



Team Ireland Selection Process and Eligibility 2018-2019

(Including Appendix 1 - Team Ireland Rules & Regulations)

- The ITBA Executive, in consultation with the Team Ireland Sub-Committee have appointed a **Team Ireland Selection Committee for the 2018-2019 season**. This Selection Committee consists of Del Delany, Joseph Corr and Tom Byrne.
- The ITBA Executive, in consultation with the Team Ireland Sub-Committee will appoint a Team Manager and, if required, an Assistant Team Manager, who will assume responsibility over any teams selected. The Team Manager will sign a Team Manager's Contract which will set-out the main duties and responsibilities before, during and after any event.
- Where selection is necessary to determine which bowler(s) shall represent the country or the Association in any tournaments, such selection for Team Ireland will be the responsibility of the Team Ireland Selection Committee in compliance with the ITBA Constitution. The Team Ireland Selection Committee have confirmed it will use the criteria set out in this document throughout the 2018-2019 season for any selection representation for Team Ireland, including but not exclusively Adult Triple Crown, European Champions Cup, World Women's Championships and European Men's Championships.
- The Team Ireland Selection Committee will submit a Panel for ratification to the Executive Committee for both men and women. In the case where a member of a Panel is not accepted by the Executive Committee then the next available athlete will be put forward. A Team Ireland Panel is only formed once the Executive Committee has ratified the submitted Panel.
- To be eligible for a place on a Panel, an athlete must hold a valid Irish passport. Any position on a Panel is subject to review based off but not exclusively: i) Practice sessions and ii) National and International tournament participation. Leagues shall NOT be included in any review process.
- As a guidance, the Team Ireland Sub-committee are working towards the introduction of minimum averages for selection for athletes to represent Ireland for the 2019-2020 season onwards. **Men's: Minimum Average 205. Ladies: Minimum Average 185.**
- Teams and individuals selected for *top flight* international competition shall be chosen from those athletes currently named as Panel members.
- The Team Ireland Selection Committee will adopt a selection process throughout the 2018-2019 Season based on 14 Ranked Tournaments held throughout the period, September 2018 to June 2019 and on the basis of the Ranking Points an athlete accumulates as outlined in this document. **There will be No Ranking Points rollover for the 2018/2019 season.**
- Athletes must be current members, in good standing, of the ITBA to qualify for Ranking Points.
- Ranking Points will be allocated based off an athlete's final scratch position at the end of a tournament (unless otherwise stated), provided the relevant Team Ireland Rules & Regulations have been adhered to.



Wildcard / Exemptions for 2018-2019: Examples of reasons for which a Wildcard / Exemption can be applied for include:

- An athlete returning from injury and has displayed their quality in tournaments / leagues since their return.
- An athlete who competes in overseas tournaments, which limits their participation in domestic tournaments. An athlete would however have to show their support by playing in a minimum of three Ranking tournaments when / if not competing overseas.
- An athlete living / working overseas, however an athlete would have to display their qualities in tournaments / leagues in the area where they currently reside.
- An athlete who joins the Association/Team Ireland for the first time and demonstrates that their ability would be beneficial to Team Ireland.

Ranking Events 2018-2019

No:	Event	Date	Status	Centre
1	Technical Support Services Classic	9 th September 2018	Silver (1)	Leisureplex, Blanchardstown
2	Rocks Jewellers Tour	6 th October 2018	Bronze (1)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
3	Fran's Monthly Singles	25 th November 2018	Bronze (2)	Superdome, Palmerstown
4	M50 Skip Hire Academy Matchplay	15 th - 16 th December 2018	Gold (1)	Leisureplex, Charlestown
5	A.L.S.A.A Open (Re-entry)	TBD January 2019	Gold (2)	A.L.S.A.A Bowl
6	31 st Irish Open Championships	13 th - 20 th January 2019	Platinum (1)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
7	Rocks Jewellers Tour	3 rd February 2019	Bronze (3)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
8	ITBA National Scratch Championships	21 th - 24 th February 2019	Platinum (2)	A.L.S.A.A Bowl
-	European Men's Championships 2019	21 th - 24 th February 2019	Qualification Roll-Offs	A.L.S.A.A Bowl
9	Corr & Associates Academy Shootout	30 th - 31 st March 2019	Silver (2)	A.L.S.A.A Bowl
-	World Women's Championship 2019	13 th April 2019	Qualification Roll-Offs	TBC
10	Fran's Monthly Singles	21 st April 2019	Bronze (4)	Superdome, Palmerstown
11	Northern Ireland Open 2019	3 rd - 5 th May 2019	Silver (3)	TBC
12	Bowling World Cup Qualifiers	TBC for May 2019	Gold (3)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
13	Irish Tenpin Academy Masters	8 th - 9 th June 2019	Platinum (3)	Leisureplex, Blanchardstown
-	Adult Triple Crown 2019	23 rd June 2019	Qualification Roll-Offs	TBC



Ranking Points

- In each Tournament, points will be awarded to both women and men.
- If there is a combined division, women and men will be awarded points in relation to their final position relative to the other athletes of the same gender.
 - 1) Points in Bronze Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list below.
 - 2) Points in Silver Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list **times two**.
 - 3) Points in Gold Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list **times three**.
 - 4) Points in Platinum Tournaments will be awarded to the top 50 of each gender according to the presented list **times four**.

