



## Junior Panel Eligibility and Ranking Points 2013/2015

**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 Junior Committee ( and approved by the Executive) to provide additional focus and preparation in line with the specific Panel needs.

### Schedule of Events

Event	Date	Triple Crown	EYC
Junior Doubles	Jan-13		X 2014
Leinster Open *	Feb-13		X 2014
National Championships *	Mar-13		X 2014
Junior Singles *	Sep-13	X 2014	X 2014
Junior Trios	Oct-13	X 2014	X 2014
Irish Open	Nov- 13	X 2014	X 2014
Junior Doubles	Jan-14	X 2014	X 2015
Leinster Open *	Feb-14	X 2014	X 2015
National Championships *	Mar-14	X 2014	X 2015
Junior Singles *	Sep-14	X 2015	X 2015
Junior Trios	Oct-14	X 2015	X 2015
Irish Open	Nov- 14	X 2015	X 2015
Junior Doubles	Jan-15	X 2015	
Leinster Open *	Feb-15	X 2015	
National Championships *	Mar-15	X 2015	

### Triple Crown

Bowlers must play in 4 of the currently scheduled 6 events.

### EYC

Bowlers must play in 4 of the currently scheduled 6 events.

In addition to the event requirement above, the Junior Committee (in conjunction with the Coaches and approved by the Executive) having reviewed the last 3 EYC events (including our Team and individual performances in detail), has set a minimum average for EYC Panel eligibility:

- Girls - 180
- Boys - 190

These averages will remain in effect for all future EYC events and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

### 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.
- Leggings, sleeveless tops, tee shirts and v-neck tee shirts are not permitted.
- All bowlers must have their name fully permanently printed or embroidered on the back of a polo-shirt, coloured 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 \* (**unlike prior years where points were allocated after qualification**).
- 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 and 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.**

### **Junior Committee**

Posted: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 as amended 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014