

Team Ireland Committee –

Urgent Meeting required

Dear Bowler,

As you may be aware from the AGM 2017, the current Team Ireland Committee have decided to step down from their current roles as Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition to an interim period from Nov 15 – April 16, all three members carried out their one year term from the AGM 2016 to the AGM 2017. However due to various circumstance with all three members, they cannot take on their voluntary roles for another year.

This now means that a new Team Ireland Committee must be formed in order to keep the running of all Team Ireland activities. The 3 members who have stepped down have agreed to carry out the criteria outlined at the AGM 2017 to see if a possible outcome can be met. For those who were not in attendance at the AGM the criteria set out was as follows:

- Inform all Team Ireland bowling representatives of the current situation based on the stepping down at this year's AGM.
- Confirm availability / interest of all Team Ireland bowling representatives to attend an urgent meeting to try and solve the current situation.
- Once adequate availability / interest is shown, the Team Ireland Sub committee will arrange a meeting.
- All Team Ireland bowling representatives will be informed of such meeting – date, time and place.

As outlined at this year's AGM, I would like to once again stress the importance of Team Ireland and it's acting committee. If a possible solution is not obtained, and the Team Ireland Committee ceases to exist the following implications will follow:

- There would be no Team Ireland ranked tournaments.
- There would be no involvement at International level competitions which a country can be represented i.e. Adult Triple Crown, European Men's Championships, European Women's championships, European Cup Championships and World Single's Championships.
- The funding received from the Irish Sports Council for Irish bowling will be impacted greatly by the ceasing of Team Ireland. This funding which has not only managed to avoid budget cuts over the last couple of years, has been sustained with small increases. The hard work in keeping the funding has allowed for certain International trips to be subsidised so full tournament costs have not been fully passed on to the bowler. If this funding was to be cut, it would take several years for it to reach the levels it is at, at present.
- It could also have a damaging effect on the YAC and Junior bowlers for years to come. With no Team Ireland, there could be less opportunity for YAC and Junior bowlers to progress therefore decreasing their will to continue with the sport.

I hope the above highlights the importance of Team Ireland and the Team Ireland Committee. With this been said I would like for you to confirm, your interest to, attend a meeting for which a possible solution can be reached to stop the above from happening and to continue with Team Ireland ranking events and our repetition at International competition.

If you wish to contact me to discuss any further please do not hesitate to call me on 0862071391. If you have an interest in attending can you please email team.ireland@tenpinbowling.ie. I look forward to getting a response in the next 7 days as we need to confirm interest prior to booking a venue and setting a time and date for such meeting. Team Ireland Sub-committee must be in place before 30th June 2017 (*closing date for entry to Adult Triple Crown 2017 to take place between the 22nd & 24th September 2017 at The Bowl, Bromborough*), if any Irish Men's and Ladies team are to participate.

Kind Regards,
Team Ireland Committee.