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The Games of the Small States of Europe (GSSE) is a biennial multi-sport event for 9 states in Europe with a population of less than 1 million people. The games are organized by the members of the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

The 9 states are as follows:

Andorra

Cyprus

Iceland

Liechtenstein

Luxembourg

Malta

Monaco

Montenegro

San Marino

Cyprus is exempted from the 1 million population rule, but its population was however below one million people when the games were established in 1984.

Bowling is not one of the sports on the GSSE program, but to create attention and establish a platform for a later possible adoption of the sport at the program, a group of GSSE countries, namely Cyprus, Iceland, Luxemburg, Malta and San Marino, all with an existing bowling federation in their countries, decided to establish a biennially conducted bowling championships with the name Small Nations Cup (SNC).

Possible participating countries in an SNC are identical with the GSSE countries, provided their national bowling federation is approved by the authorities and adopted by World Bowling.

An SNC will be conducted in the same years as an issue of the GSSE, and preferably, but not necessarily, in the host country of the GSSE.

The first edition of the SNC was conducted in 2017 in San Marino with 5 countries taking part.

The teams consisted of two women and two men, who competed in Women's Doubles, Women's Masters, Men's Doubles, Men's Masters, Mixed Doubles and Mixed Team.