

Junior Panel Eligibility and Ranking Points 2022/2023

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BOWL IN THE JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENTS, ALL BOWLERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT I.T.B.A. MEMBERSHIP CARD.

The schedule of events and eligibility criteria may be subject to change, if any external events impact schedule of events.

Eligibility

Please note that you must bowl in the required number of Junior Ranking events (including the National Youth Championship) to be eligible for the Junior Triple Crown (JTC) and European Youth Championships (EYC) panel.

Additional events may be added to the Ranking calendar within 3 months of the scheduled date and / or existing calendar events may be ranked if they are deemed by the ITBA Junior Group Sub-committee (and approved by the Executive) to provide additional focus and preparation in line with the specific Panel needs. Schedule of Events below.

Schedule of Events

These dates may be subject to change if any external events impact the running of the event.

Tournament	Bowling Centre	Day/Dates	JTC / EYC
Junior Scratch Singles	Leisureplex Charlestown	25 th September 2022	JTC & EYC 2023
Junior Scratch Singles	ALSAA	23 rd October 2022	JTC & EYC 2023
Junior Irish Open	Leisureplex Tallaght	4 th to 6 th November 2022	JTC & EYC 2023
Junior Scratch Singles	ALSAA	11 th December 2022	JTC & EYC 2023
ALSAA Dual Pattern	ALSAA	14 th & 15 th January 2023	JTC 2023
Junior Scratch Open	Leisureplex Blanchardstown	19 th February 2023	JTC 2023
National Youth Championships	Leisureplex Blanchardstown	25 th & 26 th March 2023	JTC 2023
Junior Masters	ALSAA	22 nd & 23 rd April 2023	JTC 2023

Tournament	Bowling Centre	Day/Dates
Junior Irish Open	Leisureplex Tallaght	4 th to 6 th November 2022
Bantam Singles	ALSAA	5 th December 2022
Bantam Championships	Coolock	5 th March 2023
Bantam Masters	ALSAA	9 th April 2023

Junior Triple Crown 2023:

Bowlers must play in a minimum of 6 of the currently scheduled **8** events, including the National Youth Championships. The total accumulated ranking points based on the 'Best 5' tournaments will be used to determine eligibility after the 8 tournaments to select the panel. If any tournaments cannot proceed, the total accumulated ranking points based on the number of tournaments played will be used to select the panel.

EYC 2023:

The qualifying criteria for EYC2023 will be based on the 4 tournaments listed above. The averages for EYC Panel eligibility are set at: **Girls:** 170 **Boys:** 180. The junior bowler averages after the 4 scheduled tournaments will be used as the basis of eligibility towards meeting the EYC average. Please note that an exception has been applied to the qualifying criteria for EYC 2023, so the requirement to play in the National Championships has been removed due to the cancellation of the 2022 tournament. Bowlers must play in the 4 scheduled tournaments and must commit to training and prove they are committed to the panel.

Bowlers, wishing to represent Ireland on National Teams, including EYC (and all other European, Triple Crown and World Team events) will be required to formally sign-up to the ITBA National Development Programme (NDP); will be required to participate in the development and training sessions run jointly by the Junior Sub-committee and assigned ITBA certified coaches; and will be required to meet the criteria laid down for the event, unless a 'Wildcard' selection is made.

Wildcards:

Wildcard - Bowlers outside the panel selection or who have not met the required average (EYC), who feel they may be eligible for a Wildcard may make a written application to the Junior Selection Committee stating their case and why they feel they are deserving of a place on the Panel. The Junior Selection Committee will make a decision based on the merits of this application. All applications will be reviewed fairly and objectively with the ultimate mission of achieving the best and strongest Junior Team possible. Applications for a Wildcard must be submitted to juniors@tenpinbowling.ie and will be forwarded to the Junior Selection Committee.

Alternatively, if the Junior Selection Committee feel that a junior bowler may be eligible for / deserving of / benefit from a Wildcard selection, they may recommend for ratification a junior bowler as part of the Panel. All recommendations will be made with the ultimate mission of achieving the best and strongest Junior Team possible.

There is no requirement for the Wildcard spot(s) to be filled or any guarantee of an application being approved even if those spot(s) are not filled.

Reasons for a Wildcard can include, but are not limited to:

- A bowler has competed in an overseas tournament and was unable to meet some of the requirements in the criteria.
- A bowler returning from injury and has displayed their quality in tournaments / leagues since their return.
- Any issues or circumstances outside of a bowlers control that specifically limits the bowlers participation in the required number of tournaments or meeting the required average.

