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The World Games is owned by the International World games Association (IWGA).

The World Games was established in 1979 by a number of International Federations of non-Olympic sports. The sport of bowling has been included as a program sport since the first World Games were held in 1981.

The first edition of the World Games was held in 1981 in Santa Clara - USA, where 48 bowling athletes (24 of each gender) took part.

In 8 out of 9 of the first editions of the World Games, 1981-1985 and again 1993-2013, 24 federations have been permitted to send one female and one male athlete. In 1989 only 18 federations qualified; as an exception from the norm.

In each occasion, 8 federations (6 federations in 1989) qualified from each of the three Zones according to qualification systems decided by each Zone.

In all 9 bowling competitions in the World Games until 2013, the athletes have competed in Women's Singles, Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles.

As of the World Games 2017, the number of athletes has been increased to 64 (32 of each gender), while the number of qualified teams from each Zone has been reduced to 5 male teams and 5 female teams; plus one team of each gender from the host federation.

Each team, in each gender, consists of two players competing in Singles and Doubles.

The number of medal events for bowling in the World Games has as a consequence increased from 3 to 4 as of 2017.