



## World Ninepin Bowling Association

### Section: Ninepin Bowling Classic

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#### Corona situation statement for NBC competitions

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Dear Madam or Sir,

The situation around the spread of the corona virus COVID-19 is observed with concern by everyone. Many nations massively restrict major events, regions are cordoned off, people and groups of people are put in quarantine.

This also applies to sporting events.

The national sports associations within the NBC are affected in the same way and asked to take adequate precautions with a sense of proportion and without hysteria.

The international game operations of the NBC will have 2 main events in the sports calendar in the next few weeks: The Final Four of the Champions League on March 28/29, 2020 in Apatin Serbia and the days of the World Championships including the European Championship in May in Tarnowo Podgorne.

The NBC Presidium is in intensive contact with responsible bodies.

Today, on March 12th, 2020, this applies:

**The Final Four of the Champions League cannot take place on March 28/29, 2020.** The official orders in Serbia require that sports competitions be held in halls without spectators. The sharp border controls at many borders can lead to participants or entire teams not arriving in Apatin on time or not at all. Quarantine stays can also be expected.

**The Champions League 2019/2020 has ended.**

The Final Four of the Champions League 2020/21 will be awarded to Apatin SRB.

**The World Cup in Tarnowo Podgorne will not be held in May 2020.** The Mayor of Tarnowo Podgorne has published a statement from which I quote in the original:

*Epidemia koronawirusa będzie miała bezpośredni wpływ na życie naszej społeczności lokalnej. Zdaję sobie sprawę, że najprawdopodobniej będziemy zmuszeni do przesunięcia imprez masowych i dużych gminnych wydarzeń – podjęliśmy już decyzję o zmianie terminu Mistrzostw Świata i Mistrzostw Europy w kręglach klasycznych.*

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The English translation is:

*The coronavirus outbreak will have a direct impact on the life of our local community. I am aware that we will most likely be forced to postpone mass events and large communal events - we have already decided to change the date of the World Championships and the European Classic Bowling Championships.*

A change of the date is currently being checked and will be coordinated with the organizer and the company PAULY. At the present time, the **proposal is from October 30th to November 14th, 2020**, while keeping all the schedules. The age groups specified in the competitions' tenders will be retained; there will be no adjustment to the changed date of the event. The registration date for registration forms B, C and E will be changed to 28.08.2020. The qualification tournaments for the Ü60 EM can be held as planned, an appointment change or an extension of the appointment is possible. Qualifications that have already been acquired remain.

The NBC member nations face the complicated task of incorporating or taking into account the **updated date in the 2020/21 national sports calendar**. Due to the extraordinary situation, I ask for your understanding and therefore to enable the athletes to participate in the World Cup at this time.

With sporty greetings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus Barth', written in a cursive style.

Klaus Barth, NBC President