



Junior/Youth Panel Eligibility Criteria **World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships 2016**

Background

The Junior/Youth Sub-committee have decided to hold trials, to assist in the creation of bowler's panels, for the World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championship 2016, to be held in Nebraska, USA. Set-out below is the Eligibility Criteria, Dress Code & Rules together with Selection Procedure and Criteria which will apply.

WYC 2016

Bowlers, wishing to be considered for selection to represent Ireland on the National Teams at the World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships 2016 in Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA on 24th July to 3rd August 2016, will be required to:

- be current fully paid-up member of the Irish Tenpin Bowling Association;
- be under the age of 21 on 1st January 2016 & meet any other criteria set-out by organisers of WYC 2016;
- formally sign-up to the ITBA National Development Programme (NDP);
- participate in the development and training sessions run jointly by the Junior Sub-committee and assigned ITBA certified coaches;
- be fully compliant with the Junior/Youth Sub-committee Dress Code & Rules as listed below;
- be fully compliant with criteria laid down of achieving a minimum average set of Girls - 190 & Boys – 200.

Note: The Junior/Youth Sub-committee and Coaches Sub-committee, jointly may, at their sole discretion, vary or waive the current minimum averages, in the context of a developmental exercise for bowlers within the NDP, when making final eligibility criteria decisions.

Dress Code & Rules

For I.T.B.A. Junior/Youth Ranking Tournaments, WYC 2016 trials and official practice sessions, the following dress code and rules shall apply:

- 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.

The following rules also apply to all bowlers:

- Bowlers must check-in and be on the lanes ten minutes before the start of Roll-offs and official practice sessions.
- 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 eligibility for selection. Serious breaches of the Code of Ethics and Social Media Policy may result in loss of eligibility for selection and withdrawal of ITBA membership.



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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 minimum average for WYC 2016 or where under the NDP developmental exercise, both the Junior / Youth and the Coaches Sub-committees, have agreed to vary or waive the current minimum averages;
- who have finished in the top six places in the Roll-Offs Programs;

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

Two panels, one male and one female, each comprising of 6 bowlers will be formed by the Junior/Youth Sub-committee and selectors. The panel is then sent to the Executive for ratification.

It must be understood that:

- being in the top four places on the panel does not automatically entitle a bowler to a place on the team.
- the Junior/Youth Sub-committee in consultation with the Coaches Sub-committee (and the Executive) reserves the right not to send a team to the WYC 2016 where it believes the panel of bowlers eligible for selection has not reached the required standard or where it is considered inappropriate for a bowler, as part of a developmental exercise within the National Development Programme (NDP).

Roll-Offs Program

Four blocks of six games per block will be held in two separate bowling centres, with one long and one short lane oil patterns in each centres. Location and Roll-Offs dates, to be held in June, July and August 2015, will be advised in due course. The selectors' decisions on panels, male and female, will be announced in early September 2015. The Coaches Sub-committee will appoint coaches to officiate at these proposed Roll-Offs.

Selection Criteria

The following will also be taken into consideration for team selection:

- NDP participation and Panel Training Sessions including:
 - Attendance & Time Keeping
 - Dress Code
 - Behaviour & Attitude
 - Current form (including participation & results in other relevant events).
 - 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.