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SPORT IRELAND



COACHES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

SUB-COMMITTEE 24-25:

CHAIR: GRANT DUGAN

SECRETARY: GARETH SHANNON

MEMBERS: GILLIAN DUIGNAM & ABBY MCKEEVER

LIST OF CERTIFIED EBF LEVEL 1 COACHES (AS OF 27TH MAY 2025):

- GILLIAN DUIGNAM
- GRANT DUGAN
- LAUREN DUGAN
- TOMMY FETHERSTON
- NOEL KELLEHER
- EOGHAIN LEBIODA
- MARTIN MCKEEVER
- FERGAL MCLOUGHLIN
- GARETH SHANNON
- DAVID STAINES
- EDDY WATTIMENA

LIST OF TRAINED EBF LEVEL 1 COACHES (AS OF 27TH MAY 2025):

- EDDIE BEST
- DONNA BRADY
- CHLOE COLTON
- TIM DAWSON
- JOHN DUNNE

- STEPHEN EKERMANS
- URSULA EKERMANS
- PAUL GREEN
- ROBERT KRAMBOVITIS
- CIARA LAWLOR
- ABBY MCKEEVER
- FRAN PUZZUOLI
- MARTIN RYAN
- DAVID SEAY
- CHRISTOPHER SLOAN
- BARBARA SLOAN

LIST OF CERTIFIED EBF LEVEL 2 COACHES (AS OF 27TH MAY 2025):

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- LAUREN DUGAN
- TOMMY FETHERSTON
- GARETH SHANNON
- DAVID STAINES
- EDDY WATTIMENA

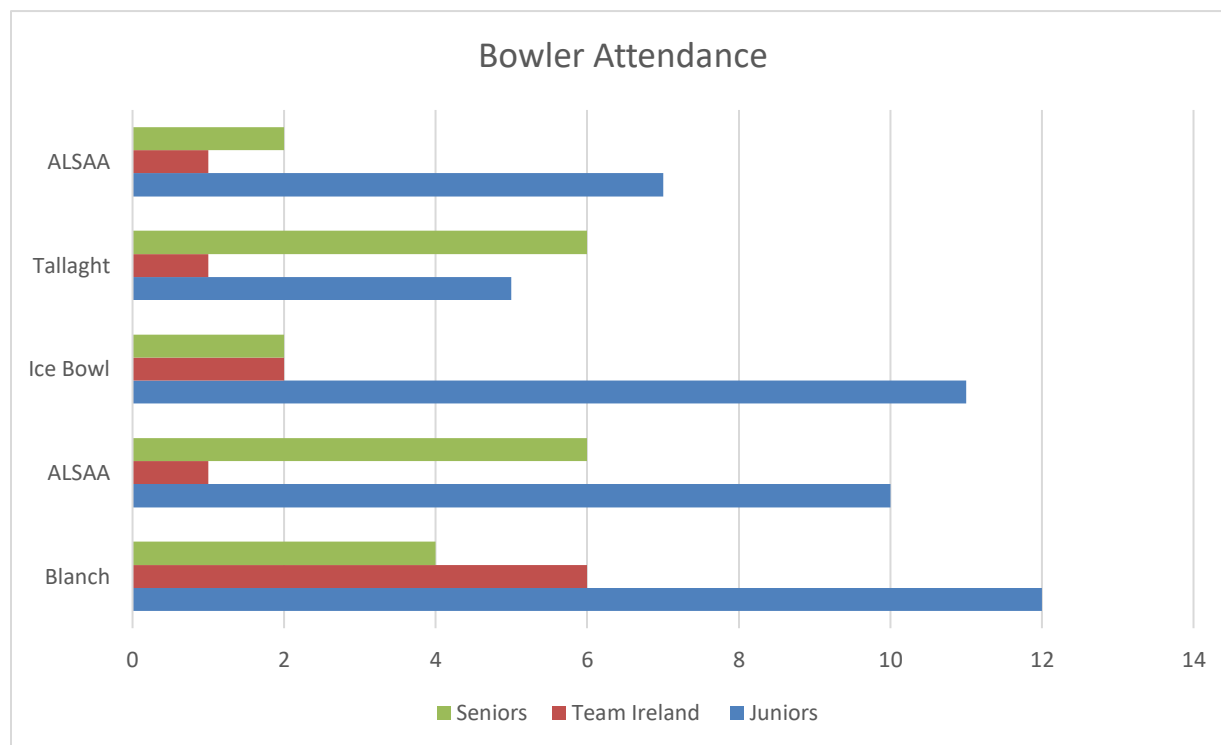
LIST OF TRAINED EBF LEVEL 2 COACHES (AS OF 27TH MAY 2025):

- NOEL KELLEHER
- EOGHAIN LEBIODA
- MARTIN MCKEEVER
- FERGAL MCLOUGHLIN

BOWLER DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Monthly Bowler Development Sessions were incorporated this season into the bowling calendar where a free slot between events would be available. These sessions were free of charge to valid members until the end of 2024, with a 10 euro fee payable for sessions since.

