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Dear Valgeir,

Subject: Players rights to participate in national leagues

Further to your e-mail of 30 April 2008, in which you ask if there are any rules that prohibit individual players to participate in the national league of more than one country, my answer would be that there is no such rule in the constitution of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF), nor in the constitution of the World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA).

In paragraph 1.4.2c) of the WTBA statutes there is a statement that the member federations must allow individual bowlers to have membership in more than one national federation, which is a member of WTBA.

Also in paragraph 1.4.5b) of the WTBA statutes there is an obligation of the member federations to formulate their own statutes in such a way that they are not in contradiction with the FIQ Statutes, and/or the WTBA Statutes and Playing Rules.

Accordingly any individual bowler, who is a member of the Icelandic Bowling Association, would be permitted to participate in the Icelandic national league.

For your information I can also mention that some years ago there was a requirement in the statutes of the Swedish Bowling Federation, that in order to be eligible to compete in a Swedish championship, you had to be a Swedish citizen. As a result of that rule, non-Swedish citizens were allowed to participate in the national league in the matches during the whole season, but were not allowed to participate in the finals, which were classified as Swedish Championship for teams. That requirement has been deleted, which means that the Swedish championships for teams are open for all individual players, who are members of the Swedish Bowling Federation.

Kind regards

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ETBF Secretary General