

**Irish Tenpin Bowling Association**  
53<sup>rd</sup> National Scratch Championships 2018  
**RULES**



**Participation:**

Entry is open to all current ITBA general members, on submission of a completed Entry Form.

**Entry Form:**

All entrants must complete an Entry Form. All requested information must be given.

- a. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 14th Feb 2018.
- b. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to re-schedule, to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.
- c. It is your responsibility to check your squad and registration times.
- d. Late entries will be wait-listed; bowlers will be allocated places in squads as they become available, if (i) required to lead to even numbers for a squad (ii) lane availability permits or (iii) in the event of cancellation.
- e. The Tournament Committee takes no responsibility for forming teams or in finding members to fill teams.
- f. To play in Championship each entrant must wear a bowling shirt with their name clearly printed or embroidered on the back.
- g. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that the information given on the Entry Form and the Ball Registration form is correct. Where incorrect information is submitted, the individual and, where applicable, the team concerned, will be liable to disqualification from any event affected.
- h. Individuals who find that they cannot play at their scheduled time are expected to notify the Tournament Committee. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

**Registration Form - Bowling Balls:**

All entrants must complete, sign and return this form when registering in their first event. It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that all Bowling Balls listed conform to the ITBA specifications for weight, balance and hardness. Illegal bowling balls will result in the disqualification of the competitor. Spot checks will take place during the Championships.

**Squad Assignments:**

An open lane draw will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 with lane assignments to be published on ITBA website on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018. No alterations will be allowed without prior consultation with the Tournament Committee and only in extreme circumstances will exceptions be made.

**Registration:**

It is your responsibility to register on time. Registration for each squad will commence 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time and will close 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. Bowlers will not be permitted to register or play after the closing time.

**Prizes:**

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for the Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team Events and Mixed Doubles. The winner of the All Events will hold the Jack Murphy Trophy (Men) for one year and the ITBA Perpetual Trophy (Ladies) for one year.

The All Events winners (2) will represent Ireland in the European Champions Cup in Langen, Germany on 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, each receiving €750 towards entry fees and costs, should they take-up the invitation to represent Ireland at this tournament.

**Ranking Points:**

Ranking points are awarded based on the finishing position as documented in the Team Ireland Eligibility and Selection Criteria 2017-2018 document on the ITBA Website - <http://www.tenpinbowling.ie/teamireland.html>

**National Champions - All Events Playoff – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb '18**

- a. Individuals who have entered Singles, Doubles, Trios and Team event, will automatically have their totals computed to establish their standing in the All Events. Pinfall will be carried forward.
- b. The top 8 men will bowl a further nine games, moving lanes after 3 games. The bowler with the highest total pinfall will be declared the winner.
- c. The top 4 ladies will bowl a further nine games, moving lanes after 3 games. The bowler with the highest total pinfall will be declared the winner.

**Rules:**

The General Playing Rules of the ITBA will apply, in addition to the following rules:

- a. Tied positions - will be decided by the highest last game.
- b. To comply with World Bowling / Sport Ireland anti-doping rules, competitors will not be permitted to smoke or consume alcohol during competition. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.
- c. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the game in which the infraction occurred. The Tournament Committee's decisions on all matters will be final.
- d. Bowlers must comply with the dress code of the ITBA. Competitors must wear a bowling shirt with their full name clearly printed or embroidered on the back to play in the Championships. The wearing of jeans is not permitted.
- e. The Tournament Committee will permit no unreasonable delay in the progress of any game. Should a competitor refuse to proceed with a shot/game after being directed to do so, that game will be forfeited.
- f. All bowlers/Captain must sign the official score sheets on completion of each squad; unsigned score sheets will result in the loss of these scores.
- g. It is the bowlers' responsibility to ensure that their bowling balls conform to the ITBA specifications for weight, balance and hardness.
- h. It is prohibited to use chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the hardness of the ball surface after it is manufactured.
- i. The use of abrasive materials (including sandpaper and scuff pads) or other substances to alter the surface of the ball, is allowed up until the end of practice.
- j. The use of talcum powder, open rosin bags/grips sacs, or similar substances, presents a serious hazard and will not be permitted in the bowling area, on shoes or on approaches.
- k. Any individual whose conduct is considered to be derogatory or not to be in the best interest of the sport, on or off the lanes, during the entire period of the Championships may be disqualified from the tournament and will be reported to the National Governing Body.
- l. The consumption of food or drink will not be permitted in the bowlers' area.
- m. Mobile phones must be turned OFF during squads and coaching in the bowlers' area is not permitted during play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- n. Decisions made by the Joint Tournament Managers during the Championships will be binding on all parties.