The bar chart below shows a summary of the attendees by session and by age category. Juniors had the highest engagement in development sessions.



Future plans surrounding Bowler Development Sessions as a result of the statistics gathered over the season will perhaps see a shift towards a 'Bowler Development Seminar Programme'. Offering seminars focussed on one aspect of the sport for a number of weeks with educational material and lane time for practical coaching sessions (when applicable). Participants would then register for the seminar programmes that they are interested in, with a sign-up fee payable to ensure attendance as an aid to avoid 'no-shows'. Seminar topics would for example be: Spare Game, Understanding Lane Patterns, Getting to Know Your Bowling Equipment, Physical Game Fundamentals, Practice Drills and How to Practice, etc.

2 HANDED CLINIC

THE FIRST 2 HANDED CLINIC WAS HOSTED IN DUNDONALD ICE BOWL AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS MADE BY LAUREN DUGAN TO CREATE THE CLINIC, WITH IRELAND'S OWN 2 HANDED PBA STAR, CHRISTOPHER

SLOAN IN ATTENDANCE ON THE DAY ALONGSIDE HANNAH MASTERSON AND TAYLOR WILLIAMS WHO WERE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AND ADVICE WITH THE GROUP WHO ATTENDED.

DOM BARRETT CLINIC

A SECOND CLINIC FEATURING PBA STAR, DOM BARRETT, WAS AGAIN HOSTED IN ALSAA BOWL. OFFERING SEPARATE COACHING SESSIONS FOR THE JUNIORS, ADULTS AND SENIORS. A PRO-AM WAS ALSO CONTESTED AT THIS CLINIC.

EVENTS / TOURNAMENTS / CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024-2025 SEASON:

ADULT TRIPLE CROWN – DUNDONALD - SEPTEMBER 2024 – GARETH SHANNON & GILLIAN DUIGNAM

YOUTH TRIPLE CROWN – BLANCHARDSTOWN - AUGUST 2024 – EDDY WATTIMENA, MARTIN MCKEEVER, NOEL KELLEGHER, TOMMY FETHERSTON, GRANT DUGAN, LAUREN DUGAN

U30'S – SCOTLAND - AUGUST 2024 – GARETH SHANNON & GILLIAN DUIGNAM

WYC – KOREA - JULY 2024 – DAVID STAINES & TOMMY FETHERSTON

SENIOR TRIPLE CROWN – ENGLAND – MARCH 2025 – NO COACHES SHOWED INTEREST OR AVAILABILITY TO TRAVEL AS COACH WITH THE TEAMS (ONLY 2 EBF LEVEL 1 TRAINED COACHES WERE PART OF THE TEAM OF PLAYERS)

IBF WORLD YOUTH CUP – SWEDEN – JUNE 2025 – 2 RATIFIED COACHES TO TRAIN THE SELECTED TEAM IN DAVID STAINES AND LAUREN DUGAN, NO COACHES TO TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM

YOUTH TRIPLE CROWN – SCOTLAND – AUGUST 2025 – RATIFIED TRAVELLING COACHES OF NOEL KELLEGHER AND PAUL GREEN, COACHES RATIFIED FOR TRAINING SESSIONS – NOEL KELLEGHER, PAUL GREEN, MARTIN MCKEEVER, ABBY MCKEEVER, GRANT DUGAN, LAUREN DUGAN.

ACTIVE CLUBS / COACHING:

VITALITY LEARN TO BOWL PROGRAMME – DUNDONALD ICE BOWL – GRANT DUGAN, LAUREN DUGAN, DAVID SEAY, EDDIE BEST

BLANCHARDSTOWN JUNIOR CLUB – LEISUREPLEX BLANCHARDSTOWN – JOHN DUNNE, PAUL GREEN, ROBERT KRAMBOVITIS

TALLAGHT JUNIOR CLUB – LEISUREPLEX TALLAGHT – DAVID STAINES, ABBY MCKEEVER

ALSAA JUNIOR CLUB - ALSAA BOWL – FERGAL MCLOUGHLIN, MARTIN RYAN, GILLIAN DUIGNAM

ACTIVE 1-1 INDIVIDUAL COACHING:

