



Senior Selection Process and Eligibility 2018-2019

(Including Appendix 1 – Senior Rules)

- In line with the ITBA Constitution, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Senior Subcommittee, will shortly appoint a Senior Selection Committee for the 2018-2019 season.
- The Executive Committee shall also, when and where necessary, appoint Team Managers, who shall assume complete control over any teams selected by the Senior Selection Committee.
- Where selection is necessary to determine which bowler(s) shall represent the country or the Association in any tournaments, such selection for Seniors, shall be the responsibility of the Senior Selection Committee. To comply with our Governance Policy, the criteria the Senior Selection Committee will agree to adopt, for selection for Senior Triple Crown, World Senior Championships, all in 2019, is shown in this document.
- The Senior Selection Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee for ratification a Panel of bowlers for both men and women, sufficient in number to be well in excess of those required for any team to be chosen and such Panel will be published, when duly ratified.
- To be eligible for a place on a Panel, a bowler must hold a valid Irish passport and be 50 in the calendar year of the relevant tournament.
- All Panels are forwarded to the Executive Committee for ratification.
- Teams and individuals required to be selected for “top-flight” international competition shall be chosen from those bowlers currently named as Panel members.
- The Senior Selection Committee, will adopt a selection process through the Senior Ranking System, which is operated on a rollover basis. Rankings are now rolling over from 2017/2018.
- The system and points apply for both Men’s and Ladies Senior.
- Bowlers must be current members of the ITBA to qualify for ranking points.
- The Ranking Points multipliers are unchanged from those in the 2017/2018 season with the Senior National Championships the only tournament awarding Double points - see full list below.
- Ranking points will be allocated based on a bowler’s final position following Qualification (unless otherwise stated), provided the relevant Senior Rules including Dress Code have been adhered to.
See Senior Rules attached in Appendix 1.



Ranking Tournaments – Season 2018/2019

	Scheduled for	Ranking Tournaments	Senior Season 2018 / 2019
No:	Date	Tournament	Centre
1.	30 Sept 18	Touring League (1)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
2.	21 Oct 18	Touring League (2)	Leisureplex, Charlestown
3.	4 Nov 18	Touring League (3)	ALSAA, Dublin Airport
4.	9 Dec 18	Touring League (4)	Superdome, Palmerstown
5.	13 Jan 18	Touring League (5)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
6. *	24-27 Jan 19	Senior Championships (6)	Leisureplex, Coolock
7.	10 Feb 19	Touring League (7)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
8.	10 Mar 19	Touring League (8)	ALSAA, Dublin Airport
9.	14 Apr 19	Touring League (9)	Superdome, Palmerstown
10.	12 May 19	Touring League (10)	Leisuremax, Wexford

NOTES:

- The Rankings will be decided on points earned by a bowler in their best 7 out of the 10 Ranking Events.
- * Double Ranking points will be awarded for the Senior Championships.

Roll Off dates for World Senior Championships 2019

Block	Date	Start Time	Centre
1.	8 Mar 19	19:30	TBA
2.	9 Mar 19	09:30	TBA

NOTES:

- Two 6 game blocks will be rolled in 2 different centres
- 2 Teams - Male and Female with 4 players each
- 1 automatic place on each team will be awarded to the winners of the National Senior Championships, subject to meeting the eligibility and selection criteria set out under the Senior Panels 2018-19 below.



Senior Panels for 2018-19

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).

- A Senior Panel will consist of at least 10 bowlers plus any Wildcards or Exemption as outlined below:
 - The Top 10 bowlers taken from the Ranking list at the time of selection.
 - Two possible Wildcards or 1 Wildcard & 1 Exemption, available to bowlers outside the Top 10.
- Wildcards / Exemptions - Bowlers outside the Top 10, who feel they may be eligible for a Wildcard or Exemption 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 the two possible Wildcard or one Wildcard and one 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 bowler who joins the Senior Tour for the first time and demonstrates that their ability would be beneficial to a Senior Team
- The composition of the Senior Team for the **Triple Crown 2019** (6 Male & 6 Female bowlers) will be as follows:
 - Following the Senior Championships (January 2019) 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.
 - Bowlers may apply for an Exemption/Wildcard for this event if they feel the criteria set out is applicable to them.
 - A bowler granted an Exemption or Wildcard by the Senior Selection Committee will be added to the Panel.



- A Final 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.

