



Junior Panel Eligibility and Ranking Points 2016/2017

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, EYC, or YET Tour.

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/Youth 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

Event	Venue	Date	T/Crown	EYC
Junior Doubles	Coolock	23rd-24th Jan-16		2017
Leinster Junior Open	Superdome	6th-7th Feb-16		2017
50th National Youth Championships	Superdome	12th-14th Mar-16		2017
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	9th-10th Apr-16		2017
Junior Scratch Singles	Superdome	18th Sep-16	2017	2017
Junior Trios	Coolock	9th Oct-16	2017	2017
Irish Open	Stillorgan	4th-6th Nov-16	2017	2017
Junior Doubles	ALSAA	22nd Jan-17	2017	2018
Leinster Open	Superdome	4th-5th Feb-17	2017	2018
National Championships	Coolock	11th-12th Mar-17	2017	2018
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	8th Apr-17	2017	2018
Junior Scratch Singles	TBA	Sep-17		2018
Junior Trios	TBA	Oct-17		2018
Irish Open	Stillorgan	Nov-17		2018

Triple Crown:

2017 - Bowlers must play in 5 of the currently scheduled 7 events. See also criteria under EYC 2017 below.

EYC:

2017 & 2018: Bowlers must play in 5 of the currently schedules 7 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/Youth 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. Averages for EYC Panel eligibility are:

- Girls 190
- Boys 200

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, or black slacks.
- Boys must wear plain-black slacks or black 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 full name 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.

TRAININS SESSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

All bowlers taking part in the scheduled training sessions must adhere to the dress code above

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

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/or 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 first 6 games and not after the final standing. Exceptions to this are:
 - Junior Irish Open ranking points will be allocated after the first 6 games and not after re-entry with best 6 games.
 - Junior Irish Matchplay ranking points for Junior Triple Crown will be allocated after final standings. EYC averages will be based on scores after initial 6 games.
 - National Championship Ranking Points will be allocated after the finals.

Selection Procedure

- The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Junior/Youth Sub-committee, will appoint a Junior/Youth Selection Committee by the end of October 2016 for the 2016-2017 season.
- Where selection is necessary to determine which bowler(s) shall represent the country or the Association in any tournaments, such selection for Junior/Youths, shall be the responsibility of the Junior/Youth Selection Committee.
- The Junior/Youth Selection Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee for ratification a Panel of 8 bowlers for both boys and girls. Such Panel will be published, when duly ratified. To be eligible for panel selection bowlers must:
 - hold an Irish passport and be in good standing with the Association
 - have achieved the required ranking points and/or minimum average (EYC)

When the Panel is ratified, bowlers must attend 80% of the training sessions set out by the team manager. A bowler not attending a training session must notify the team manager of their absence 24 hours before the training session.

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/Youth Sub-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
- 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

When a team is selected the decision of the Junior/Youth Selection Committee is final.