

# Team Ireland Selection Process and Eligibility

- Modifications have been made to the Ranking System for the 2013/2014 season. These have been designed so that places on Team Ireland are awarded on merit, and to encourage competition in the Rankings throughout the season.
- Players will compete for a place on a Team Ireland through the Ranking System, which is operated on a rollover basis (from the beginning of this new system). Current Team Ireland Rankings as of September 2013 will be reset to zero to start from the beginning with the new system.
- This system applies for both the Men's and the Ladies Team Ireland
- Bowlers must be current members of the ITBA to qualify for ranking points
- In order to be eligible for a place on a Panel, a player must hold a valid Irish passport.
- Ranking points will be allocated based on a player's final position at the end of a tournament (unless otherwise stated), provided the relevant Team Ireland Rules including Dress Code have been adhered to. **See Team Ireland Rules document.**
- The Rankings will be calculated from the following 10 tournaments, with the best 6 scores counting for each individual:
  - The National Championships
  - The Irish Open
  - World Cup Qualifier
  - Rocks Jewellers Tour stops x 7 Standard Events. Rocks Jewellers Tour end of season Grand Final is NOT a Ranking Event for Team Ireland Selection
  - Note: Ranking points will be awarded for each individual Rocks Jewellers Tour stop based on Scratch scores taken after the 5 games qualifying. Knockout Finals are not taken into consideration due to the extra variance of finishing position possible in this year's new Monthly Final Format.
- A breakdown of the Ranking points for each tournament can be found below.
- A Team Ireland Panel will consist of:
  - The Top 10 players taken from the Ranking list at the time of selection
  - The Top 2 Under 19s bowlers from the end of season Junior Rankings System
  - Two possible Wildcards, available to players outside of the Top 10.
- Wildcards - Persons outside the Top 10, who feel they may be eligible for a Wildcard may make a written application to the Committee stating their case and why they feel they are deserving of a place on the Panel. The Committee will make a decision based on the merits of this application. There is no requirement for the two possible Wildcard 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 Team Ireland possible. Examples of reasons for which a Wildcard can be applied for include:
  - A player returning from injury and has displayed their quality in tournaments / leagues since their return.
  - A player who competes in overseas tournaments, which limits their participation in domestic tournaments. A player would however have to show their support by playing in a minimum of three domestic tournaments when not competing overseas.
  - A player living / studying overseas, however a player would have to display their qualities in tournaments / leagues in the area where they currently reside.
- A Panel will consist of a maximum of 14 players.
- The composition of Team Ireland (6 bowlers) will be as follows:
  - The Top 3 from the Rankings will earn a **guaranteed automatic spot** on Team Ireland

- The remaining Panel members, positions 4 through 10 in the Team Ireland Rankings, the Top 2 Ranked Under-19s, and any Wildcards will compete in a roll off in order to determine who will earn a place on Team Ireland.
  - A Roll Off for a Triple Crown will consist of 16 games held in 2 different centres
  - A Roll Off for a European or World Championships will consist of at least 24 games played on a number of different patterns held in at least 2 different centres.
- On completion of the roll off process, the top 3 players from the roll off will be invited to take their place on Team Ireland in addition to the 3 automatic players. Reserves will be taken from the remaining Panels in descending order of Roll Off finishing position (7<sup>th</sup> place = 1<sup>st</sup> reserve, 8<sup>th</sup> place = 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve, etc.).
- The selection process for the World Singles Championships will differ from the above. As teams will consist of a smaller number of players than detailed above, the men and women ranked 1 and 2, as on 1<sup>st</sup> June in the year of the Championships, will be invited to take their place on Team Ireland to participate in the Championships. Reserves will be taken from the ranking lists in descending order (3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1<sup>st</sup> reserve, etc.).
- In the unlikely event of any positions on Team Ireland remaining unfilled after the above process has been completed and all panels members have been invited, the Team Ireland Committee retains the right to fill any remaining positions in any way it sees fit, keeping the mission of fielding the best & strongest Team Ireland possible at the forefront of any decision made.
- All Panels are forwarded to the Executive Committee for ratification.
- The Ranking points for the tournaments are as follows:

Event	National Championships		Irish Open		World Cup Qualifier		Rocks Jewellers Tour Stop	
	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	300	300	260	260	200	200	100	100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	285	285	245	245	190	190	95	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	270	270	230	230	180	180	90	90
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	255	255	215	215	170	170	85	85
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	240	240	200	200	160	160	80	80
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	237	237	197	197	158	158	79	79
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	234	234	194	194	156	156	78	78
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	231	231	191	191	154	154	77	77
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	228	228	188	188	152	152	76	76
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	225	225	185	185	150	150	75	75
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	222	222	182	182	148	148	74	74
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	219	219	179	179	146	146	73	73
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	216	216	176	176	144	144	72	72
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	213	213	173	173	142	142	71	71
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	210	210	170	170	140	140	70	70
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	207	207	167	167	138	138	69	69
17 <sup>th</sup> Place	204	204	164	164	136	136	68	68
18 <sup>th</sup> Place	201	201	161	161	134	134	67	67
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	198	198	158	158	132	132	66	66
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	195	195	155	155	130	130	65	65
Minimum Points	30	30	26	26	20	20	10	10

- Ranking points beyond 20<sup>th</sup> position continue with decreases in points as per the sequences from 6<sup>th</sup> place onwards until they reach the allocated Minimum Points for that particular tournament.
- 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 per this Process) will receive the allocated Minimum Points for that particular tournament.

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