Points Table

No. 1 (50 Points)	No. 2 (40 Points)
No. 3 (35 Points)	No. 4 (30 Points)
No. 5 (25 Points)	No. 6 (24 Points)
No. 7 (23 Points)	No. 8 (22 Points)
No. 9 (21 Points)	No. 10 (20 Points)
No. 11-12 (15 Points)	No. 13-14 (14 Points)
No. 15-16 (13 Points)	No. 17-18 (12. Points)
No. 19-20 (11 Points)	No. 21-25 (8 Points)
No. 26-30 (6 Points)	No. 31-35 (4 Points)
No. 36-40 (3 Points)	No. 41-45 (2 Points)
No. 46-50 (1 Point)	

Standings

Once a tournament is completed, the Team Ireland Sub-committee will create the top 50 point lists in both sections – Men's and Women - based on scores and standings provided.

Rankings

Based on the point lists, the Team Ireland Sub-committee will update both the Women and Men's standings. The standings will be published on the ITBA Website and The Team Ireland Social Media Page.

If a tie needs to be broken for any deciding position, the athlete in the highest position is the one with the highest number of maximum points awarded in all tournaments, then the athlete with the highest number of second highest maximum points awarded in all tournaments etc.

European Men's Championship 2019

The Top 12 in the Men's standings after the last Ranked event of January 2019 will earn a position on the Team Ireland Panel to roll-off for the European Men's Championship in Munich, Germany (10th -21st June 2019).

The "Number One" Ranked athlete in the standings will earn an automatic spot on the team that will represent Ireland at the EMC 2019 subject to meeting the criteria for selection, as set-out in this document.

In addition to this, there may be a total of one (1) exemption and (1) wildcard or two (2) wildcards.

The Exempt athlete will earn an automatic spot on the team that is to travel to the event.

The Wildcard(s) will be given an opportunity to participate in the Roll-Offs to make the final team.

In view of the congestion in the Ranking Event in the first quarter of 2019, the final placing of athletes at the ITBA National Scratch Championships 2019 will determine an athletes Roll-Off position.

World Women's Championships 2019

The Top 8 in the Women's standings after the last ranked event in March 2019 will earn a position on the Team Ireland Panel to roll-off for the World Women's Championship's in Las Vegas, USA. (22nd-30th August).

There may be a total of one (1) exemption and (1) wildcard or two (2) wildcards.

The Exempt athlete will earn an automatic spot on the team that is to travel to the event.

The Wildcard(s) will be given an opportunity to participate in the roll-offs to make the final team.

Roll-Offs will be held on 13th April 2019 at a time and venue to be confirmed by end March 2019.

Adult Triple Crown 2019

The Top 12 in their respected standings after the last Ranked event of the season 9th June will earn a position on the Team Ireland Panel for the Adult Triple Crown 2019 (TBC).

The "Top Two" athletes in their standing's will earn an automatic spot on the team that will represent Ireland at the ATC 2019, subject to meeting the criteria for selection, as set-out in this document.

In addition to this, there will be a total of one (1) exemption or two (2) wildcards.

The Exempt athlete will earn an automatic spot on the team that is to travel to the event.

The Wildcard(s) will be given an opportunity to participate in the roll-offs to make the final team.

Roll-Offs will be held on 23rd June 2019 at a time and venue to be confirmed by end May 2019.

