

# Junior Panel Eligibility and Ranking Points 2015/2016



**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BOWL IN THE JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENTS, ALL BOWLERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT I.T.B.A. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

## Eligibility

Please note that you must bowl in the required number of Junior Ranking events (including the National Youth Championship) to be eligible for the Junior Triple Crown or EYC panel.

Additional Events may be added to the Ranking calendar within 3 months of the scheduled date and / or existing calendar events may be Ranked if they are deemed by the ITBA Junior Group Sub-committee (and approved by the Executive) to provide additional focus and preparation in line with the specific Panel needs. Schedule of Events below:

## Schedule of Events

Schedule of Event	Venue	Date	T/ Crown	EYC
Junior Doubles	Tallaght	Jan-14		2015
Leinster Junior Open	Superdome	Feb-14		2015
National Youth Championships	ALSAA	Mar-14		2015
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	Jul- 14	2015	2015
Junior Scratch Singles	ALSAA	Sep-14	2015	2015
Junior Trios	Stillorgan	Oct- 14	2015	2015
Junior Irish Open	Stillorgan	Nov-14	2015	2015
Junior Doubles	Superdome	3/4 <sup>th</sup> Jan-15	2015	2016
Leinster Junior Open	Superdome	7/8 <sup>th</sup> Feb-15	2015	2016
50 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Championships	Tallaght	28Feb/1Mar -15	2015	2016
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	Apr-15	2015	2016
2 <sup>nd</sup> ALSAA Junior Open	ALSAA	TBA	2016	2016
Junior Scratch Singles	TBA	Sep- 15	2016	2016
Junior Trios	TBA	Oct- 15	2016	2016
Irish Open	Stillorgan	Nov- 15	2016	2016
Junior Doubles	TBA	Jan- 16	2016	
Leinster Open	Superdome	Feb- 16	2016	
National Championships	TBA	Mar- 16	2016	
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	Apr- 16	2016	

## Triple Crown:

**2015 & 2016** - Bowlers must play in **5** of the currently scheduled **8** events. See also criteria under EYC 2016 below.

## EYC:

**2015:** No bowlers achieve the minimum averages set of **Girls - 190** and **Boys – 200**. These averages will remain in effect for all future EYC events and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**2016:** Bowlers must play in **6** of the currently schedules **8** events. Bowlers, wishing to represent Ireland on National Teams, including EYC (and all other European, Triple Crown and World Team events) will be required to formally sign-up to the ITBA National Development Programme (NDP); will be required to participate in the development and training sessions run jointly by the Junior Sub-committee and assigned ITBA certified coaches; and will be required to be fully compliant with the criteria laid down (achieving minimum standards etc.) for that event. The Junior Sub-committee and Coaches Sub-committee jointly, may, at their sole discretion, vary the current minimum averages in the context of a developmental exercise within the NDP.

## Dress Code & Rules

**As these events are I.T.B.A. Junior Ranking Tournaments, the following dress code applies:**

- Girls must wear plain-coloured skorts, slacks or tracksuit bottoms.
- Boys must wear plain-coloured slacks or tracksuit bottoms.
- Shorts, leggings, sleeveless tops, tee shirts and v-neck tee shirts are amongst the clothing items not permitted.
- All bowlers must have their name fully permanently printed or embroidered on the back of a polo-shirt, collared shirt or sports top (new style bowling shirts with large rounded collar) throughout the tournament including finals.

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**The following rules apply to all bowlers:**

- Mobile phones must be switched off during play.
- All bowlers are expected to comply with the members Code of Ethics and Social Media Policy - both of which are available online – [www.tenpinbowling.ie](http://www.tenpinbowling.ie)

**Failure to comply with these rules may result in loss of ranking points and loss of eligibility for selection.**

**Serious breaches of the Code of Ethics and Social Media Policy will result in loss of eligibility for selection and withdrawal of ITBA membership.**

## Ranking Points

- Ranking points will be allocated after the final standings for the tournaments with individual finals marked.
- The Junior Doubles and Junior Trios will still be awarded ranking points after qualification.
- Junior Irish Open ranking points will be allocated after the first 6 games and not after re-entry with best 6 games.

## Selection Procedure

The names of those who are eligible for panel selection - i.e. those

- holding an Irish passport and who are in good standing with the Association
- who have achieved the required ranking points and minimum average (EYC)

are then passed to the selectors who have previously been ratified by the Executive.

A panel is then formed by the Junior Committee and selectors, sufficient in number to be well in excess of those required for any team to be chosen. The panel is then sent to the Executive for ratification.

**It must be understood that:**

- **being in the top four (EYC) or six (Triple Crown) on the rankings entitles a bowler to a place on the panel but does not automatically entitle them to a place on the team.**
- **the Junior Committee (in consultation with the Coaches Group Sub-committee and the Executive) reserves the right not to send a team to an event where it believes the panel of bowlers eligible for selection has not reached the required standard.**

## Selection Criteria

The following will be taken into consideration for team selection:

- Position on ranking list
- Average
- Current form including participation & results in other relevant events (YET, European Tour, Adult Irish Open etc)
- Panel Training Sessions
  - Attendance & Time Keeping
  - Dress code
  - Behaviour & Attitude
  - Current form
  - Willingness to accept coaching
  - Ability to be a "team player" both on and off the lanes

**It must also be understood that when the team is selected the decision of the selectors is final.**

## **ITBA Junior Group Sub- committee**

Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 (as amended 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015)