



2019 BTBA Championship Tour for Adults and Seniors

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Introduction

The tour saw a 2nd year of growth in 2018. Overall player participation was up 25%. Men's participation was up 19% and the women saw a 52% increase, which means one of the the objectives from 2018, to increase female participation in tournament bowler was meet.

Again we are delighted that our tour partners from the last two years are back on board for 2019. We would like to thank Mr. Pat Byrnes at B&P Fabrications and Alex Hamilton and Mark Barwick from Striking Shirts for their continued support. The BTBA would also like to thank Graham Waller of Bowling Vision for his support in 2018 and welcome Bowling Vision back to the 2019 season as again they have agreed to sponsor some tour events. We also like to welcome Alison Blythe and PDQ Printing Services as a sponsor.

Again entry fees will be set at a maximum of £50, with the exception of the BTBA Nationals. All Tournaments will have scratch and handicap or average based divisions/prize fund. The Tour is offering a series of events throughout the year at centres around the county that appeal to bowlers of all abilities

What are we trying to achieve in 2019?

One of the objectives for the 2019 is to maintain and to increase the participation numbers year on year.

One of the original purposes of the tour was to offer competitive tournaments to bowlers who are looking to bridge the gap from league to tournament player. As the tour has got more popular it's lost some of that focus. So in 2019 the emphasis of the tournaments on the tour will be aimed at the handicap section. The end of the year rankings will still be scratch and at every event a scratch prize fund and scratch high game pots will be available.

As the focus of tournaments shift towards the handicap element, we will encourage more senior bowlers to participate in the tour.



Ultimately, we are aiming to get more bowlers playing competitively, looking to improve their game, gain confidence and then going on to the next level

What's new for 2019?

Overlaying commentary to the live streams

Due the increase in participation numbers the men's rankings will now pay down to 10th and the ladies to 7th. Details on the percentage splits can be found in section 5.

Ranking "majors" will continue in 2019 with extra points available

The National Team All events will continue in 2019

All BTBA Tour tournaments will now have a universal number of games that a bowler has to declare their highest average over, set at 12 games.

All BTBA tour averages will be rolling on a calendar year from 2018.

A ranking list for male and female bowlers over 50 years of age. With an end of season ranking position pay out at the end of season. Each entry form will have option for a bowler to indicate if they would like to be considered for either senior or adult ranking points. A senior bowler can be eligible for both Adult and Senior ranking points on condition they pay an extra £5 per event. The payout split is shown in section 5

Adult Team England Playoff places will be awarded to those who meet the qualifying criteria

Qualification

The qualification criteria for entry into the tours will be as follows:

- Tour events will be open to BTBA members only. If you are not a BTBA member, you will be asked pay £22.50 on the day of the tournament to join the BTBA. This will permit the bowler to play in the tournament.
- Bowlers who claim to be members but are unable to be found registered on the memberships database will be permitted to play on the payment of a fine as detailed on the entry forms. After the tournament an audit check will be carried out and if the bowler is found not to be a valid member then BTBA tour points will be null and void for that particular tournament
- No provision will be made for expired/lapsed memberships.



- All participants must be prepared to act in accordance with the instructions of the tournament manager and other tournament officials.

1. Dates and locations:

The Adult Tour will consist of ten tournaments consisting of varying formats.

We have tried to spread the tournaments around the country to give people an equal opportunity to play in their own region or travel.

Date		Location
13 th - 14 th January	Nottingham 4's	MFA Nottingham
9 th - 31 st March	National Championships	Stroud
13 th – 14 th April	Lancashire Open	Wigan
May 4 th – May 12 th	Senior Nationals ** Seniors Only **	Sunderland
18 th - 19 th May	Jim Brewer	Poole
15 th - 16 th June	TBA	Shipleigh (TBC)
6 th – 7 th July	Mixed Trios	Worthing
3 rd – 4 th August	TBA ** ADULT ONLY **	Dunstable
14 th – 15 th Sept	Shropshire Open	Shrewsbury
5 th – 6 th October	Northants Open	Wellingborough
16 th – 17 th November	Generation Doubles	Stroud

2. Format:

Working closely with tournament managers, we will ensure that formats are interesting and enticing for all. While there will be a mixture of oil patterns, we do not intend to use Sports patterns for these events. Whenever it is practical, details of the patterns to be played will be



made available on the BTBA website www.btba.org.uk.

Age Bonuses, Handicaps etc. may apply within individual events. Please refer to the Tournament entry forms for details. However bonuses and handicaps will not be used when determining points awarded for qualification for the BTBA Tour. All Tour points will be awarded based on scratch scores over a minimum of 6 games / tournament.

3. What is the cost and how/when do I apply?

The cost of participating in each event will be appropriate to the event and will be determined by the local Tournament Manager. We are aiming to provide a reasonable prize fund while at the same time keeping general costs down.

Included within the tournament fee will be:

- Lineage costs
- Tournament Expenses (printing, advertising etc)
- Local Association Contribution
- The Team England contribution, this will be set at a minimum of £2.00, but may vary depending on the nature of event. The Nationals for instance.
- Prize fund for the event
- A £5.00 contribution towards the cost of the end of season "Tour Standings" award. This will be awarded to players who place in the Tour Standings at the end of the year. Full details in section 5

All entry forms will be made available on the BTBA website and the dedicated 2019 BTBA Tour Facebook page, and wherever possible on other bowling media e.g. TalkTenpin. Details of when and where to enter will be contained within the individual entry forms.



4. End of season Tour Standings awards:

A minimum of 6 events are required for qualification for the cash Tour prize and the top positions will be based on points awarded at each player's best 6 events.

Event	When points are awarded
Adult Scratch Singles	Final positions at end of tournament
Adult Handicap Singles & Senior Singles	Positions at the end of qualifying round
Doubles, Trios, Teams	Individual scores at end of qualifying round
National Championships	Individual scores combined across all categories

Note: (All Players competing in National Championships will be awarded points based on pinfall for games played in order so that they can still use this as a qualifying event).

Points will be awarded using the following formula:

Adults, Men and Ladies:

1st place 120 pts, 2nd place 110 pts, 3rd place 100 pts.

4th place 95 pts, 5th place 90 pts etc decreasing thereafter by 5 pts per place to 10th place 65 pts.

11th place 64 pts, 12th place 63 pts etc decreasing thereafter by 1 point per place to final place

Rankings points for a **Major** will be awarded thusly:

1st place 200 pts, 2nd place 180 pts, 3rd place 160pts

4th place 150pts, 5th place 140 pts etc decreasing thereafter by 10 pts per place to 10th place 90pts

11th place 89 pts, 12th place 88 pts etc decreasing thereafter by 1 point per place to final place

After the final event of year the money in the Tour pot made up of the bowlers £5 contributions throughout the year and it is anticipated that this will be divided thusly:

- **Men:** 1st 31%, 2nd 18%, 3rd 14%, 4th 10%, 5th 7%, 6th 6%, 7th 5%, 8th 4% 9th 3%, 10th 2%
- **Ladies:** 1st 31%, 2nd 22%, 3rd 15%, 4th 12%, 5th 10%, 6th 6%, 7th 4%
- **Seniors Men:** 1st 40%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 20%, 4th 10%, 5th 5%



- **Seniors Ladies:** 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%

A running total of the money that is in the “tour pot” will be confirmed on the official Tour Facebook page after every tournament.

End of season Tour cash prizes will only be awarded if the bowler plays the required number of tournaments. In the event of any draw in the Tour standings then pinfall will be considered in the awarding of the cash prize, with the highest pinfall over the top 6 qualifying events being ranked higher.