



# YAC'S ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND RANKING POINTS 2017/2018



## Eligibility

To be eligible to play for YAC's and to receive ranking points you must have current full general membership. You must be over 18 (18 inclusive) and under 24 years of age at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. You must bowl 3 of the 5 tournaments to qualify for panel. The panel will then be forwarded to YAC Selection Committee, who will select team to represent Ireland at a new tournament, YAC Celtic Cup to take place in Summer 2018.

*(N.B. This may change to Under 25 years, currently under discussion)*

Ranking points will be awarded before re-entry in competitions where this is available, and based on finishing position in qualifying rounds not after final.

## Dress Code

Each bowler must wear a bowling shirt (no t-shirts) and have their full name clearly printed or embroidered on the back of their bowling shirt for the entire competition (including final). Ladies must wear a skirt of appropriate length, plain slacks or plain tracksuit bottoms, no leggings or shorts permitted. Men must wear plain slacks or plain tracksuit bottoms, no jeans of any colour or shorts are permitted.

## Tournaments

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| • ALSAA Open             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018   | ALSAA Bowl, Dublin Airport |
| • Leinster Junior Open   | 10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 | Superdome, Palmerstown     |
| • Fran's Monthly Singles | 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2018                       | Superdome, Palmerstown     |
| • Rocks Jeweller Tour    | 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2018                        | Leisureplex, Stillorgan    |
| • ALSAA Challenge        | TBA   | ALSAA Bowl, Dublin Airport |

The general ITBA rules will apply for these tournaments.

## Selection procedure

The Executive Committee, appointed a YAC's Selection Committee, for the 2017-2018 season, consisting of Dave English, Gillian Duignan and Gareth Shannon.

Where selection is necessary to determine which bowler(s) shall represent the country or the Association in any tournaments, such selection for YAC's, shall be the responsibility of the YAC's Selection Committee. The YAC's Selection Committee has confirmed it will use the results/performance from the five Tournaments listed above as part of its selection criteria.

The YAC's Selection Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee for ratification a Panel of bowlers for both men and women, sufficient in number required for any team to be chosen and such Panel will be published, when duly ratified.



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To be eligible for a place on a Panel, a bowler must hold a valid Irish passport. Panel membership shall be open to review on the basis of performance in practice sessions, tournaments, leagues and competitive play.

Teams required to be selected for international competition shall be chosen from those bowlers currently named as Panel members. To comply with our Governance Policy, the criteria the YAC's Selection Committee have agreed to adopt for selection for any international event in 2018, the following matters will be taken into consideration for team selection:

- Position on ranking list which will be determined from points gained from the Tournaments lists earlier in the document
- Average
- Panel Training sessions
- Attendance and Time keeping
- Attitude and behaviour.
- Ability to be a "team player" both on and off lanes.

## **Wildcard / Exemptions**

Bowlers who feel they may be eligible for a Wildcard or Exemption may make a written application to the YAC Selection Committee stating their case and why they feel they are deserving of a place on the Panel / Team. The YAC Selection Committee will make a decision based on the merits of this application. There is no requirement for the possible Wildcard or 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 YAC 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 at least one domestic tournament when / if not competing overseas.
- A bowler living / studying overseas, however a bowler would have to display their qualities in tournaments / leagues in the area where they currently reside

**When a team is selected the decision of the YAC Selection Committee is final.**