

Certification Program

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ETBF's Lane Certification Programme (LCP) is created to help the federations and the bowling centres to get the playing field equal for all the participants of our sport.

All components of the lanes (approaches, foul lines, lanes, gutters, flat gutters, pin decks, pits, cushion and kickbacks), are measured and analysed relative to World Bowling's specifications.

ETBF Inspectors uses Kegel's LaneMapper™, which makes lane measurement operation easier, faster and more accurate. Measurements are taken every 3.5 feet for both length and cross measurements, thus giving us an in-depth 3D LaneMap™ of the shape of each lane.

In addition the oil patterns can be analyzed and, if necessary, new patterns can be developed and inserted in the dressing machines.

An inspection normally takes 1-2 days, depending on the number of lanes in the center. As a general guideline, one day of inspection for every 20 lanes is required.

After the inspection, the center will receive an inspection summary report together with the LaneMap Report from ETBF's Technical Delegate, who completed the inspection.

If the lanes of the bowling center are passing the inspection, the lanes will be certified for two years. If the lanes cannot pass the inspection, a new inspection will be required.

A centre with certified lanes is technically capable of hosting ETBF's Championships and international tournaments. A certification is mandatory for centres hosting championships, while a certification is optional, but strongly recommended, especially for centres hosting EBT Tournaments, but in general for all international tournaments.

There are separate cost conditions for inspections done for a centre, which will host a championship. You can find a description of such costs in the Championship Agreement, which you can find at this site under the item Championships / Bid Procedure.

For all other inspections, the following expenses must be paid by either the inspected centre or the federation, depending on the agreement between the two parties.

1. A basic ETBF fee of 300 €
2. A fee of 30 € per lane inspected
3. Flight ticket, overweight and hotel accommodation of the inspector
4. Meals and refreshments in the bowling centre/hotel for the inspector