A NUMBER OF THE COACHING PANEL HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE ALSO ACTIVELY COACHING IN A 1-ON-1 BASIS ACROSS VARIOUS BOWLING CENTRES, THEY INCLUDE: GILLIAN DUIGNAM, GRANT DUGAN, LAUREN DUGAN, FERGAL MCLOUGHLIN, DAVID SEAY, GARETH SHANNON, CHRISTOPHER SLOAN, DAVID STAINES AND EDDY WATTIMENA

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACH TRAINING:

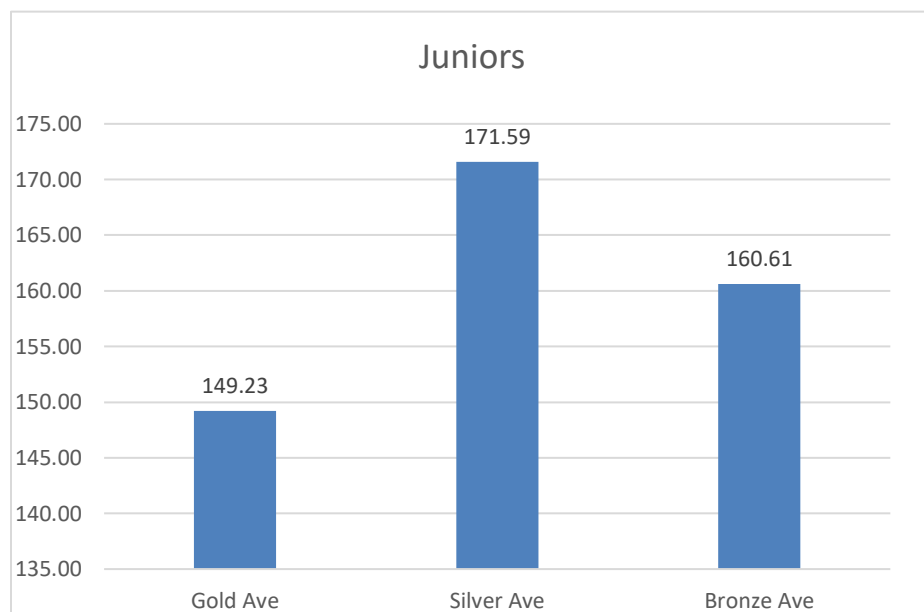
GILLIAN DUIGNAM & NOEL KELLEGHER (BOTH CURRENT COACH DEVELOPERS) – HOSTED THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS LEINSTER BRANCH TO EDUCATE THEIR COACHES

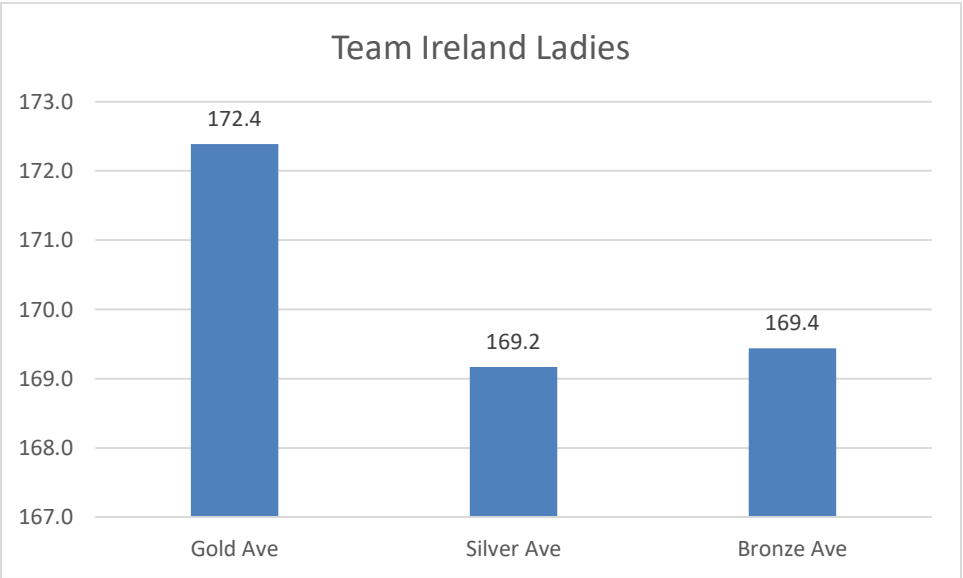
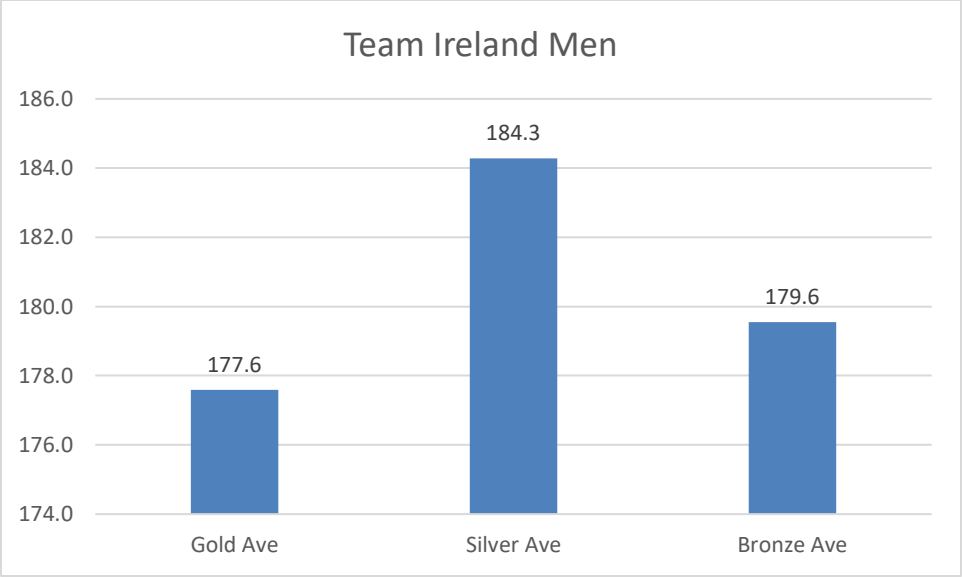
NATIONAL RANKING TOUR AVERAGE STATISTICS:

