



March 19, 2016

The President/ Chairman/Hon. Secretary
All Member Federations
World Bowling

Dear Colleagues

Re: Motiv Jackal and Jackal Carnage Bowling Ball

World Bowling has received several inquiries in the last few days regarding the future use of two balls manufactured by Motiv, the Jackal and the Jackal Carnage. Two inquiries specifically asked whether these balls could be used in a Zone Championship that would be coming up very soon. USBC originally approved these two balls. However after further testing of the balls in the field it has revoked the approval effective March 15, 2016. USBC has issued this statement:

The United States Bowling Congress has revoked approval of two Motiv brand bowling balls and removed them from the list of balls approved for competition effective March 15, 2016.

The revocation came after USBC determined that the Jackal and Jackal Carnage balls did not comply with current specifications and requirements in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual. USBC testing showed a significant percentage of the Jackal and Jackal Carnage, both produced by Motiv, exceeded the maximum 0.060" differential radius of gyration standard specification during spot checks of bowling balls in the field. Both balls were originally approved based on test balls submitted by Motiv. The Jackal had been approved for competition in September 2014, while the Jackal Carnage was approved for use in late December 2015.

The following section of the Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual details USBC governance in this situation:

"The USBC possesses the right to spot check bowling balls during the course of the year. USBC approval may be revoked if it is determined that the production balls are significantly different than the submitted test balls or do not comply with current specifications and requirements outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual."

Pursuant to the penalties outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certification Manual, Motiv is placed on probationary status with USBC for one year, and subject to a fine of \$16,000. Unapproved bowling balls may not be used in USBC certified competition. Bowlers who used the Jackal or Jackal Carnage in competition on or before March 15, 2016 with no prior knowledge of their ball being out of specification would not be subject to forfeiture under USBC rules.

Motiv has issued this response:

Motiv responded to the USBC action with this post on Facebook on March 15, 2016:

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"Earlier today we were given the news that the USBC has decided to pull the approval of the Jackal and Jackal Carnage due to non-conformance with current specifications. Recent spot checking in the marketplace showed that both balls had an average differential of just over .060, which is the maximum allowed. Since the Predator core was first implemented in the Raptor P7, in 2011, we have been pushing the boundary on the maximum differential. We pushed the limits of our technology to provide the greatest equipment in the world to our customers.

"We just learned of this today, so please be patient with us as we work on remedial action to take care of our customers. We are currently working on a website form that should be live late next week. This will give bowlers a place to get answers and to sign up for a replacement ball if they do not wish to keep their Jackal or Jackal Carnage. We have always put our customers first and will do all within our power to rectify the situation."

Here is a link to an additional statement on Motiv's website: <http://www.motivbowling.com/motivnation/news-events/2016-03-15/jackal-and-jackal-carnage-approval-removed.html>

Please note that Motiv accepts responsibility for exceeding the ball specifications. World Bowling allows only bowling balls on the USBC approved list to be used in World Bowling competition. Under these circumstances we felt that it was important to notify all the Zones and member federations regarding the future usage of these two balls. They cannot be allowed in World Bowling competition, which would include Zone Championships, as well as World Championships, Regional Games and WB approved tournaments.

Further, there is a real danger present in the event that they are so used. Any federation participating in a World Bowling event in which these balls might be used could file a protest; consider the possibility that a federation bowler finishes one position out of a medal or the prize list, and one of the medalists or finalists has used one of these balls. Under our Statutes that federation would ultimately have the right to appeal the rules violation to the Executive Board, and then on to CAS if it were not satisfied with the Executive Board decision. In the last few years CAS cases have placed a great strain on our budget, even though we have been successful in every case.

World Bowling would appreciate it greatly if your bowlers are notified of this important news immediately.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and prompt action.

Yours sincerely,



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