Dress Code & Rules:

As these events are I.T.B.A. Junior Ranking Tournaments, the following dress code applies:

- Girls must wear plain-coloured skorts or black slacks.
- Boys must wear plain-black slacks.
- Shorts, leggings, sleeveless tops, tee shirts and V-neck tee shirts are amongst the clothing items not permitted.
- All bowlers must have their name fully permanently printed or embroidered on the back of a polo-shirt, collared shirt or sports top (new style bowling shirts with large rounded collar) throughout the tournament including finals.

Dress Code for International Tournaments (JTC, EYC, WYC):

All bowlers travelling to International Junior Tournaments must adhere to the following Dress Code

- Ireland Jackets must be worn travelling to and from the tournaments
- Bowlers must wear a plain white Polo shirt travelling to and from these tournaments.
- All bowlers must wear black slacks travelling to and from these tournaments.
- All bowlers must wear black shoes travelling to and from these tournaments.

Training Sessions for International Tournaments:

All bowlers taking part in the scheduled training sessions must adhere to the Dress Code for Junior Ranked Tournaments

Rules:

The following Rules apply to all bowlers:

- Bowlers must be on time and register 10 minutes before training is scheduled. LATE check-in could lead to a bowler not being allowed to take part in that session.
- All bowlers must check-in before going on the lanes.
- Mobile phones are not permitted once you register for tournaments or training and must be switched off during play.
- The use of earphones is not permitted during training sessions or Junior tournaments.
- All bowlers are expected to comply with the members Code of Ethics and Social Media Policy - both of which are available online – www.tenpinbowling.ie

Failure to comply with these Rules may result in loss of ranking points and loss of eligibility for selection. Serious breaches of the Code of Ethics or Social Media Policy may result in loss of eligibility for selection and withdrawal of ITBA membership.

Junior Tournament Ranking Points:

Ranking points will be allocated after the final standings. Exceptions to this are:

- Junior Irish Open ranking points will be allocated after the first 6 games.
- Junior Masters ranking points will be allocated after the first 6 games.

Team Ireland Tournaments:

Junior bowlers may participate in scheduled Team Ireland tournaments, providing they also have a general membership and may be awarded ranking points based on the applicable criteria. However, junior bowlers eligible for international representation **must prioritise** participating in age-appropriate tournaments/ competitions/ training/ practice sessions, in line with the spirit of the ITBA's 'Child Safeguarding Statement'.

Deduction of Ranking Points:

Number of Ranking points deducted for the following will be determined by the Junior Committee.

- Late registration for Junior tournaments and Training Sessions.
- Failing to notify your Team Manager if you are not turning-up for Training Sessions.
- Use of foul language or inappropriate gestures on or off the lanes.
- Use of mobile phones or earphones, after registration until finish, at Training Sessions and Junior Tournament.
- Respect to fellow bowlers, Coaches and Junior Sub-committee members on or off the lanes.

Note: Bowlers retain their right to appeal any decision, as set-out in the ITBA Constitution.

Selection Procedure (JTC/EYC):

- The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Junior Sub-committee, will shortly appoint a Junior Selection Committee for the 2022-2023 season. This Junior Selection Committee will adopt the enclosed Eligibility and Selection Criteria when selecting Panel(s) and bowler(s).
- Where selection is necessary to determine which bowler(s) shall represent the country or the Association in any tournaments, such selection for Juniors, shall be the responsibility of the Junior Selection Committee.
- The Junior Selection Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee for ratification a maximum Panel of 8 bowlers for both boys and girls. Such Panel will be published, when duly ratified.
- To be eligible for Panel selection bowlers must:
 - hold an Irish passport and are in good standing with the Association
 - have achieved the required Ranking points and/or minimum average (EYC) or be approved via the Wildcard system
 - when the Panel is ratified, bowlers must attend 80% of the Training Sessions set-out by the Team Manager.

It must be understood that:

- being in the top four (EYC or JTC) on the Rankings entitles a bowler to a place on the Panel but does not automatically entitle them to a place on the Team.
- the Junior Committee (in consultation with the Executive Committee) reserves the right not to send a team to an event where it believes the Panel of bowlers eligible for selection has not reached the required standard or financial constraints within the ITBA does not allow participation.

Selection Criteria

The following will be taken into consideration for Team selection:

- Position on ranking list
- Average
- Current form
- Willingness to accept coaching
- Dress code
- Behaviour & Attitude
- Attendance & Time Keeping
- Attendance of Panel Training Sessions
- Ability to be a "team player" both on and off the lanes

It must also be understood that when the Team(s) is selected the decision of the Selectors is final.

