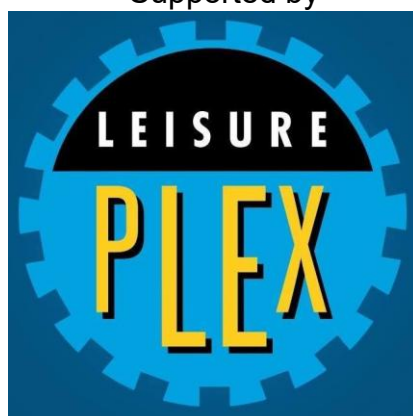




Welcome Senior Bowlers to the 30th ANNUAL SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

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Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th Jan 2026

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COMPETITORS' INFORMATION PACK

ITBA Senior Sub-Committee	
Chair:	Áine Lebioda
Treasurer:	Ray Bergin
Secretary:	Stephen Ekermans
Score Keeper:	Mark Higson
Committee Member:	Paul McCauley
Committee Member:	David Seay
ESBC Contact:	Pat Holmes

Tournament Rules

(EBF Championship Rules Apply)

1. Governance and Eligibility

1. The Tournament is sanctioned by Tenpin Ireland (TI) and conducted in accordance with EBF Championship Rules and TI General Playing Rules.
2. All participants must be aged 49 or over and hold current Tenpin Ireland membership. Membership may be verified at registration.
3. All competitors must comply with **Sport Ireland / WADA Anti-Doping Regulations** throughout the event.

2. Dress Code

4. Athletes must wear a **recognised bowling shirt** (collared polo or dye-sublimated) affiliated with the tenpin bowling industry.
 - Shirts must not display logos that compromise the integrity or reputation of Tenpin Ireland.
 - Display of a player's name on the shirt is optional.
5. Permitted lower garments include plain-coloured dress slacks, tracksuit bottoms, sports leggings, tailored golf shorts, skirts or skorts.
 - Shorts, skirts, and skorts must extend below the fingertips when standing and must provide appropriate coverage at all times.

3. Equipment and Ball Regulations

6. It is the responsibility of each bowler to ensure that all bowling balls comply with the **current USBC Approved Bowling Ball List**, including specifications for weight, balance, and hardness.
7. A maximum of **six (6) bowling balls** may be registered per athlete prior to the start of the Tournament.
 - Ball registration will close immediately following Official Practice prior to the Mixed Doubles.
 - No additions or replacements are permitted once the first event has commenced, Mixed Doubles, except in exceptional circumstances approved by the Tournament Manager.
8. Random equipment checks may be carried out at any time during competition at the discretion of the Tournament Manager.

4. Ball Surface Adjustments

9. Surface adjustments using approved cleaners, polish, pads, or scrub sponges may only be carried out:
 - During official practice sessions; or
 - Between blocks of games, semi-finals, or finals, and outside the athletes' area.
10. Abrasive surface changes using bonded or coated abrasives are permitted only in designated areas and only during practice or between competition blocks.

5. Registration, Play, and Conduct

11. Registration will close 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Late arrivals will not be permitted to bowl or transfer squads.
12. Bowlers must be ready to bowl when it is their turn. One-lane courtesy applies on both sides.
 - Slow play constitutes poor sportsmanship and may result in disciplinary action.
13. Mobile phones must be switched to **silent mode** during play.
14. Coaching is **not permitted** during tournament play.

6. Protests, Disputes, and Discipline

15. A provisional ball must be rolled in any dispute that cannot be resolved immediately.
 16. All protests or complaints must be submitted **in writing within 30 minutes** of the completion of the squad in which the issue occurred.
 17. Any competitor whose conduct is deemed unsporting, derogatory, or contrary to the Code of Conduct or best interests of the sport may be disqualified and reported to Tenpin Ireland.
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7. Anti-Doping, Alcohol, and Smoking

18. Competitors are strictly prohibited from smoking, vaping, or consuming alcohol during any part of the competition.
 - Breaches may result in disqualification.
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8. Tournament Committee