➤ The composition of Senior Team for the **World Senior Championships, 2nd - 10th September, 2019** in Las Vegas (4 Men & 4 Ladies) will be as follows:

- The winners of the Senior National Championships (Male & Female) are eligible for automatic **World Senior Championship 2019** selection provided they have played at least 50% +1 (i.e. six (6) Ranking Tournaments, hold an Irish passport and are in good standing with the Association. In a case where the winner does not meet the criteria the automatic spot will go to the next eligible player.
- Following the Tour Event 7 (February 10th, 2019) the names of those who are eligible for selection for the World Senior Championships 2019 (i.e. those holding an Irish passport and who are in good standing with the Association) are passed to the Selectors.
- A panel will be formed from positions 1 through 10 in the Senior Rankings.
- Bowlers may apply for a Wildcard for this event if they feel the criteria set out is applicable to them.
- A bowler granted a Wildcard by the Senior Selection Committee will be added to the Panel.
- A Final 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.
- The panel and any accepted Wildcards will compete in a roll-off to determine who will earn a place on the Senior Team to compete at the World Senior Championships 2019.
- A Roll Off for the World Senior Championships 2019 will consist of 2 blocks of 6 games held in 2 different centres on the 8th and 9th of March 2019.
- On completion of the roll off process, the top 4 Men and top 4 Ladies will be invited to take their place on the team. Reserves will be taken from the remaining Panels in descending order of Roll Off finishing position (5th place = 1st, etc.).
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Ranking Points for Men and Ladies for 2018/19 Season

Event	National Championships	Senior Tour
Multiplier	X 2.00	X 1.00
Position	Points	Points
1	60	30
2	56	28
3	52	26
4	48	24
5	44	22
6	40	20
7	38	19
8	36	18
9	34	17
10	32	16
11	30	15
12	28	14
13	26	13
14	24	12
15	22	11
16	20	10
17	18	9
18	16	8
19	14	7
20	12	6
21	10	5
22	8	4
23	6	3
Minimum Points	4	2

- When this sequence reaches the Minimum Points outlined for each tournament, all players finishing below this position (and meeting the criteria for earning Ranking Points) will receive the allocated Minimum Points for that particular tournament.

- Tied positions are awarded at the points level for the higher position.



Seniors

Formation of Training Group 2018/19 Season

In conjunction with the Coaches Sub-committee, the Senior Sub-committee would like to announce a new initiative to promote our sport and encourage future participation in Senior International events.

We are introducing the formation of a Training Group that would meet a minimum of once a month. The Senior Committee, in conjunction with the Team of Selectors and Coaches sub-committee will announce the selection process for said training Group in due course.

Please note that this does not affect the Senior Selection and Eligibility process for 2018/19, which will remain as stated.

- **Our aim**

- To encourage bowlers to develop their skills through direct access to best of breed coaching programs and integration with higher average senior players.
- To get our top bowlers on the lanes together on a more regular basis.

- **Our goal**

- To build stronger, more competitive teams to represent our Country at International level.

Depending on the bowling calendar, a monthly meeting / session would be organised. This will not be limited to lane play. We hope to discuss ideas bowlers may have for future events, fundraising and the structure of training sessions.

More details to follow as the season commences. Please send a mail to Seniors@tenpinbowling.ie if you have any questions with regard to the Senior Selection & Eligibility criteria or if you require more information regarding the Training Group.

Senior Group Sub-committee

19th September, 2018



Appendix 1

SENIOR RULES

- All bowlers must current General members of the ITBA prior to the start of their squad in order to receive ranking points.
- All bowlers must be current General members of the ITBA prior to leaving for participation in any international event e.g. European Championships, World Championships, Senior Triple Crown.
- In order to earn ranking points towards a Senior panel, bowlers must adhere to the following dress code requirements when in competition:
 - A bowler must have either their full name or surname clearly visible in either print or embroidery on the back of a collared shirt or sports top (new style of bowling shirts with large rounded collar). Sleeveless tops, tee shirts and V-neck tee shirts are not permitted.
 - The wearing of jeans, combats, etc. Is not permitted.
 - Men may wear trousers or tracksuit bottoms.
 - Ladies may wear trousers, tracksuit bottoms, skirts, shorts or skorts.
 - No large studs, straps or buckles are permitted.
- The above dress code requirements also apply during official practice sessions, with the exception of the wearing of your name on your shirt.
- All Senior bowlers must have their equipment properly checked for compliance with World Bowling specifications for weight, balance & hardness prior to leaving for any international tournament.
- Expectations of Senior Panel Members and Team Members:
 - Priority is to be given to Senior Training Sessions, Coaching Sessions and meetings.
 - Determination & focus to become a World Class bowler, representing Ireland at the highest International Levels.
- When on Senior duty:
 - The Team Manager's decision on all matters is final.
 - Bowlers should behave in a manner befitting their position as Senior team members.
 - Bowlers are not only representing the team but also themselves, their association and country.
 - Respect should be shown to the Team Manager.
 - Respect should be shown to your teammates.
 - Respect should be shown to opposing bowlers and officials.
- It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure compliance with all the Rules and Regulations. If a bowler is in doubt they should contact a Senior Sub-committee member for clarification.
- Any Rules listed here are in addition to the General Rules of the ITBA.



