

World Senior Championships 2017(WSC2017)



13-20 August 2017 in Munich, Germany.

Background

In order to gauge the level of interest in representing Ireland at the **WSC2017**, the Senior Sub-committee invited '*expressions of interest*' from bowlers which included posting an invitation, dated 5th Nov 2016, on the ITBA website. It is intended to send a Ladies and Men's Senior team, each comprising four (4) bowlers. Already more bowlers than the required four per team for **WSC2017** have expressed interest. (Men's – 11 and Ladies – 9)

The Executive has appointed the following Selection Committee of three and a Team Manager for **WSC2017**.

Selection Committee for WSC2017			Team Manager
Doug Barnes	Noel Kellegher	Yvonne Randell	Frank Byrnes

The Selection Committee, following input from the Senior Sub-committee, are conscious of the current level of Senior events and the fact the **WSC2017** was not incorporated in the Senior Selection Criteria already published for 2017.

Looking at the Classic Calendar there is already a significant schedule of events in 2017 including the Irish Open, Senior Championships, Seniors Tour, Senior Grand Prix and ESBC. These exclude other events such as Fran's Monthly Singles and Rocks Jewellers Singles that Senior's participate in.

Given the stature of the **WSC2017**, it is the Selection Committee and Senior Sub-committee's view that a 'roll-off' across 3/4 centres is the only equitable way to finalise the **WSC2017** teams.

Roll-Offs for WSC2017

To limit potential calendar clashes, additional costs, additional travel/hotel, especially for country bowlers, if an additional 3/4 events were to be added to the Senior tournament schedule 2016-2017, the Selection Committee, following input from the Senior Sub-committee, has decided to designate the ITBA Senior Touring League events listed below, together with one additional event, as **WSC2017** Qualifying events.

Schedule of Events for Qualification for WSC 2017 Selection			
No:	Date	Tournament	Centre
1.	Sun 12 th Feb 2017	Touring League (6) – Event 1	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
2.	Sun 19 th Mar 2017	Touring League (7) – Event 2	ALSAA, Dublin Airport
3.	Sun 9 th Apr 2017	Touring League (8) – Event 3	Superdome, Palmerstown
4.	TBA*	Qualifiers from Event 1,2 & 3	TBA*

Events 1-3 consist of three (3) blocks of five (5) games per block (15 games in total) to be held in three separate bowling centres (see above table), on a range of lane oil patterns. This 15 Game Qualifying total for each **Registered WSC2017 Bowler** will rank the bowlers 1,2,3,4,5,6 etc. Bowlers positioned in the top 8 places (or where there is an uneven number of participants e.g. 7 this will be reduced to the next lowest even number 6) will be invited to participate in **Event 4** the Final event.

The Coaches Sub-committee will also appoint coaches to officiate at these proposed Roll-Offs to gain insight into the players performance and capabilities as part of the development of a 'fast start' training program that will reflect the preparation needs of the Team for the **WSC2017** format and within this provide an individual player focus plan.

Selection/Participation

The names of those who are eligible for selection/participation - i.e. those

- holding an Irish passport and who are in good standing with the Association;
- who have forwarded “Expressions of Interest” to Senior Sub-committee (seniors@tenpinbowling.ie) by 27th Jan 2017 (“**Registered WSC2017 Bowler**”);

will be passed to the Selection Committee & Executive prior to Event 1 for review and eligibility, after which

- those who have finished in the top eight* places in the 15 game Qualifier Roll-Offs Events 1, 2 and 3 (*or where there is an uneven number of participants e.g. 7 this will be reduced to the next lowest even number 6);

will be invited to participate in the Finals (**Event 4**).

The details for the Finals (**Event 4, WSC2017**)- Date, Centre and format for which there will be no lineage cost to bowlers, will be announced before the first qualifying event in February 2017.

Following **Event 4** the top 4 Ladies & Men (Total Pinfall over **all** 4 events) will be deemed selected and entitled to take their places on the **WSC2017** Teams. Players finishing in 5th & 6th places will be designated as alternates should a Team player be unable to participate.

Those bowlers who haven't already expressed their interest in the **WSC2017** should send an email to seniors@tenpinbowling.ie before the cut-off date, 27th January 2017, to indicate a desire to participate in the Roll-Offs for **WSC2017**.

Senior Group Sub-committee
13th December 2016