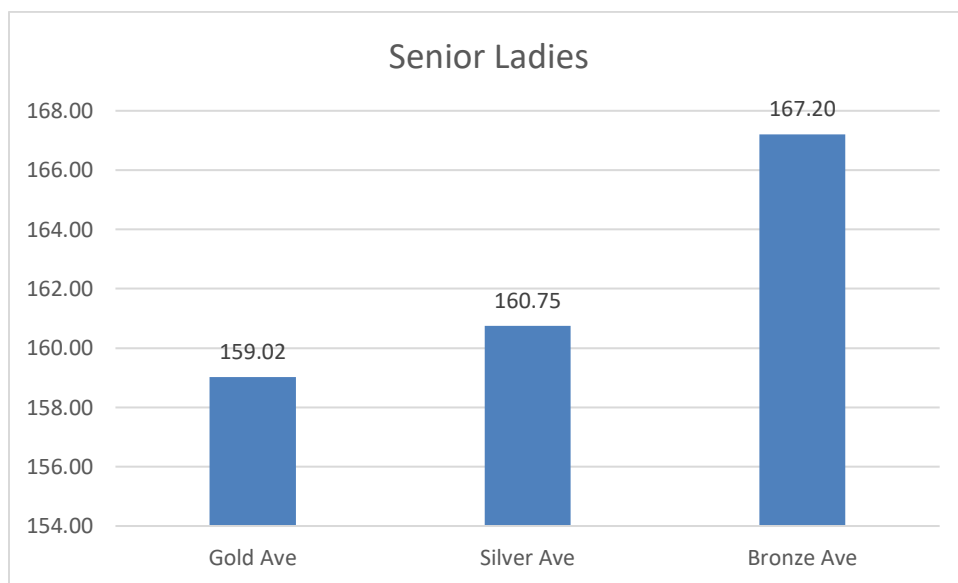
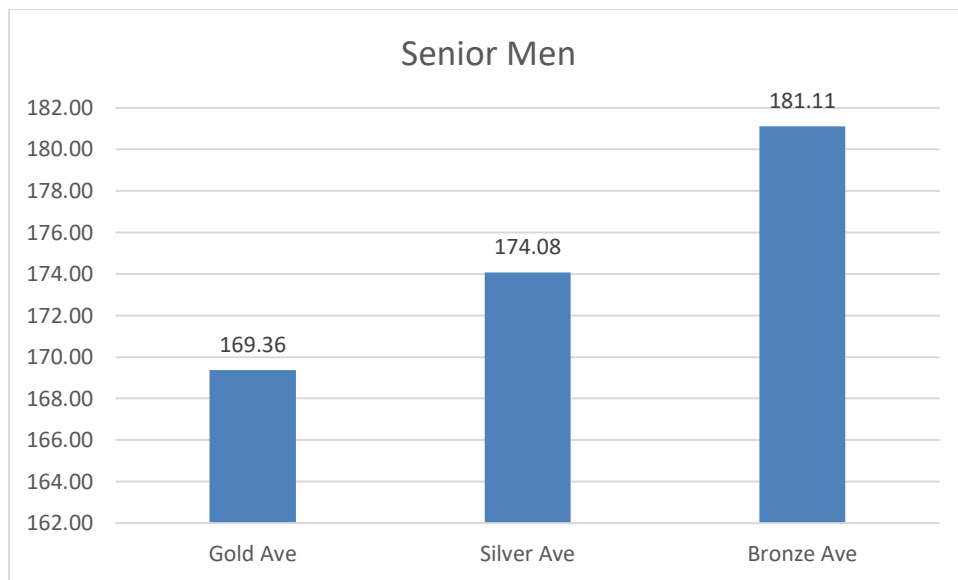
A SUMMARY TO COMPARE THE AVERAGES ACHIEVED ACROSS THE SEASON BETWEEN AGE CATEGORY AND BY EVENT STATUS LEVEL ALLOWING AN INSIGHT TO AREAS THAT NEED IMPROVEMENT OR FURTHER KNOWLEDGE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR USE. REPORTS FROM EVENTS SUGGEST A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LANEPLAY, EQUIPMENT AND SPARE GAMES ARE AREAS IN MOST NEED OF IMPROVEMENT OVERALL.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED ACROSS THE SEASON THAT THE AVERAGES IN GOLD LEVEL EVENTS WOULD BE THE LEAST WITH AN INCREASING AVERAGE TREND AS YOU MOVED FROM SILVER TO BRONZE LEVEL EVENTS. INCREMENTS OF 10 PINS ON AVERAGE WOULD BE EXPECTED BETWEEN THE LEVELS, FOR EXAMPLE GOLD – 200, SILVER – 210, AND BRONZE – 220.

