



# *Irish Tenpin Bowling Association*

## *National Children's Officer*

### Officers Report for the Annual General Meeting 2025

With the election of the Irish Tenpin Bowling Association (ITBA) National Children's Officer to the Executive Committee as a sitting member from the 2015-2020 AGM and as an advisor to the Executive Committee since the 2020 AGM, the ITBA continued in its adherence to the practices, policies, and procedures of Sport Ireland's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland.

Since November 2011, the application of Garda Vetting has been compulsory for all Committee Members, Coaches, and Volunteers within the association. Since August 7th, 2016, all ITBA vetting has been processed online. As advised in my report presented at the 2017 AGM, the ITBA had decided, based on Data Protection regulations, to commence ongoing re-vetting after a period of five years. Legislation, to be finalised, will officially govern this re-vetting timeframe to three years, at which point the ITBA will adhere.

Since the 2024 AGM, we have processed 6 re-vetting requests. In addition, there have been 5 new vetting applications processed.

Over the last year, 3 members have completed the Safeguarding 1 course, 1 member has completed the Safeguarding 2 course, and 1 member has completed the Safeguarding 3 course.

In line with GDPR regulations, which came into force on May 25th, 2018, the ITBA Executive and Sub-committees have continued rolling out revised policies & procedures to meet these requirements. The ongoing review and update of all ITBA Code of Conduct, Roles & Responsibilities, and Contract documents continue.

As ITBA National Children's Officer for over 15 years, the ITBA Executive accepted my decision to retire from the position with effect from the 2025 AGM. Based on this and on application following the publication of the position vacancy, I am delighted to advise the appointment of Chelsea McCarthy to the position and wish her all success in the future. Chelsea can be contacted via email at [childrns.officer@tenpinbowling.ie](mailto:childrns.officer@tenpinbowling.ie).

As ITBA Authorised Signatory, I will continue in the position managing all Garda Vetting. For communication on this area I can be contacted via email at [vetting@tenpinbowling.ie](mailto:vetting@tenpinbowling.ie).

All relevant documentation continues to be made available to all via the ITBA Website [www.tenpinbowling.ie](http://www.tenpinbowling.ie).

**John Dunne**

Outgoing ITBA National Children's Officer

20<sup>th</sup> April 2025