



Team Ireland Selection Process and Eligibility 2019-2020

(Including Appendix 1 - Team Ireland Rules & Regulations)

- The ITBA Executive, in consultation with the Team Ireland Sub-Committee will shortly appoint a **Team Ireland Selection Committee for the 2019-2020 season.**
- Under the ITBA code of governance the ITBA Executive committee will advertise for the position of Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager (if required) 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 will confirm it will use the criteria set out in this document throughout the 2019-2020 season for any selection representation for Team Ireland, including but not exclusively Adult Triple Crown, European Champions Cup, European 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.
- The Team Ireland Sub-committee are introducing minimum averages for selection for athletes to represent Ireland for the 2019-2020 season onwards. Players must meet the minimum average during roll-offs to be eligible for selection for the team. **Men's: Minimum Average 205. Ladies: Minimum Average 190.**
- 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 2019-2020 Season based on 8 Ranked Tournaments held throughout the period, September 2019 to June 2020 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 2019/2020 season.**

- Athletes must be current members in good standing, of the ITBA to qualify for Ranking Points.
- Ranking Points will be allocated based on an athlete's final scratch position at the end of the tournament (unless otherwise stated), including in any re-entry format tournaments, provided the relevant Team Ireland Rules & Regulations have been adhered to.
- Athletes must play at least five of the eight ranking events in order to be considered for the national team.

Wildcard / Exemptions for 2019-2020:

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 2019-2020

No:	Event	Date	Status	Centre
1	Rock Jewellers Tour 1	8 th September 2019	Bronze (1)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
2	Alsaas Dual Pattern Event	26/27 th October 2019	Silver (1)	A.L.S.A.A Bowl
3	Team Ireland Matchplay	14/15 th December 2019	Gold (1)	Leisureplex, Blanchardstown
4	Rocks Jewellers Tour 5	5 th January 2020	Bronze (2)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
5	Alsaas Open	January 2020	Silver (2)	Alsaas
6	32 Irish Open Championships	12 th - 29 th January 2020	Gold (2)	Leisureplex, Stillorgan
7	ITBA National Scratch Championships	27 th - 1 st February/March 2020	Platinum (1)	Leisureplex, Charlestown
-	European Women's + Men's Championships 2020	27 th - 1 st February/March 2020	Qualification Roll-Offs	Leisureplex, Charlestown
8	Irish Masters	TBC	Gold (3)	Leisureplex, Blanchardstown
-	Triple Crown Roll Offs	June 28 th 2020	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 ITBA Facebook 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 2020

The Top 12 in the Men's standings after the last Ranked event of January 2020 will earn a position on the Team Ireland Panel to roll-off for the European Men's Championship in Helsinki, Finland in August 2020.

The "Number One" Ranked athlete in the standings will earn an automatic spot on the team that will represent Ireland at the EMC 2020 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.

Average criteria set by the Team Ireland Committee and agreed with the Executive Committee will have to be met by bowlers wishing to travel.

As a result of its successful introduction in 2019, the final placing of athletes in the All Events at the ITBA National Scratch Championships 2020 will determine an athletes Roll-Off position. Roll-Offs will conclude after the Team Event, with the All Events Final not included as part of the Roll-Off.

European Women's Championships 2020

The Top 12 in the women's standings after the last Ranked event of January 2020 will earn a position on the Team Ireland Panel to roll-off for the European Women's Championship in Aalborg, Denmark in June 2020

The "Number One" Ranked athlete in the standings will earn an automatic spot on the team that will represent Ireland at the EMC 2020 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.

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Adult Triple Crown 2020

The Top 12 in their respective standings after the last Ranked event of the season will earn a position on the Team Ireland Panel for the Adult Triple Crown 2020 (TBC).

The "Top Two" athletes in their standing's will earn an automatic spot on the team that will represent Ireland at the ATC 2020, 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.

Participation in five of the eight ranking events is required to be considered for the ATC.

Roll-Offs will be held on 28th June 2020 at a time and venue to be confirmed by end May 2020.

Team Ireland Appendix 1

Rules & Regulations

2019-2020 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. 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 2019-2020 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.
- 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 2019-2020 season in Ranked events to make sure that weights, balance, surfaces and general standards 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 with 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020

Disappointingly after receiving major sponsorship last year, we are struggling this year to secure similar deals, this a result of the lack of interest in Sponsored Events during the 2018-2019 season, it was our hope that increased Prize Fund and reduced cost trips to Championships would increase interest but sadly this was not the case. We are currently

sourcing new sponsors to try and improve tournaments and reduce the overall costs for any players who may travel to Major 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 are 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 8th September 2019 until the end of the 2020 Bowling Calendar Year and to cover all Team Ireland affiliated events including official training sessions and Roll-Offs.

Team Ireland Sub-committee

8th September 2019

Appendix 2

ANTI-DOPING

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 the 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 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 their 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 Sport Ireland if necessary;
- Applying to 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 harmonization 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 Sport Ireland 2019 Wallet Cards were circulated with the AGM 2019 documents at the end of March. In the Anti-Doping Update for the AGM 2019, the ITBA Anti-Doping Officer again 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 2019, the ITBA Anti-Doping Officer highlighted:

"I would particularly remind bowlers participating in European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) or World Bowling (WB) events that before the travel 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 Persons") 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.