

World Bowls Tour

Procedures for Professional World Indoor Pairs

Pairings for the World Indoor Pairs

1 Field Make up

The World Indoor Pairs in it's current shortened format will consist of a field of 12 pairs made up from the following pairings :

The previous years Champions get an automatic invite back.

From the WBT Ranking list the first 8 in the top 16 select their partners from the remaining top 16 on the Ranking List. Where a selected partner comes from within the top 8 then the next on the Ranking list has the choice.

The PBA run professional qualifiers with one allocated pairs space for each of the following: England, Scotland & Wales

Overseas PBA branches run pairs qualifiers with one pair per participating country invited to the World Championships venue in a 'playoff' for one remaining space.

Ireland run a qualifier and this pairing attend the World Championships and play off with the overseas branches.

2 Top 16 'Anomalies'

It is possible to have anomalies to the above entry field where in the case of the top 16 it is possible for one or both of the Defending Champions to have dropped out of the top 16. Where this may happen then the field 'choice' is restricted automatically by the number of non Top 16 Defending Champions; thus if one of the Defending Champions is non T'16 the field is restricted to the Top 15 and if both should become non T'16 then the field is restricted to the Top 14.

Withdrawal of Pairs player (s) prior to the start of the event post draw.

1 Withdrawal of a Top 16 Pairs Player

The remaining player will be paired with the next available player in strict rotation off the current WBT Ranking List.

2 Withdrawal of a Top 16 Pair

The next two available players in strict rotation from the current WBT Ranking will be asked to form a pair specifically for the event .

Withdrawal of Pairs player (s) prior to the start of the event. (con.)

3 Withdrawal of a Qualifier Pairs Player

The remaining player has the right to ask any PBA member who has not played in the qualifiers to attend as his/her partner. In the event that no such partner can be found then the next available player from the PBA Ranking list will be asked to partner the player.

4 Withdrawal of a Qualifier Pair (Scotland & Wales)

The position will automatically be offered the runner up pair from the qualifier from which the withdrawn pair came. Should the runner ups not be available and there is enough time available (at least 4 weeks prior to the event minimum) then the remaining two semi finalist will be invited to play off for the place. Should this not be possible then the preliminary round will provide two winning pairs.

5 Withdrawal of a Qualifier Pair (England)

The position will automatically be offered the runner up pair from the qualifier from which the withdrawn pair came. Should the runner ups not be available and there is enough time available (at least 4 weeks prior to the event minimum) then the remaining two semi finalist will be invited to play off for the place.

Should this not be possible then the remaining pairs qualifiers will play off at the venue in the normal manner.

6 Withdrawal of a Qualifier Pair (Ireland)

The position will automatically be offered the runner up pair from the qualifier from which the withdrawn pair came. Should the runner ups not be available and there is enough time available (at least 4 weeks prior to the event minimum) then the remaining two semi finalist will be invited to play off for the place.

Should this not be possible then the remaining pairs qualifiers will play off at the venue in the normal manner.

7 Withdrawal of a Qualifier Pair (Overseas)

The position will automatically be offered the runner up pair from the qualifier from which the withdrawn pair came. Should the runner ups not be available and there is enough time available (at least 4 weeks prior to the event minimum) then the remaining two semi finalist will be invited to play off for the place. Failing this the individual Country may nominate a pair from their membership to attend

Should this not be possible then the remaining pairs qualifiers will play off at the venue in the normal manner.

Withdrawal of Pairs player (s) after the event has started.

The event will be deemed to have started at the completion of the first trial end of the preliminary round matches commencing on the first day of the pairs preliminary event.

8 Withdrawal of a Pairs Player

The remaining pairs player may have a substitute from the field of singles players that is available to participate already at the venue that has not already played in or qualified for the pairs event with agreement from the Tournament Director.

9 Withdrawal of a Pair

Should the withdrawal occur in the preliminaries where match points are awarded in the round robin stages then the remaining pair will be awarded a bye with full points as if the match had been played and won.

In the main knockout event the opponents will be awarded a bye for that match. This may mean matches may have to be moved to comply with any scheduled match needs for Broadcast , Net Streaming and also Sponsor and Venue requirements where the 'bye' falls into live audience schedules.

Where necessary in order 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, or if necessary, substitute the player.

where a pair 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 opponents will not unreasonably withhold their acceptance to a rescheduled date and / or time.

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.

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.

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