



SENIOR SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR 2017-2018 TRIPLE CROWN

Senior tournaments will be held monthly from September 2017 to May 2018. There are ten (10) tournaments in total, including the Senior Championships. Ranking points are awarded for each tournament (double points for the Championships), on a rollover basis.

	Schedule for	Ranking Tournaments	Senior Season 2017 / 2018
No:	Date	Tournament	Centre
1.	9/10 Sept 17	Irish Senior Open	Superdome, Palmerstown
2.	24 Sept 17	Touring League (1)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
3.	22 Oct 17	Touring League (2)	Leisureplex, Coolock
4.	26 Nov 17	Touring League (3)	ALSAA, Dublin Airport
5.	10 Dec 17	Touring League (4)	Venue t.b.a.
6.	25-28 Jan 18	Senior Championships (5)	Superdome, Palmerstown
7.	11 Feb 18	Touring League (6)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
8.	11 Mar 18	Touring League (7)	ALSAA, Dublin Airport
9.	15 Apr 18	Touring League (8)	Superdome, Palmerstown
10.	6 May 18	Touring League (9)	Leisure Max, Wexford

The following dress code applies to all Senior Events:

All bowlers must wear a shirt with their name clearly marked on the back. Women may only wear skirts, shorts, plain-coloured slacks or tracksuit bottoms. Men must wear plain-coloured slacks or tracksuit bottoms.

A bowler's best seven (7) results establishes their position on the Ranking List, provided they have played at least 50% +1 (i.e. six (6)) Ranking Tournaments, which must include participation in the Senior Championships. Exceptions to this can be made in the case of bereavement, illness/injury or through the application for an Exemption/Wildcard(see below).

In October, subject to availability of coaches, a schedule will be put in place for training/coaching purposes.

Following the Senior Championships (January 2018) the names of those who are eligible for selection for the Senior Triple Crown (i.e. those holding an Irish passport and who are in good standing with the Association) are passed to the Selectors, who have previously been ratified by the Executive.

Wildcards / Exemptions - Bowlers who feel they may not have met the criteria may make a written application to the Senior Selection Committee stating their case and why they feel they are deserving of a place on the Panel / Team. The Senior Selection Committee will make a decision based on the merits of this application. There is no requirement for up to two possible Wildcard/Exemption spots to be filled or any guarantee of an application being approved even if those spots are not filled. All applications will be reviewed fairly and objectively with the ultimate mission of achieving the best and strongest Senior team possible.

Examples of reasons for which a Wildcard / Exemption can be applied for include:

- A bowler returning from injury and has displayed their quality in tournaments / leagues since their return.
- A bowler who competes in overseas tournaments, which limits their participation in domestic tournaments. A bowler would however have to show their support by playing in a minimum of three Ranking tournaments when / if not competing overseas.
- A bowler living / working overseas, however a bowler would have to display their qualities in tournaments / leagues in the area where they currently reside.

A Panel is then formed by the 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 six on the rankings entitles a bowler to a place on the panel (if they meet the necessary criteria, or are accepted by being approved through a Wildcard/Exemption) but does not automatically entitle them to a place on the Team. The following will be taken into consideration for Team selection:

- Position on ranking list
- Average
- Current form
- Ability to be a "team player" both on and off the lanes
- Willingness to accept coaching.

It must also be understood that when the Team is selected, the decision of the Selectors is final.

Senior Group Sub-Committee

13th September, 2017