

# Qualification Criteria and Selection Process for BTBA Junior Team England

## Triple Crown 2018 Qualification Process and Selection Criteria

The qualification rules for the Junior Team England Triple Crown Trials for the 2017-18 season are as follows:

- The bowler must be **under 17 or under 19 on or before the 31st of August 2019**
- The top twenty bowlers in the NAYBC Junior Team England Under 16 and Under 18 rankings, boys and girls, will be invited to the trials event. Under 16s cannot qualify in the Under 18 division
- Should bowlers not accept their invite to the trials event, their places may be offered to subsequent bowlers in the rankings, subject to those bowlers satisfying all other Triple Crown trials entry requirements
- In order to be invited to the trials, bowlers must have:
  - Played a minimum of five from the eight ranking events (best five from eight scores count)
  - Participated in the Junior National Championships
  - Made themselves available for their County in the relevant age group
  - Should two bowlers have the same points, placing will be decided by highest average points

The trials event for the twenty boys and twenty girls from each age group will be match play format, points based with the players playing sixteen games, moving every game.

The top four bowlers in each division from the trials will be invited to form the Junior Team England Triple Crown team for the 2018 Junior Triple Crown.

## European Youth Championships 2019 (Riga, Latvia) Qualification Process

The qualification criteria for the Junior Team England European squad for the 2017-18 season are as follows:

- The player must be under 19 on or before the **31st of August 2019**
- Qualification is based on the best 8 from 11 events and **8 must have been played**
- The bowler who wins the combined U16 and U18 rankings, boy and girl will automatically qualify for the European squad for that season

Junior Team England Squad membership is subject to agreement with and signing of the Team England Code of Conduct, Anti-doping and such other documents as may be required by Junior Team England, the B.T.B.A, Sport England, Commonwealth Games Council for England or the International Olympic Committee.

The Junior Team England Squad will attend all Junior Team England training sessions and events together until the teams are selected for the European event. The team of four boys and four girls for the European event will be selected from the Junior Team England Squad by a selection panel.

## European Youth Championships 2019 (Riga, Latvia) Team Selection Process

The selection process for the European Youth Championship is as follows;

- A maximum of the highest ranked 18 Boys and 18 Girls who meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to the **Junior Team England Combine on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**
- The 2 winners (1 boys, 1 girl) of the rankings for 2017/18 will be guaranteed a free place in the National Academy.
- If fewer than 18 boys or 18 girls have played 8 events then we will invite players who have played 7 events, and then 6, etc. etc. until we have 18 participants. **Please note that those players who have not played 8 events cannot be selected for the EYC Team 2019 as per the eligibility rules above. They can achieve a place at National Academy.**
- Following this process and together with your performances from the 2017/18 season, selections will be made for the EYC teams and the National Academy places. The National Academy replaces the Development squad, allowing more players to experience the national team program in preparation for future years.
- The selection panel will consist of the Team England Management Committee and the coaches present at the combine.

### Junior Team England Combine

Players will participate in a series of bowling capability assessments over the weekend, carried out by the Team England Coaching staff as detailed here;

- Sparring Accuracy
- Speed Control and Consistency
- Release Skills
- Zonal Proficiency
- Target Accuracy
- Bowling IQ

The information gathered will be available to each individual bowler (and parents) to share with your personal coach. Over time we will all have a greater understanding of a players' capability and skill set. We will be able to tailor our coaching programs more effectively.

## European Youth Championships 2020 (Tilburg, Netherlands) Qualification Process

We will publish the exact process once the tournament calendar for season 2018/19 is confirmed, and no later than Triple Crown trials weekend 2018.

Please note that a player needs to be 13 or older to play for Team England at EYC level.