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Appendix 1

ANTI-DOPING

The ITBA – www.tenpinbowling.ie, World Bowling – www.worldbowling.org and Sport Ireland www.sportireland.ie are all committed to providing a clean sport and a stage upon where athletes can compete in fairness. The use of doping substances or doping methods to enhance performance is fundamentally wrong and is detrimental to the overall impact of bowling. Drug misuse can be harmful to an athlete's health and also indirectly impact other athletes competing in bowling. To ensure integrity of the sport of bowling, the ITBA is fully signed-up to World Bowling and Sport Ireland's National Programme and will enforce the World Anti-Doping Code developed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) - www.wada-ama.org/en.

WHAT IS DOPING:

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following anti-doping rule violations:

- Presence of a prohibited substance (such as steroids, stimulants, hormones, diuretics or narcotics) in an athlete's sample.
- Possession, trafficking, use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or method (such as blood transfusions or gene doping).
- Refusing to submit to sample collection.
- Failure to file whereabouts information and missed tests.
- Tampering with any part of the doping control process.
- Administering or attempting to administer a prohibited substance or method to an athlete.

AS AN ATHLETE, WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOPING?

Any athlete may be tested in- and out-of-competition at anytime, anywhere and with no advance notice. The principle of strict liability applies in anti-doping – if it is in the athlete's body, the athlete is responsible for it.

Athletes' responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- complying with the Sport Ireland's Anti-Doping Rules in line with the World Anti-Doping Code;
- being available for sample collection (urine or blood), whether in-competition or out-of-competition;
- ensuring that no prohibited substance enters his body and that no prohibited method is used;
- making sure that any treatment is not prohibited according to the Prohibited List in force and checking this with the prescribing physicians, or directly with the Sport Ireland if necessary;
- applying to the Sport Ireland if no alternative permitted treatment is possible and a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) is required (see the Sport Ireland TUE application process)

Every athlete needs to take into account the list of prohibited substances and know what are his/her rights and responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code and the IF anti-doping rules. Athletes should know that, under the Code, they are strictly liable whenever a prohibited substance is found in their body. This means that a violation occurs whether or not the athlete intentionally, knowingly or unknowingly, used a prohibited substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault.

The World Anti-Doping Code (Code) is the core document that provides the framework for harmonized antidoping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities. It works in conjunction with five International Standards aimed at bringing harmonization among anti-doping organisations in various areas: testing, laboratories, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), protection of privacy and personal information, and the List of Prohibited Substances and Methods. The Code and the Standards are mandatory documents for WADA's stakeholders. These documents are supported by non-mandatory guidelines.

The ITBA Anti-Doping Officer Anti-Doping Update for the AGM, pointed out the ITBA following:

"I attended the Sport Ireland 2017 Anti-Doping Annual Review which was held in March. Great emphasis was placed on the increasing use of nutritional supplements by Irish athletes. These supplements can pose risks to athletes as many can contain prohibited substances and if the packaging does not have a Marketing Authorisation number it cannot be checked."

The **Sport Ireland Wallet Cards** have previously been circulated. In the Anti-Doping Update for the AGM, the ITBA Anti-Doping Officer stressed:

*“It is imperative that all bowlers familiarise themselves with its contents. The Wallet Card is designed as a brief overview and a lot more information on all aspects of Anti-Doping can be found on the Sport Ireland website – www.sportireland.ie/antidoping.” This includes links to **“Report Doping”** (link also on ITBA website), **“Supplement Policy”** and **“Check your Medication”** link to www.eirpharm.com if in any doubt about any medication you are taking”*

The Sport Ireland “REPORT DOPING” intelligence programme is a vital part of the Anti-Doping programme and seeks to collect any information that will assist in the detection, deterrence, enforcement or prevention of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV). ADRVs include use and attempted use of prohibited substances in sport, but also extend to administration of a prohibited substance, possession and trafficking in prohibited substances. Those who are most at risk of an ADRV are competitive athletes and support personnel (including Coaches) involved with competitive athletes. In the Anti-Doping Update for the AGM 2018, the ITBA Anti-Doping Officer highlighted:

“I would particularly remind bowlers participating in European Tenpin Bowling Federation or World Bowling events that they should check that any medication being taken is not on the Prohibited List as published by WADA – see www.wada-ama.org/en .”

In summary, bowlers should remember, that under the Code, they are strictly liable whenever a prohibited substance is found in their body. This means that a violation occurs whether or not a bowler intentionally, knowingly or unknowingly, used a prohibited substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault.

So, let’s continue to be fully aware of our responsibilities and let’s continue to keep Irish Tenpin Bowling drug free.