Appendix 2

ANTI-DOPING

The ITBA – www.tenpinbowling.ie , World Bowling – www.worldbowling.org and Sport Ireland www.sportireland.ie are all committed to providing a clean sport and a stage upon where athletes can compete in fairness. The use of doping substances or doping methods to enhance performance is fundamentally wrong and is detrimental to the overall impact of bowling. Drug misuse can be harmful to an athlete's health and also indirectly impact other athletes competing in bowling. To ensure integrity of the sport of bowling, the ITBA is fully signed-up to World Bowling and Sport Ireland's National Programme and will enforce the World Anti-Doping Code developed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) - www.wada-ama.org/en .

WHAT IS DOPING:

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following anti-doping rule violations:

- Presence of a prohibited substance (such as steroids, stimulants, hormones, diuretics or narcotics) in an athlete's sample.
- Possession, trafficking, use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or method (such as blood transfusions or gene doping).
- Refusing to submit to sample collection.
- Failure to file whereabouts information and missed tests.
- Tampering with any part of the doping control process.
- Administering or attempting to administer a prohibited substance or method to an athlete.

AS AN ATHLETE, WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOPING?

Any athlete may be tested in- and out-of-competition at anytime, anywhere and with no advance notice. The principle of strict liability applies in anti-doping – if it is in the athlete's body, the athlete is responsible for it. **Athletes' responsibilities include (but are not limited to):**

- complying with the Sport Ireland's Anti-Doping Rules in line with the World Anti-Doping Code;
- being available for sample collection (urine or blood), whether in-competition or out-of-competition;
- ensuring that no prohibited substance enters his body and that no prohibited method is used;
- making sure that any treatment is not prohibited according to the Prohibited List in force and checking this with the prescribing physicians, or directly with the Sport Ireland if necessary;
- applying to the Sport Ireland if no alternative permitted treatment is possible and a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) is required (see the Sport Ireland TUE application process)

Every athlete needs to take into account the list of prohibited substances and know what are his/her rights and responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code and the IF anti-doping rules. Athletes should know that, under the Code, they are strictly liable whenever a prohibited substance is found in their body. This means that a violation occurs whether or not the athlete intentionally, knowingly or unknowingly, used a prohibited substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault.



The World Anti-Doping Code (Code) is the core document that provides the framework for harmonized anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities. It works in conjunction with five International Standards aimed at bringing harmonization among anti-doping organizations in various areas: testing, laboratories, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), protection of privacy and personal information, and the List of Prohibited Substances and Methods. The Code and the Standards are mandatory documents for WADA's stakeholders. These documents are supported by non-mandatory guidelines.

The ITBA Anti-Doping Officer Anti-Doping Update for the AGM 2018, pointed out the ITBA following:

"I attended the Sport Ireland 2017 Anti-Doping Annual Review which was held in March. Great emphasis was placed on the increasing use of nutritional supplements by Irish athletes. These supplements can pose risks to athletes as many can contain prohibited substances and if the packaging does not have a Marketing Authorisation number it cannot be checked."

The **Sport Ireland 2018 Wallet Cards** were circulated with the AGM 2018 documents at the end of March 2018. In the Anti-Doping Update for the AGM 2018, the ITBA Anti-Doping Officer stressed:

"It is imperative that all bowlers familiarise themselves with its contents. The Wallet Card is designed as a brief overview and a lot more information on all aspects of Anti-Doping can be found on the Sport Ireland website – www.sportireland.ie/antidoping." This includes links to "Report Doping" (link also on ITBA website), "Supplement Policy" and "Check your Medication" link to www.eirpharm.com if in any doubt about any medication you are taking"

The Sport Ireland "REPORT DOPING" intelligence programme is a vital part of the Anti-Doping programme and seeks to collect any information that will assist in the detection, deterrence, enforcement or prevention of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV). ADRVs include use and attempted use of prohibited substances in sport, but also extend to administration of a prohibited substance, possession and trafficking in prohibited substances. Those who are most at risk of an ADRV are competitive athletes and support personnel (including Coaches) involved with competitive athletes. In the Anti-Doping Update for the AGM 2018, the ITBA Anti-Doping Officer highlighted:

"I would particularly remind bowlers participating in European Tenpin Bowling Federation or World Bowling events that they should check that any medication being taken is not on the Prohibited List as published by WADA – see www.wada-ama.org/en ."

In summary, bowlers should remember, that under the Code, they are strictly liable whenever a prohibited substance is found in their body. This means that a violation occurs whether or not a bowler intentionally, knowingly or unknowingly, used a prohibited substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault.

So, let's continue to be fully aware of our responsibilities and let's continue to keep Irish Tenpin Bowling drug free.