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CTBF
Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED ON AFRICAN CONTINENT FOR THE FIRST TIME

Northcliff Bowl in Johannesburg is preparing to stage a highlight event on tenpin bowling's international sporting calendar – the VII Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship. It will be a historic first on the African continent in the wake of previous Championships in Scotland, Cyprus, Australia, Northern Ireland, Malaysia and New Zealand.

Following the Manager's Briefing Meeting and Official Practice on Sunday, 20 November, the hosts - Tenpin Bowling Federation of South Africa – will showcase the country's warm hospitality by welcoming players and officials from every corner of the Commonwealth during an official Opening ceremony at the Bowling Centre.

Competition will begin in earnest on Monday, 21 November with teams of two men and two women from eleven nations competing for stunning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals featuring the famous CGF bar merged with the Championship logo. The VII CTBC is sanctioned by the Commonwealth Games Federation and endorsed by South Africa's peak sporting organisation, the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.

The week-long program of Singles, Doubles and Teams competition will culminate on Saturday, 26 November with the stepladder final of the Men's and Women's Masters event that will determine the individual champions.

The CTBF Triple Diamond Trophy, a perpetual shield representing the three international zones of the sport of Bowling, will also be awarded to the highest scoring team overall. The coveted trophy is currently held by Australia.

"We look forward to welcoming teams representing the far reaches of the Commonwealth, including Mauritius for the first time since our inaugural Commonwealth Championship in 2002," said CTBF President Julian Pace-Bonello today. "It will be an excellent opportunity for players from many small and sometimes isolated regions to hone their skills and benefit from competing with nations like Australia, Malaysia, England, India, Northern Ireland and my home country of Malta that have competed in all six of the previous biennial Championships," he continued.

"Our CTBF Championships reflect the ideals of the Commonwealth Games Federation as a friendly but highly competitive tournament with no discrimination by age, race or gender, and we are delighted that this event also marks the first time the Championship is staged on the African continent," he added.

Further details are published on the official website – www.ctbc2016.org – and associated social media platforms.

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High resolution images of the VII CTBC logo or medal design (below) are available on request.*

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