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2025 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Here is the latest information on the World Championships received after the distribution of the Executive Committee's statement of decisions.

World Youth Championships:

The President of the Organizing Committee for this event in Joliette misunderstood or did not appreciate the two-week deadline announced before the Executive Committee made its decision, in order to take the time to examine their 'Plan B' in greater detail and to open up the bidding process to other countries. As a result, he wrote to inform us that he was officially withdrawing this bid, which he himself had indicated, a few days earlier, that he did not have the financial resources to support!

Since then, we have been in contact with three potential candidate countries, two of which have decided to postpone their bid until 2026, since, in line with our decision to balance the number of trips to the world championships at the rate of two per year, next year we will be organizing the men's world triplet championships and the youth championships again.

The successful bid is from Spain, which is offering three options for the host city - three venues that have already hosted world or European championships - from 23 to 26 October 2025, with the summer season not yet over in September, which could cause problems with accommodation.

The members of the Executive Committee will make their decision this week after gathering various opinions before making a visit to work with the FEP.

World Championships: Women's Triples (France); and Multiples: Singles, Doubles and Mixed (Italy)

The same issues were raised for both events at the last Executive Committee meeting (see decision statement), as it seems desirable to harmonise both the way they are run and the number of teams taking part.

From 2027 onwards, these two competitions will be run in the same way as the Men's World Triples Championship: the 24 highest-ranked teams from the previous edition (i.e. in 2025) will automatically qualify, and the other 24 teams will compete in qualifying rounds, with the distribution by continent determined by the Executive Committee on the basis of both the venues of the following World Championships and the number of federations concerned by continent or region. No nation that has already qualified will be able to take part, but an intelligent possibility, will be to have the qualifying events take place at the same venue as the continental or regional events in order to avoid additional travel for the teams concerned.

The selections - whether they result from the previous world championships or from qualifications - concern federations and not players or teams.

For this year's two world championships, we could have taken the world rankings into account and accepted only the 48 highest-ranked teams, but this would have seemed anomalous because it had not been

announced in advance. The Executive Committee therefore preferred to use the same transitional formula as that used in Dijon for the men's world triplet championships: free entry up to a deadline and, if the figure of 48 was exceeded, organisation of a preliminary tournament on site to bring the number back up to that figure, which implies two consequences for any second team given to the title holders and the organisers: if there has to be a preliminary tournament, this second team will take part in it and this possibility will no longer exist in future whenever the figure of 48 is reached.

From 2026 onwards, this will be the world ranking established at the end of the previous year that will determine the order in which teams are invited. Before the exact quotas available for the qualifying events are fixed, a specific letter will be sent to the teams theoretically qualified by the previous world championship to ask for their confirmation. However, if they accept and then withdraw, the federations concerned will be banned from taking part in the world events and their place will be added to those at stake in the regional qualifiers.

ATTENTION: For each of the two events, **the deadline** for sending in entries has been set by the two organisers - FFPJP (France) and FIB (Italie) - **at 30 May**, without it being necessary, at first, to mention the names concerned. The organising committees will be sending you the booking forms in the next few days. So make sure you make your arrangements.

Site visit and meetings with the FIB (Italian Bowls Federation)

These world championships will be held at Villa Borghese in the heart of Rome, in the immediate vicinity of the Centro Storico, meaning that participants and accompanying persons will have access to most of the major sites in the Italian capital within a five-minute walk. The program of events will be the same as that drawn up by the FIPJP for the last two editions, and the general ranking of the federations will be established on the basis of the points awarded at the five world championships for the world ranking, but for a single team per country.