 4)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding list of athletes.

Only athletes listed on the Final Name List are eligible to compete.

Deadline: **29 May 2026**

No changes or additional entries will be accepted after this deadline.

12.2. Lane Dressing Procedures (reference 4.4.3)

It was incorrectly stated in the Technical Regulation due to oil stains.
Only a designation has been added here.

- Beaten Path V2
- ~~Route 66 V2~~–Dead Man´s Curve V2
- Stone Street

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12.3. Balls, Shoes and Accessories (reference 4.4.4)

Statement based on European Bowling Federation (EBF) Regulation regarding IBF Urethane Bowling Ball Requirements

Following the recent decision of the International Bowling Federation (IBF) regarding urethane bowling ball specifications, and the corresponding implementation by the European Bowling Federation (EBF), the following regulation shall apply to all EDSO European Deaf Bowling Championships (EDC):

- Only urethane bowling balls manufactured with a minimum hardness of 78D and approved by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) are permitted for use in competition.
- The EDSO and/or appointed Technical Officials reserve the right to conduct random hardness checks during the competition.
- Any bowling ball measuring below 72D during such checks shall be considered non-compliant and must be immediately removed from competition.
- This regulation shall come into force for all EDSO European Deaf Bowling Championships starting from 6 April 2026.

All participating Member Federations, athletes, and officials are required to ensure full compliance with this regulation prior to the competition.

The official USBC list of non-eligible bowling balls can be found here:
USBC National Tournament Ineligible Ball List – 78D Slow Oil Only