



Junior Panel Eligibility and Ranking Points 2017/2018



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 Championships**) 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 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

Event	Venue	Date	T/Crown	EYC
Junior Doubles	ALSAA	22 nd Jan-17		2018
Leinster Junior Open	Superdome	4 th -5 th Feb-17		2018
National Youth Championships	Coolock	11 th -12 th Mar-17		2018
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	7 th -8 th Apr-17		2018
Junior Scratch Singles	Charlestown	16 th Sep-17	2018	2018
Junior Trios	ALSAA	14 th Oct-17	2018	2018
Irish Open	Stillorgan	3 rd -5 th Nov-17	2018	2018
Junior Doubles	Blanchardstown	9 th Dec-17	2018	2019
Junior Matchplay	Superdome	20 th -21 st -Jan-18	2018	2019
Leinster Junior Open	Superdome	10 th -11 th Feb-18	2018	2019
National Youth Championships	Superdome	10 th -11 th Mar-18	2018	2019
<i>Bantam Championships</i>	<i>Coolock</i>	<i>7th-8th Apr-18</i>		
<i>Junior & Bantam Masters</i>	<i>ALSAA</i>	<i>22nd Apr-18</i>		
Junior Scratch Singles	TBA	Sep-18		2019
Junior Trios	TBA	Oct-18		2019
Irish Open	Stillorgan	Nov-18		2019

Triple Crown:

2018 - Bowlers must play in 5 of the currently scheduled 7 events. See also criteria under EYC below.

EYC:

2018 & 2019: 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 Academy 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. Current ratified averages for EYC Panel eligibility are set at:

- Girls 180
- Boys 190

YET Tournament Belgium 2018

As there may be a grant for this tournament, the Junior Sub-committee in consultation with the Junior/Youth Selection Committee have decided that any grant will be distributed between 12 Bowlers from different age groups. This decision will be based on the number of entries that take part in the Junior Tournaments this season.

Bowlers must play in four ranked tournaments and must play the National Youth Championships.

Based on the top average of your BEST four tournaments the top two U19 Boys & Girls, top three U16 Boys & Girls and top one bantam Boy & Girl. Bantams will be based on top average from both the Bantam Championships and Bantam Masters tournaments.

If there are insufficient numbers in any age group taking part in tournaments, the Junior/Youth Selection Committee in consultation with the Junior Sub-committee, reserve the right to decide which section the Bowlers to increase participation to bring the number of Bowlers to 12.

All Bowlers must hold an IRISH Passport and must adhere to the rules set out below.

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, black tracksuit bottoms 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.

TRAINING 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.
- The use of earphones is not permitted during training sessions or Junior tournaments.
- 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 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. 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 will be allocated after the first 6 games.
 - Junior Doubles ranking points will be allocated after the first 6 games.

Selection Procedure

- The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Junior/Youth Sub-committee, has appointed a Junior/Youth Selection Committee for the 2017-2018 season. This Junior/Youth Selection Committee will adopt the enclosed Eligibility and Selection Criteria when selecting Panel(s) and bowler(s).
- 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 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

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

ITBA Junior Group Sub- committee

Dated: 13th Sept 2017