



# WORLD NINEPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION



World Ninepin Bowling Association  
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## Joint statement by WNBA President Thomas Berk and IBF CEO Andrew Oram

As a result of our recent and ongoing dialogue we are making the following statement:

On the first of November we talked about the relationship between IBF and WNBA, especially about IBF's confirmation that ninepin bowling will be a demonstration sport at the World Games 2022 (TWG2022).

Concerning TWG2022 we had a communication problem. Both IBF and WNBA were waiting on each other for details and schedules. But it is up to the WNBA to develop the ninepin appearance and schedule at TWG2022. Funk Bowling, as a partner of IBF, will build 4 temporary classic lanes alongside the tenpin facility. Schedules, competitions, mode, qualification, number of participants etc., are solely in the hand of ninepin.

Ninepin bowling enjoys a high priority within IBF and is very important for the future development of the entire bowling sport.

This means, organizationally speaking, that the WNBA has committee status inside the IBF. The self-organization inside the WNBA regarding all matters ninepin bowling is the responsibility of the WNBA and its member federations.

Each ninepin federation can be a regular member of IBF (as some years ago in FIQ), even if there are separate nine- and tenpin federations in one country. In this case the principle "one country, one vote" applies. Furthermore the WNBA president will be a regular member of the IBF board.

IBF and WNBA will do the best to make ninepin at TWG2022 a success and we will keep you updated regularly and promptly.

Lausanne and Lenting,  
Thomas Berk, WNBA President

Andrew Oram, IBF CEO

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