19. The Tournament Committee for this event shall consist of:
Adrienne Dunne (Manager), Áine Lebioda, Ray Bergin, Paul McCauley, Mark Higson, Stephen Ekermans, and David Seay.
 20. The decisions of the Tournament Committee and Tournament Managers on all matters are final and binding.
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9. Competition Format and Awards

21. This Tournament includes Scratch and Handicap divisions.
 22. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both Scratch and Handicap sections.
 23. Scratch medals will be awarded first; Handicap medals will be awarded from the remaining eligible competitors.
 24. A scratch score may place in the Handicap section if it exceeds competing handicap scores.
 25. High Game awards, Men and Ladies, will be presented including Mixed Doubles.
 26. Memorial trophies will be awarded as follows:
 - Bernard Groves Memorial Trophy – top male and female handicap bowler not qualifying for Scratch Masters.
 - Elspeth Gailey Memorial Trophy – Ladies Scratch Singles winner.
 - Larry O'Leary Memorial Trophy – Men's Scratch Singles winner.
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10. Ranking Points and Ties

27. Ranking Points will be awarded based on current **Double-points** for scratch pinfall from Singles, Doubles, and Trios events.
 28. Ranking Points will only be awarded to bowlers who compete in all three main events.
 29. In the event of a tie, the **highest last scratch game** will determine the final placing.
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11. Exceptional Circumstances

30. The Tournament Committee may, at its discretion, grant special consideration in cases of injury, hospitalisation, or bereavement preventing full participation.



Wishing all bowlers the very best of luck in the
2026 Senior National Championships!
Proud to support our bowling community — roll strong and strike often!

From Sean, Grainne all of us at Charlestown

Schedule

Thursday Jan 8th	Date	Check In	Start
Mixed Doubles (3 games) Squad 1 - 14 Teams cap	Thursday 8 th Jan	19:30 to 19:50	20:00 to 21:30
Friday Jan 9th	Date	Check In	Start
Ladies Doubles (4 games) Squad 1 - 8 teams Squad 1 - 6 gents teams	Friday 9 th Jan	19:30 to 19:50	20:00 to 22:00
Saturday Jan 10th	Date	Check In	Start
Gents Doubles (4 games) Squad 2 - 14 teams	Saturday 10 th Jan	08:30 to 08:50	09:00 to 11:00
Lane Maintenance 11:00 am to 12:00 pm			
Ladies Singles (5 games) 16 ladies, 8 lanes	Saturday 10 th Jan	11:30 to 11:50	12:00 to 14:00
Lane Maintenance 14:00 to 15:00 Presentations: Doubles & Caps presentations for 2025 Triple Crown Team + Manager and for Yvonne Randall			
Gents Singles (5 games) Squad 1 – 20 gents	Saturday 10 th Jan	14:30 to 14:50	15:00 to 17:00
Lane Maintenance 17:00 to 18:00			
Gents Singles (5 games) Squad 2 - 20 gents	Saturday 10 th Jan	17:30 to 17:50	18:00 to 20:00
Sunday Jan 11th	Date	Check In	Start
Trios Squad 1 (3 games) Squad 1 gents - 14 teams	Sunday 11 th Jan.	08:30 to 08:50	09:00 to 11:00
Lane Maintenance 11:00 to 12:00 Presentation Men's & Ladies Singles			
Trios Squad 2 (3 games) Squad 2 - 5 ladies teams plus gents overflow	Sunday 11 th Jan.	11:30 to 11:50	12:00 to 14:00
Lane Maintenance 14:00 to 15:00 Presentations: Trios & All Events			
Masters Finals			
Top 8 Gents & 6 Ladies Round Robin (scratch) 7 games	Sunday 11 th Jan	14:30 to 14:50	15:00 to 16:30
Masters Medal Presentations - Sunday 11th 17:00 approximately.			

