



Hong Kong, China Tenpin
Bowling Congress Limited

HONG KONG, CHINA TENPIN BOWLING CONGRESS

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF SLOW OIL-ABSORBING HIGH-PERFORMANCE URETHANE BOWLING BALLS

The Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress (HKCTBC) has been dedicated to developing and promoting tenpin bowling while ensuring fairness, respect, and integrity in all competitions as the governing National Sport Association in Hong Kong, China, since 1966.

Recently, concerns have been raised regarding the impact of Slow Oil-Absorbing High-Performance urethane equipment on lane conditions, which may compromise fairness for bowlers using various styles and equipment types and could be detrimental to long-term athlete development.

After thorough discussions and consultations, along with careful consideration of global trends and the comprehensive skill development of athletes, the HKCTBC has decided to prohibit the use of Slow Oil-Absorbing High-Performance urethane bowling balls in all local tournaments organized by the HKCTBC, effective March 1, 2026.

This prohibition will not apply to local tournaments sanctioned by the HKCTBC or to international tournaments organized by the HKCTBC. Additionally, the U12 divisions in all local tournaments are exempt from this restriction.

The HKCTBC will continue to monitor the situation and may implement further reviews and regulations as necessary.



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