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## **Tenpin one of Top Ten for Commonwealth Youth Games**

The sport of Tenpin Bowling is one of ten popular sports named by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association this week as part of the program for the II Commonwealth Youth Games, to be held in Bendigo Victoria from 29 November to 4 December 2004.

The national governing body of the sport, Tenpin Bowling Australia, today received official notification from the ACGA that its Board has endorsed the Sports Program recommended by the Commonwealth Youth Games Organising Committee.

The sports on the program will be:- Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Lawn Bowls, Rugby 7 s, Swimming, Tenpin Bowling and Weightlifting.

The selected sports have strong youth competitions both in Australia and in other Commonwealth countries. We are confident that this program of sports will provide an excellent opportunity for athletes from a number of Commonwealth nations to gain international competition experience in a multi-sport event through taking part in this second Commonwealth Youth Games said ACGA President, Sam Coffa.

There cannot be any more important element than our young athletes .we immediately put our hand up to hold this event following the first Youth Games in Edinburgh, in August 2000 he added.

Reflecting this focus on its youth athletes by Tenpin Bowling and other major sports, up to 1,000 athletes and officials are expected to participate in Bendigo in 2004 almost double the size of the inaugural Youth Games.

Event formats for each sport will be finalised in close consultation with the Commonwealth Youth Games Organising Committee, which is currently seeking expressions of interest from all 72 Commonwealth (and/or Olympic) Games Associations (CGA s) for participation in the ten sports chosen.

The CTBF will coordinate the planning and staging of the tenpin bowling tournament in Bendigo, in conjunction with the host NSO, Tenpin Bowling Australia. Tenpin Bowling has proposed a tournament program based on two male and two female bowlers from each nation competing in a total of ten medal events (Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Teams, All Events and Masters).

News of our sport s inclusion in this prestigious event has set the bowling world buzzing said President of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation, Julian Pace-Bonello from Malta today. Our Federation was established following the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships in Scotland, with its primary focus being to stage biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program. The announcement of our sport s inclusion in the Youth Games in Bendigo is the fulfilment of one of its goals he said.

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