Lane Assignments

Thursday 8th January 2026

Mixed Doubles

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Mixed Doubles (3 games) Squad 1		Thur 8th Jan	19:30 – 19:50	20:00 – 21:30
Lane	Mixed Doubles (no lane moves)			
3	Dymphna Kestell		Declan Kestell	
4	Aine Lebioda		Paul McCauley	
5	Rodney Peacock		Phil Joyce	
6	Maeve O'Reilly		Ken O'Reilly	
7	Stephen Ekermans		Ursula Ekermans	
8	Liam Hogan		Elaine Lalor	
9	Theresa Watts		Philip Watts	
10	Anita Watts		Nickey O'Malley	
11	Martina Shortt		Kieran Shortt	
12	Lorraine Keane		Ken Foley	
13	Kenny Donnelly		Pacer	
14	Roisin Cloake		Fergal Mc Loughlin	
15	Margaret McConkey		Liam O'Rafferty	
16	Kathleen Lyons		Tom Byrne	

Friday 9th January 2026

Ladies Doubles

Event		Date	Check-in	Start
Ladies Doubles (4 games)		Friday 9th Jan	19:30 – 19:50	20:00 – 22:00
Lane	Ladies Doubles (move 2 lanes to the right)			
3	Kathleen Lyons	Bernie Moriarty		
4	Phil Joyce	Donna Horton		
5	Elaine Lalor	Dymphna Kestell		
6	Martina Shortt	Lorraine Keane		
7	Margaret McConkey	Maeve O'Reilly		
8	Ursula Ekermans	Mary Heffernan		
9	Aine Lebioda	Roisin Cloake		
10	Anita Watts	Theresa Watts		

Gents Doubles

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Gents Doubles (4 games) Squad 1		Friday 9th Jan	19:30 – 19:50	20:00 – 22:00
Lane	Gents Doubles (Move two lanes to the right)			
11	David Nethaway	Haulie Storan		
12	John R Wilson	Johan Britz		
13	Ken Foley	Paul Molphy		
14	Declan Kestell	Thomas Nolan		
15	Mark Higson	Stephen Ekermans		
16	Nickey O'Malley	Tom Byrne		

Saturday 10th January 2026

Gents Doubles

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Gents Doubles (4 games) Squad 2 – 14 Teams		Sat 10th Jan	08:30 – 08:50	09:00 – 11:00
Lane	Gents Doubles (Move two lanes to the right)			
3	Rodney Peacock	Joseph Ridgeway		
4	Terry Bride	Paddy Gibbons		
5	Paddy Dunne	Liam Hogan		
6	Liam O'Rafferty	Jim Finnerty		
7	Adrian Rutherford	Stephen Tully		
8	Christy Scully	Des Vella		
9	Fergal McLoughlin	Alan Mc Donnell		
10	Ken O'Reilly	Patrick Kemmy		
11	Liam Byrne	Philip Watts		
12	Paolo di Tafano	Kieran Shortt		
13	Paul McCauley	Kenny Donnelly		
14	Ray Bergin	Jim Donagh		
15	Shay Kelly	Peter Murphy		
16	Pacer	Pacer		

Lane Maintenance 11:00 to 12:00

Saturday 10th January 2026

Ladies Singles

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Ladies Singles (5 games) 16 Ladies – 8 Lanes		Sat 10th Jan	11:30 – 11:50	12:00 – 14:00
Lane	Ladies Singles (Move two lanes to the right)			
3	Áine Lebioda			
	Elaine Lalor			
4	Margaret McConkey			
5	Anita Watts			
	Mary Heffernan			
6	Ursula Ekermans			
7	Donna Horton			
	Phil Joyce			
8	Kathleen Lyons			
	Roisin Cloake			
9	Martina Shortt			
	Theresa Watts			
10	Dymphna Kestell			
	Lorraine Keane			

Lane Maintenance 14:00 to 15:00

**Presentations: Doubles & Caps presentation for 2025 Triple Crown Team + Manager
and for Yvonne Randall**

Saturday 10th January 2026

Gents Singles

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Gents Singles (5 games) Squad 1 – 20 Gents		Sat 10th Jan	14:30 – 14:50	15:00 – 17:00
Lane	Gents Singles (Move two lanes to the right)			
3	Adrian Rutherford			
	Kenny Donnelly			
4	Liam O'Rafferty			
	Johan Britz			
5	Philip Watts			
	Fergal McLoughlin			
6	Christy Scully			
	Stephen Tully			
7	Declan Kestell			
	Haulie Storan			
8	Paolo Di Tofano			
	Paddy Gibbons			
9	Des Vella			
	Rodney Peacock-O'Neill			
10	Patrick Kemmy			
11	Tom Byrne			
	Liam Hogan			
12	Terry Bride			
13	Alan Mc Donnell			
	Ken Foley			
14	Paul McCauley			
15	Paddy Dunne			
	Stephen Ekermans			
16	Joseph Ridgeway			

