



Bowling Federation of Canada

Report to the Canadian Tenpin Federation

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Good day everyone. My name is Bob Randall and I'm pleased to send along this report as President of the Bowling Federation of Canada. This is my 5th year as BFC president and I'm happy to say it's been 17 years now since the 3 partner groups incorporated the Bowling Federation of Canada and we continue to do good work for all three member groups.

The BFC is recognized by Sport Canada as the "National Sport Organization (NSO)" for bowling in Canada. As a summer national sport organization, we must qualify for Sport Canada assistance through assessment of the Sport Funding and Accountability Framework (SFAF). We are entering the SFAF VI stage and have been given an extension of our current core funding, at present reference levels, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This extension will ensure that an appropriate time frame is provided to engage us in consultations and obtain feedback on the revised assessment process. It will also give us more time to complete the assessment phase.

In working with Sport Canada we are assigned a Program Officer from their Sport Development Division. These Program Officers are our link to the programs, resources and funds available from Sport Canada. Nadine Lavictoire has been our Program Officer since June 2013 and we once again had the pleasure of her attendance at our 16th Annual BFC Meeting of Members this past September. At this AGM we also had the participation of CTF delegates; Stan May, who serves on our Finance Committee, Brian McMaster, our VP, and Cathy Innes, BFC's HP chair.

Your representatives, along with delegates of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association and Bowl Canada, constitute the partners of BFC and dedicate many hours on behalf of the bowling community under the BFC banner. And our resources don't end there. BFC is also fortunate to have contributions from respected sources such as Blaine Boyle, your coach development chair, as well as Tyrel Rose, Team Canada National Team head coach. These contributions help us immensely in the quest to improve the performance of our athletes and satisfy Sport Canada requirements for their support.

Cathy and her crew have done an outstanding job in meeting our HP (High Performance) requirements as mandated by Sport Canada. The AMP software and its implementation is proving to be an invaluable tool in athlete monitoring and development. This is a great resource for bowling, and one that is limited only by the imagination of all BFC partners. I also commend CTF's HP Committee on their management-driven coaching objectives and wish them continued successes. BFC has now recognized HP in its Strategic and Operational plans and this should assist us in keeping HP at the forefront in our sport.

As critical as meeting the HP requirements are, our other tasks and commitments are of equal importance. Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD), Strategic Planning,

following our Operational Plan and showing measurable outcomes from our planned initiatives are all key in continued eligibility status from Sport Canada.

As the National Sport Organization for bowling, the BFC has its challenges. Bowling continues to be popular but our growth in the organized sector has declined. What we would like to be showing is positive measurable outcomes for the work and the funds that we dedicate to bowling. Sport Canada funds the BFC on average of \$300,000 annually. This is a very small part of the \$144,000,000 that is distributed by Sport Canada annually. For bowling to receive consideration for continued support, and the possibility of additional funds, we must adhere to Sport Canada's guidelines, work together to show progress on our initiatives and follow our operational and strategic plans.

Communication among the partner groups and players is now more important than ever before. We have made great strides in this area. I take this opportunity to thank the CTF and Stan May for the setup and use of your Adobe Connect software that assists us in communicating between face to face meetings. We will be using Adobe Connect for our online meeting on December 6, 2016 to discuss our Strategic and Operational plans, and we have committed to quarterly online meetings on an ongoing basis.

LTAD and CS4L (Canadian Sport For Life) continue to be key concepts in the Canadian sport landscape. We have completed our competition review. A concept to be mindful of is Kaizen, or continuous improvement. We are fortunate to have great data from the AMPSport software for these purposes. Access to this data can help to provide us the proper development pathway for bowlers, leading to improved successes for our sport.

Bowling has momentum. The public awareness of sport in general, particularly with the coverage of the Olympics, is high. The relationship between fitness and sport is undeniable. The inclusiveness that bowling provides is evident. Our adaptation of LTAD, the expansion and depth of our NCCP, our commitment to High Performance and the options offered from within our facilities should give our athletes the desire and the tools to grow their talent, the pathway to higher levels of competition, and a lifelong commitment to sport.

I wish you productive meetings and thank you all for your unified commitment to bowling and for the opportunity to provide this report on behalf of the BFC.

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