



Team Ireland Sub Committee

AGM Report for 2023/2024

Committee Members

Chairperson: Aoife Hall Chandler

Secretary: Elaine Kelly

Treasurer: Anthony Byrne

Assistant Chair: Paul Chandler (6 weeks)

Executive Summary

The past 12 months has been a dynamic and eventful year for Team Ireland. Despite encountering obstacles such as addressing internal complaints and navigating difficulties in securing support from bowling proprietors, we have continued to uphold our mission of promoting and advancing the sport of tenpin bowling in our community. This annual report outlines our achievements, challenges, and plans for the future.

Key Highlights

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: For the 2023/2024 season Team Ireland are trialing an open Panel, at the start of the season it will be the bowlers' responsibility to declare their interest for ratification on the Team Ireland Panel. Bowlers who have expressed their interest will subsequently undergo ratification by the Selection Committee. The implementation of this change was aimed at facilitating monthly training sessions with the appointed Team Ireland Coach and Manager, ensuring thorough preparation for upcoming international events. Only bowlers ratified through this process will be eligible for team selection.

TI Tournament Success: Throughout the 2023/2024 season, Team Ireland has arranged a total of 9 ranked tournaments, with 8 of them already concluded. The remaining event to take place is the TI Singles on May 5th. During the season we saw a significant increase in participation in our tournaments, with an average of 15% increase in membership participation compared to the previous year. This



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growth reflects our efforts in reaching out to new demographics and engaging with our existing members. Team Ireland roll offs for the Adult Triple Crown 2024 will take place on June 1st and June 2nd.

International Tournaments:

Adult Triple Crown: Between September 08th – 10th Team Ireland participated in the Adult Triple Crown at Stroud Bowl. Official training in preparation of the event kicked off 7 weeks in advance of the tournament with support from two official coaches. Team Ireland fielded complete squads consisting of 6 male and 6 female bowlers, accompanied by 1 team manager and 1 coach. Team Ireland would like to highlight that there were challenges in assembling a complete ladies team, resulting in three members of the ladies squad being comprised of two junior bowlers and one senior bowler. The event posed some challenges for the teams, full details of which can be found in the managers report. Key learnings were taken away from the event and have been addressed in the 2023/2024 Selection Process & Eligibility Criteria (changes to Team Ireland Panel ratification and coaching).

Team Ireland achieved a total of two medals: bronze in Mixed Doubles and silver in Ladies Trios. Jason Byrnes secured 6th place in the men's all events. Additionally, Team Ireland attained fourth place in the shield competition, accumulating a total of 418 points, with 191 points contributed by the ladies team and 227 points by the men's team.

European Women's Championships: Team Ireland did not field a squad for the 2024 European Women's Championships



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Challenges Faced

After Team Ireland returned from the Adult Triple Crown, 4 members of the ladies team lodged a complaint with the executive. As a result of the nature of the complaint, Team Ireland was unable to proceed with appointing a Team Coach and Manager, leading to delays in the proposed 2023-2024 panel training sessions until the complaint was resolved. Initially, the Executive appointed Team Ireland subcommittee to address the complaint. Team Ireland completed the information gathering aspect of this complaint review by meeting both sides of the complaint in person. From this a full report was sent to Team Ireland Executive. Following handover to the Executive some unforeseen challenges arose in handling the finalisation of the complaint, prompting the executive to take over the final resolution. Team Ireland is still awaiting the outcome of this process. These delays have significantly impacted the progress of Team Ireland's plans for the 2023/2024 season. The commencement of panel training sessions, intended to prepare for the European Women's Championships and Adult Triple Crown, has been postponed along with delay in implementation of panel sport psychology and nutritionist sessions.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, we are focused on several key initiatives to further strengthen our association and promote the growth of tenpin bowling.

1. Community Outreach – Moving into the 2024/2025 season Team Ireland aim to improve engagement with our members by hosting at minimum quarterly meetings.
2. Team Ireland Coaching & Tournament Preparation – Implement changes applied to the 2023/2024 Eligibility and Selection Criteria which will ensure panel members are engaged in training sessions and coaching in advance of team selection.
3. Implementation of Team Ireland panel sessions and including assigned coaches and manager.
4. Implementation of Team Ireland sports psychologist and Sports Nutritionist for Team Ireland panel members.
5. Development of new screening forms for anti doping and player contracts for the 2024-2025 season.



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6. Active recruitment for Team Ireland members with the goal of having members help support and run Team Ireland events throughout the season.
7. Development of a Team Ireland fundraising panel with the aim of supporting Team Ireland panel financially with international travel.

Final Thanks

Team Ireland would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped support the successful running of Team Ireland for this 2023-2024 season.

The Executive members

Score keepers John & Jim

Team Manager Barbra

Team Coaches Fergal, Gillian & Gareth

ALSAA Bowl staff & Mark

Charlestown Bowl Staff & Martin & Grainne

Blanchardstown Bowl staff & Nicola

We look forward to even more successful Team Ireland workings in the coming 2024-2025 season.

Yours in Sport

Team Ireland

Aoife, Elaine, Anthony & Paul