Team Ireland Appendix 1

Rules & Regulations

2018-2019 Season



- All participants seeking to earn ranking points in an ITBA Ranked event must be fully paid up current General Members of the ITBA prior to the first competitive ball thrown.
- All Team Ireland Representatives who will participate in any 'Top Flight' International event must be fully paid up general members of the ITBA. This includes events such as: Adult Triple Crown, European Champions Cup, European Men's Championships, European Women Championships, World Men's Championships, World Women Championships, World Singles Championships and any other newly added events.
- It is essential to have a named shirt in order to obtain ranking points in a ranked event **with the exception where an athlete is wearing the official 2018-2019 Team Ireland T-shirt (without bowler's name) which will support overall ITBA Sponsorship goals.** All athletes must adhere to the dress code requirements stated below. Failure to comply with the revised dress code requirements will result in zero points for the attended event. These rules apply throughout the 2018-2019 season in all Team Ireland affiliated events including official training sessions and Roll-Offs.
 - a. Participant must wear a bowling shirt. Whether it be a polo, dye sublimated or a t-shirt, the definition of this is a shirt directly affiliated within the Industry. (polo shirt with bowling company logo, pro shop embroidered or a patch from a company within the industry attached. Please see below document for images of suitable apparel.
 - b. Participants may wear dress slacks, tracksuit bottoms, cotton bottom, tailored golf shorts, skirts or skorts. Length of skirt, skorts or shorts must be below the participant's fingertips when they are standing, and their arms are hanging down at their side. Length of skirt, skorts, and shorts **MUST** be long enough to not see your bottom area (even if covered by under shorts) at any time, standing or bent over. Where a Team Manager or Tournament Committee has been ratified by the ITBA Executive, the details of the Dress Code, within the Association's overall Code, will be advised to participants.
 - c. Prohibited items include denim, jeans, combats, sleeveless shirts large studded belts and street shoes.
- Members of the Team Ireland Sub-committee have the final say if attire is suitable for participation in Ranked event. All queries and complaints can be sent formally to team.ireland@tenpinbowling.ie to find out more information or follow up on issues.
- Spot checks of equipment will be in place throughout the 2018-2019 season in Ranked events to make sure that weights, balance, surfaces and general standard are in compliance with World Bowling specifications. Penalty for a ball failing to comply with any of the above are as follows:
 - a. If it is only one ball which does not comply with the above, then it is removed from competitive play and the bowler receives a warning.
 - b. If it is more than one ball in the participants arsenal that fails to comply the ball(s) shall be removed from play and the Team Ireland Sub-committee may decide to take further appropriate action within the ITBA Constitution's disciplinary procedures.

c. If the participant continues to use the balls which have been deemed unsuitable for competition after receiving a warning they will be disqualified from the event without a refund of entry fee.

- Throughout the 2018-2019 season there will be at least one member of the Team Ireland Sub-committee at each ranking event to uphold and enforce the Integrity Rules.

Integrity Rules:

A participant:

- must carry themselves in a respectful manner.
- may not hit or damage any bowling centre property.
- may not use profanity while participating whether it be in a positive or negative manner.
- must treat the other competitors, staff and proprietors with respect and will not be derogatory towards them in any way during competition.
- must not distract other competitors while they are competing.

Penalties (Note: All Penalties are subject to ratification from the ITBA Executive)

- Participant is issued a verbal warning.
- Participant is issued a Yellow card which reduces earned ranking points by 25%. (No Refund of Entry Fee)
- Participant is issued a Red Card which reduces earned ranking points by 75%. (No Refund of Entry Fee)
- Participant is issued a Black Card which reduces earned ranking points by 100% and they are not suspended for the following three ranked events. (No Refund of Entry Fee)
- If Participant has breached Four or More of the Integrity Rules in the one event they are then to be removed from the competition in which the breaches have happened and may be subject to a disciplinary hearing as outlined in the ITBA Constitution with either the Team Ireland Sub-committee or the ITBA Executive (as considered appropriate).

Appeals

All Penalties can be appealed but must be done in a formal manner via email to the Team Ireland Sub-committee no later than 24hrs after the penalty has been issued. This in no way impacts upon a bowlers rights of appeal as set-out in the ITBA Constitution.

Sponsorship 2018-2019

The Team Ireland Sub-committee have secured significant Sponsorship for the coming season which will be utilised for event prize funds, reduced Entry Fees to National Championships and to reduce costs of the ATC, WMC, World Women's Championships & European Men's Championships.

OVERALL SUMMARY

It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure compliance with all of the Rules and Regulations stipulated in this document. If there is any queries about a rule or penalty, please do not hesitate to contact the Team Ireland Sub-committee directly at team.ireland@tenpinbowling.ie

Our goal by introducing these new Rules and Regulations, which have been ratified by the ITBA Executive, is to bring more integrity and professionalism into our sport on a national level.

Any Rules listed in this document are in addition to the General Rules of the ITBA and are effective as of 14th November 2018 until the end of the 2019 Bowling Calendar Year and to cover all Team Ireland affiliated events including official training sessions and Roll-Offs.



In Article 11 of the ITBA Constitution, we have adopted the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping rules. 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 Sport Ireland 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 anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities. It works in conjunction with five International Standards aimed at bringing harmonisation among anti-doping organizations 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 2018, 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 2018 Wallet Cards** were circulated with the AGM 2018 documents at the end of March 2018. In the Anti-Doping Update for the AGM 2018, 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."

An "Athlete Support Person" who participates as **coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel** in a *Competition* or activity authorised or organised by World Bowling or one of its member organisations (including ITBA) agrees to be bound by (i) anti-doping rules including complying with drug testing requests and (ii) *Anti-Doping Organisation* results management authority in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

In summary, bowlers (and "Athlete Support Person") 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.