

# Team Ireland Selection Process and Eligibility

- Players will compete for a place on a Team Ireland through the Ranking System, which is operated on a rollover basis. Rankings are now rolling over from the 2013/2014 season.
- The system and points apply 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.
- Modifications have been made to the Ranking System for the 2014/2015 season. The Ranking Points multipliers have been changed from those in the 2013/2014 season. New multiplier levels have been introduced and are listed below. These have been adjusted so that places on Team Ireland are awarded on merit and consistency, and to encourage competition in the Rankings throughout the season.
- 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.**

## Ranking Tournaments – Season 2014/2015

Number	Start	Finish	Tournament	Centre
1	27-Sep	28-Sep	ALSAA Challenge Series	ALSAA Bowl
2	05-Oct	05-Oct	Rocks Jewellers Tour	Leisureplex Stillorgan
3	01-Nov	02-Nov	ALSAA Challenge Series	ALSAA Bowl
4	22-Nov	23-Nov	Leinster Open	Superdome Palmerstown
5	14-Dec	14-Dec	Rocks Jewellers Tour	Leisureplex Stillorgan
6	03-Jan	17-Jan	ALSAA Open	ALSAA Bowl
7	11-Jan	18-Jan	Irish Open	Leisureplex Stillorgan
8	13-Feb	22-Feb	National Championships	Leisureplex Tallaght
9	08-Mar	08-Mar	Rocks Jewellers Tour	Leisureplex Stillorgan
10	12-Apr	12-Apr	Rocks Jewellers Tour	Leisureplex Stillorgan
11	30-May	31-May	ALSAA Challenge Series	ALSAA Bowl
12	TBC	TBC	World Cup Qualifier	Leisureplex Stillorgan
13	21-Jun	21-Jun	Fran's Monthly Singles	Superdome Palmerstown

### NOTES:

- The Rankings will be decided on points earned by a player in their best 10 out of the 13 Ranking Events.
- Ranking points will be awarded for the ranked Rocks Jewellers Tour stops, ALSAA Challenge Series Events and Fran's Monthly Singles event based on Scratch scores taken after the qualifying games.

## Ranking points for Men and Ladies for 2014/2015 Season

Event	National Championships	Irish Open	World Cup Qualifier	Leinster Open / ALSAA Open	Rocks Jewellers Tour/ALSAA Challenge Series/Fran's Monthly Singles
Multiplier	x 2.00	x 1.75	x 1.50	x 1.25	x 1.00
Position	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1	200	175	150	125	100
2	190	166	143	119	95
3	180	158	135	113	90
4	170	149	128	106	85
5	160	140	120	100	80
6	158	138	119	99	79
7	156	137	117	98	78
8	154	135	116	96	77
9	152	133	114	95	76
10	150	131	113	94	75
11	148	130	111	93	74
12	146	128	110	91	73
13	144	126	108	90	72
14	142	124	107	89	71
15	140	123	105	88	70
16	138	121	104	86	69
17	136	119	102	85	68
18	134	117	101	84	67
19	132	116	99	83	66
20	130	114	98	81	65
Minimum Points	30	18	15	13	10

- Ranking points beyond 20<sup>th</sup> position continue with decreases in points as per the sequences 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) will receive the allocated Minimum Points for that particular tournament.

# Team Ireland Panel

- A Team Ireland Panel will consist of a maximum of 12 players:
  - The Top 10 players taken from the Ranking list at the time of selection.
  - 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.
- The composition of Team Ireland for the Triple Crown (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 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 2 blocks of 6 games held in 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 cut-off for The Triple Crown 2015 panel qualification will be after the last ranking event of the 2014/2015 season. Roll-offs will take place on the weekends on the 4/5<sup>th</sup> July and 11/12<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- The composition of Team Ireland for European or World Championships (6 bowlers) will be as follows:
  - There are **no guaranteed automatic spots** on Team Ireland for either of these Championships.
  - The Panel members, positions 1 through 10 in the Team Ireland Rankings 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 European or World Championships will consist of at least 4 blocks of 6 games played on a number of different patterns held in at least 2 different centres.
  - On completion of the roll off process, the top 6 players from the roll off will be invited to take their place on Team Ireland. 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 cut-off for The European Championships 2015 panel qualification will be after the Irish Open. Roll-offs will take place on the weekends 31<sup>st</sup> January/1<sup>st</sup> February and 7/8<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

- 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 and Teams are forwarded to the Executive Committee for ratification.