The Commonwealth Championships is owned by the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation (CTBF), which is formed by World Bowling’s member federations within the Commonwealth.

Each edition of the Commonwealth Championships is awarded to a host, which is one of the bowling federations within the Commonwealth. The host organizes the event in co-operation with CTBF’s Officials.

There are no age limitations for athletes taking part in the championships.

The first edition of the Commonwealth Championships was conducted in 2002 in Sterling, Scotland with 15 federations taking part, including a total of 29 women and 30 men on the teams.


Since the very first championships in 2002, each team have consisted of two men and two women, competing in the following 10 disciplines:

Women’s Division: Singles, Doubles, All Event and Masters

Men’s Division: Singles, Doubles, All Event and Masters

Mixed Division: Doubles and Team of Four