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## WORLD BOWLING NEWSLETTER ISSUE 13

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**To: World Bowling Member Federations**

### **World Junior Championships**

The 2019 World Junior Championships (WJC) will be held in Saint Maximin, France from March 16-23, 2019; Saint Maximin is near Paris. The qualifying portion of the Championships will be held at Plaza Bowling Saint Maximin. As part of the ongoing Olympic effort and in cooperation with our commercial industry partners, all Finals will be conducting on temporary lanes installed within the Judo Auditorium in Paris, to showcase the sport in an environment that sports officials are not familiar with. Bulletins #1, 2 and 3 have been distributed and are available on the website.

Registration is still available; however, it will close after February 15, 2019, with no further possibility to enter.

### **2024 Paris Olympic Games**

The President led a delegation of seven people from World Bowling and FFBSQ/French federation to meet with the Paris 2024 Organizing Committee to discuss the possibility that bowling might be included in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games as an additional sport. Appropriate presentation materials and documents were prepared and presented.

The Paris 2024 officials will be invited to attend the Finals of the 2019 WJC at the Judo Auditorium in Paris on March 23, 2019.

World Bowling has further cooperated with an independent organization of bowling supporters that wishes to support our Paris 2024 effort. They have developed a website for the purposes of allowing individuals to sign a petition to support bowling in the 2024 Olympic Games, and to gather demographic information that would be useful to World Bowling in developing future strategies, particularly with Olympic requirement and preferences in mind. The website is here: [www.bowlingforgold.com](http://www.bowlingforgold.com)

**We urge all member federations to distribute the availability of this website, and further urge their individual members and bowling supporters within their jurisdiction to sign the Paris 2024 petition,**

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**and participate in the survey.** The materials are available in seven languages: English, French, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Russian. Please distribute the request as soon as possible, as the timeline for Paris 2024 to make their decision regarding 2024 additional sports is the end of March, 2019.

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