



Team England contributions update: 2019 and beyond

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One of the main topics at the recent think tank meeting was the soaring cost of sending teams to international events.

Many of you may also be aware of the meeting held at the EWC in Brussels earlier this year, this was a meeting of all the countries from Europe who travel to the World Championships. It was held to try and find a solution to those soaring costs and to table questions at the next world presidium as to why all the upcoming championships are being held in Asia and the USA.

Currently the BTBA contribution towards sending teams in all age groups is approaching 70% of the total income, which is being spent on approximately 1% of the membership.

Next year the projection is even higher and realistically it is not sustainable.

To fully justify spending the vast majority of the membership's money on this, our teams need to be competitive. We have started working towards that target with the introduction of the new National Academy at Youth level this year and it will be expanded to all age groups in January, for what will be the largest TE training camp ever.

We believe that representing England is the greatest honour that anyone can achieve in their chosen sport and that it should be fully funded, but in truth we are a long way from that, although we are looking at many possible solutions.

Team England contributions

To take effect from January 2019 the contributions will be as follows:

EYC £800
WYC £1500
EWC £1500
EMC £1500
WWC £1500
WMC £1500
SEC £1500
SWC £2000



These are projected figures and are representative of what an individual should expect to budget for without any fund raising.

It is hoped that the players within each age group will find ways to raise funds and work together with TE to reduce these costs where ever possible.

TE will apply for as many grants as they can and will also direct individuals towards grants they can obtain themselves.

Mandatory training sessions

Once a player has received an invitation to be a member of a Team England squad or representative team, they do so on the understanding that all Training sessions are mandatory and take precedence over any other bowling activity.

Average Criteria

If an individual meets the required Average Criteria, Team England will make the allocated contribution as set out in the TE Budget document.

If the team from the qualifying process achieve the Team average criteria -this will be achieved by using similar criteria to the individual system based on team results at previous championship events- then the BTBA will make the allocated contribution as above.

Those individuals within the team achieving the average criteria will still receive the allocated contribution. This could also mean that we may send smaller/part teams or individuals in the future.

If the team average is within 5 pins of the average criteria (as above) then the BTBA will offer those players, the opportunity to attend the tournament on a self-funded basis.

If the teams are more than 5 pins below the team average criteria the BTBA reserve the right to decline the invitation to compete at that particular championship event, except at U19 (EYC) and U22 (WYC) levels, where they may exercise the option of taking younger development teams.

For example:

If there is 20-year-old player who is averaging 10 pins below the standard and a 16-year averaging 11 pins below the standard the likelihood is that the 16-year-old player may be selected. The Combine results may also be used in this calculation.



Team England Coaches qualifications from January 2019

All TE coaches will need to be of a minimum certified ETBF Level II standard to be considered for TE coaching positions starting from January 2019.

All current BTBA Development Coaches are urged to seek their certification (once they have completed the pre-requisite 200 hours of coaching at that level) should they wish to be considered for a position in the future.