

World Bowls Tour

Procedures for Draws and Withdrawals

Pre Draw / Post Draw and Prior to the Start of the Individual Event

1 Withdrawal of a Qualifier (Amateur or PBA member)

The runner-up from the respective qualifier event will be offered first choice of replacement into the vacated slot in the draw. Where the runner-up is not able to take this place for any reason then it will automatically be offered to the next ranked player who is available to accept the placement from the current European PBA Ranking List who is not already in the draw.

If the withdrawal is from overseas and the runner-up is not able to attend then the respective country may nominate a player to fill the position, if this is unable to be completed in time then the position will be filled by the next available player from the current European PBA Ranking list.

2 Withdrawal of a European Masters 'Tourcard Winner' Player

In the Ranking WBT Tournaments the runner-up from the respective 'Tourcard' Final section will be offered first choice of replacement into the vacated slot in the draw if they are not already in the event in their own right.

Where no immediate runner-up is able to take this place then it will automatically be offered to the next ranked player who is available to accept the placement from the current European PBA Ranking List and who is not already in the draw. The player will go into the vacated position within the draw with no further change.

3 Withdrawal of a Wildcard Player

The Sponsor will nominate a wildcard replacement and that replacement will go straight into the vacated position within the draw without further change. If no such nomination is available then the next available ranked player from the current WBT Ranking list will be asked to attend and will go into the vacated slot.

4 Withdrawal of a Seeded Player

4.1 Pre-Draw

The position will automatically be offered to the next ranked player who is available to accept the placement from the current WBT Ranking List who is not already in the draw. The replacement player will go into the draw that reflects their seeded rank.

4.2 Post Draw Prior to Start of the Event

The position will automatically be offered to the next ranked player who is available to accept the placement from the current WBT Ranking List that is not already in the draw. The replacement player will go straight into the vacated position within the draw without any further change.

5 Withdrawal at any Stage During the Event

The opponent will be awarded a bye to the next round. This may mean matches may have to be moved to comply with any scheduled match needs for Broadcast or Net Streaming requirements where the 'bye' falls into live schedules.

To reflect the commercial demands, particularly at Potters Leisure Resort, the other players at the Event will participate in a "replacement" match / fun evening or such other activity as will be determined by the Tournament Management at that Event.

Emergency – where a player is unable to meet a scheduled match date / time due to exceptional circumstances outside their direct control consideration will be given by the WBT Tournament Management to reschedule the match. The opponent will not unreasonably withhold their acceptance to a rescheduled date and / or time.

Should it not be possible to reschedule the match for any reason and the "emergency" cannot be resolved, then the situation will be treated in the same way as a withdrawal. The final decision by the WBT Event Tournament Management will have due regard to the match schedules, the needs of the sponsor, broadcaster, net streaming together with the opponents needs.

Where a player fails to turn up for their scheduled match with no prior notification to tournament officials then that match will become a 'bye'. Should any player not be able to furnish an exceptional reason for this failure they will take no further part in that tournament and will forfeit any monies, points or other winnings accrued within that relevant tournament.

The above covers all Singles Events, however in Pairs Events substitutions will be allowed as contained within the WBT Laws of the Sport. Any substituted player **MUST** be a paid up PBA member at the time of substitution. The remaining player in the affected pair may make their own choice of player from the PBA membership.

For clarification the term 'Start of the Event' means from the first bowl of the first match of the individual Titled event:- World Open Singles, World Mixed Pairs, World Pairs, Ladies World Matchplay & the Under 25's Worlds being individual events. The Preliminary rounds of the World Indoor Championships are considered as part of the full events for the treatment of Withdrawals and Replacements.