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WORLD BOWLING TOUR SEES CONTINUED GROWTH

ARLINGTON, Texas – The World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour will see continued growth in 2013 and include double points for major events.

The 2013 schedule, which actually includes two events from late 2012, will consist of 15 events, two of which are exclusively for women.

“The World Bowling Tour has been a tremendous success in its first two seasons,” WTBA President and CEO Kevin Dornberger said. “We look forward to continuing the great partnerships we have developed over the past two years while also welcoming in new events in 2013.”

The first event on the 2013 schedule is currently in progress in Las Vegas, United States, at the PBA World Championship. As a major on the schedule, the event will offer double points for men and women. Another new event on the schedule that takes place in 2012 is the Qatar Open from Dec. 8-15.

In all, there will be five major events on the World Bowling Tour schedule – the PBA World Championship, the International Bowling Championship in Nagoya, Japan, the USBC Masters in North Brunswick, New Jersey, United States, the U.S. Open and U.S. Women’s Open in Columbus, Ohio, United States, and the WTBA World Championships in Henderson, Nevada, United States.

In order to be recognized as a major event on the World Bowling Tour, an event must have a minimum prize fund of \$200,000 USD.

The tour will also bring back the season-ending World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA. The event will again feature the top three men and top three women in the World Bowling Tour points rankings.

The points system will combine points earned in 2013 along with all points earned during the 2012 season for a two-year total to determine the players who advance to the World Bowling Tour Finals.

In addition to the PBA World Championship and the Qatar Open, the World Bowling Tour will also welcome the 11th Indonesia International Open to the schedule. The dates of that event are to be determined.

The 2012 World Bowling Tour featured 12 events with 2,774 players (660 women) participating from almost 50 countries.

The World Tenpin Bowling Association, which is made up of 115 bowling federations, governs the sport throughout the world. For more information on WTBA and the World Bowling Tour, visit WorldTenpinBowling.com.



2013 WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

Nov. 7-12, 2012 – PBA World Championship, Las Vegas, Nevada, United States (major)

Dec. 8-15, 2012 – Qatar Open, Doha, Qatar

Jan. 4-13 – Brunswick Ballmaster Open, Helsinki, Finland

Jan. 15-19 – International Bowling Championship 2012 supported by DHC, Nagoya, Japan (major)

Feb. 18-24 – United States Bowling Congress Masters, North Brunswick, New Jersey, United States (major)

March 15-24 – Brunswick Euro Challenge, TBD

March 13-17 – Kuwait International Open, Kuwait City

July 21-27 – U.S. Open, Columbus, Ohio, United States (major, men's points only)

July 21-27 – U.S. Women's Open, Columbus, Ohio, United States (major, women's points only)

Aug. 17-30 – WTBA World Championships, Henderson, Nev., United States (major, qualification through federations only)

Aug. 31-Sept. 4 – USBC Queens, Henderson, Nev., United States (women's points only)

Oct. 1-6 – Vienna Open, Vienna, Austria

TBD – World Bowling Tour Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand

TBD – 11th Indonesia International Open, Jakarta, Indonesia

TBD – Australian Masters, TBD

(There will also be a World Bowling Tour Finals event with dates and venue to be determined. Additional events may also be scheduled.)

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