Lane Maintenance 17:00 to 18:00

Saturday 10th January 2026

Gents Singles

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Gents Singles (5 games) Squad 2 – 14 Gents		Sat 10th Jan	17:30 – 17:50	18:00 – 19:00
Lane	Gents Singles (Move two lanes to the right)			
9	Shay Kelly			
10	Liam Byrne			
	John R Wilson			
11	Ken O'Reilly			
	Ray Bergin			
12	Thomas Nolan			
	Jim Donagh			
13	Peter Murphy			
14	Kieran Shortt			
	Mark Higson			
15	Nickey O'Malley			
16	Paul Molphy			
	David Nethaway			

Sunday 11th January 2026

Gents Trios

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Gents Trios (3 games) Squad 1 Gents – 14 Teams		Sunday 11th Jan	08:30 – 08:50	09:00 – 11:00
Lane	Gents Trios (Move four lanes to the right)			
3	Christy Scully	Patrick Kemmy	Des Vella	
4	Liam Byrne	Paulo di Tofano	Kieran Shortt	
5	Paul Mc Cauley	Stephen Ekermans	Kenny Donnelly	
6	Ray Bergin	Peter Murphy	Jim Donagh	
7	Rodney Peacock	Ken O'Reilly	Joe Ridgeway	
8	Adrian Rutherford	Stephen Tully	Raymond Chan	
9	Shay Kelly	Liam O'Rafferty	Jim Finnerty	
10	Tom Byrne	Paddy Dunne	Nickey O'Malley	
11	Terry Bride	Paddy Gibbons	Philip Watts	
12	David Nethaway	Fergal McLoughlin	Alan McDonnell	
13	Haulie Storan	Ken Foley	Paul Molphy	
14	Mark Higson	Tommy Nolan	Declan Kestell	
15	Liam Hogan	John R Wilson	Johan Britz	
16	Pacer	Pacer	Pacer	

Lane Maintenance 11:00 to 12:00
Presentations: Gents & Ladies Singles

Ladies Trios

Event		Date	Check in	Start
Ladies Trios (3 games) Squad 2 Ladies – 5 Teams		Sunday 11th Jan	11:30 – 11:50	12:00 – 14:00
Lane	Ladies Trios (Move two lanes to the right)			
11	Elaine Lalor	Ursula Ekermans	Dymphna Kestell	
12	Roisin Cloake	Pacer	Pacer	
13	Phil Joyce	Kathleen Lyons	Bernie Moriarty	
14	Aine Lebioda	Donna Horton	Martina Shortt	
15	Margaret McConkey	Maeve O'Reilly	Mary Heffernan	
16	Lorraine Keane	Anita Watts	Theresa Watts	

Lane Maintenance 14:00 to 15:00
Presentations: All Trios and All Events

Masters Finals

**The Masters Round Robin Finals for the Top 8 Scratch Gents and
Top 6 Scratch Ladies**

Event		Date		Check in		Start	
Round Robin		Sunday 11 th Jan		14:30 – 14:50		15:00 – 16:30	
Lane	All Events Round Robin: Top 8 Men and Top 6 Ladies (on Scratch Pinfall)						
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4				12			
5				13			
6				14			
7				15			
8				16			
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Presentation for Masters will take place at approximately 17:00

**Past Record of Senior Championships Masters/Round Robin Winners
Bernard Groves Memorial Winners can be viewed at
<https://tenpinbowling.ie/seniors/senior-results/>**

**Many thanks to Leisureplex for their sponsorship, Carpark
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*Congratulations to all bowlers and looking forward
to seeing you all on the lanes for the next tour event.*