THE CHARTS BELOW SHOW THE SUMMARY OF ALL AVERAGES BY AGE CATEGORY AND BY EVENT LEVEL FOR THE ENTIRE 2024-2025 SEASON.

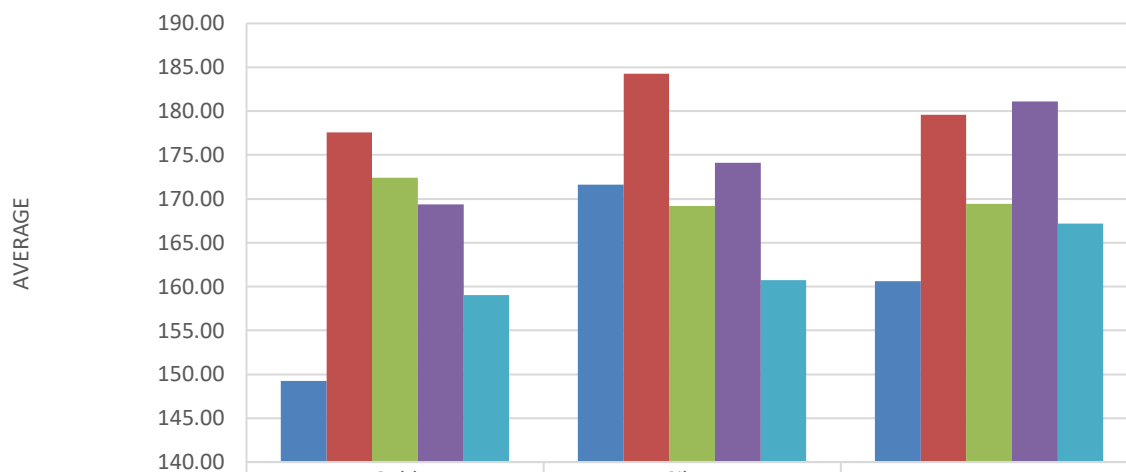






THE FINDINGS ON SUMMARISING THE COLLATED DATA SHOW THAT THE SENIOR CATEGORY MEANT THE FORECASTED TREND EXPECTED, WITH NEITHER OF THE TEAM IRELAND OR JUNIORS MEETING THE FORECASTED TREND. HOWEVER THE EXPECTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STATUS LEVEL AND AVERAGE IS NOT AS WIDE AS FORECASTED WITH AVERAGES BEING CLOSER THAN EXPECTED.

OVERALL TOUR AVERAGES



	Gold	Silver	Bronze
■ Juniors	149.23	171.59	160.61
■ Team Ireland Men	177.59	184.28	179.55
■ Team Ireland Ladies	172.39	169.17	169.44
■ Senior Men	169.36	174.08	181.11
■ Senior Ladies	159.02	160.75	167.20