



Northumberland County Trials 2019

Tournament Rules

The tournament is sanctioned by the BTBA and the general playing and tournament rules will govern this event together with the following special rules:

1. All entrants must meet one or more of the following criteria;
 - a. Must have been born within the County of Northumberland (1961 boundary).
 - b. Must have been a resident within the County of Northumberland (1961 boundary) for no less than 1 year (6 months for military personnel).
 - c. Serving military personnel on detachment whose permanent, family residence in within the County of Northumberland (1961 boundary) shall also be eligible for selection.
2. All entrants must be current BTBA members. Proof of membership will be checked by reference to the BTBA website. Bowlers who do not wish to become BTBA members will be denied entry to the Trials. Any juniors who participate must hold a normal Adult membership.
3. Closing date for entries for both dates is Friday 22nd February 2019. Late entries will only be allowed to compete at the Tournament Directors' discretion.

4. Format:

Four squads, all at Sunderland Riverside.

Sunday 24th February 2019 at 10.00 am. Registration at 9:30 am.

Monday 25th February 2019 at 7.00 pm. Registration at 6:30 pm.

Sunday 17th March 2019 at 10.00 am. Registration at 9:30 am.

Monday 18th March 2019 at 7.00 pm. Registration at 6:30 pm.

The male and female trials will be bowled over five (5) games at doubles/trios or fours pace depending on entries, changing lanes after every game. Entrants for the adults and senior trials will use the scores from the same five games.

- 4.1 Individuals must bowl at a reasonable pace. Any individual who, in the opinion of the Tournament Directors, is guilty of slow play will initially receive an official warning. Any subsequent offence will result in the next delivery by the individual being recorded as a foul.
5. The Tournament Directors will be Dave Malpas and John Strettle, whose decision on the day will be final, subject to appeal to the BTBA.
6. The entry fee for the trials is £30 per person

The entry fee is split as follows:

Lineage:	£12.50
Sanction fee:	£2.00
County Team Registration:	£20.50
Total entry fee:	£35.00

There is no additional fee for Seniors who wish to enter both the Adult and Senior Trials but their wish to be eligible for both squads must be made clear on the entry form..

Entry forms are available by Email (notpink@sky.com) and from John Strettle.

Payment should be by BACs transfer (details on request, Email notpink@sky.com).

Payments on the day must be cash only (no cards, no cheques).

7. All entrants must abide by Inter-County Tournament rules. (visit www.btba.org.uk for a copy of the BTBA ICC Rules).
8. Players wishing to bowl in the Seniors must be 50 years of age by the 31st December 2019.
9. The decision of the Tournament Managers (John Strettle/Dave Malpas) is final in respect of any dispute with appeal to the BTBA permissible.
10. Any telescore alterations must be made in the presence of a Tournament Official. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in said score being forfeit.
11. No denim or shorts of any description will be allowed. Ladies may wear skorts, skirts, trousers, $\frac{3}{4}$ length trousers or sports leggings. Men can wear trousers only. Whichever attire is worn, it must be of the same colour. NB. Sports leggings are deemed as not see-through. The acceptable length of skirts or skorts is a length no shorter than the tip of the longest finger when the bowler's arms are resting by their side.

Failure to be dressed appropriately at any stage of the event will result in entry being refused without refund of fee. The decision of the Tournament Manager and Area Association Committee will be final.

12. Any entrant arriving late will count their scores from the frame being bowled.
13. A provisional ball must be rolled if a dispute relating to pinfall cannot be resolved immediately. Verbal protests must be made within 30 minutes and must be confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours of the game in which the infraction occurred.
14. No persons other than the registered entrants are allowed in the seating or approach area during the event. All entrants are reminded that food and drink is not allowed in the playing area and there will be no smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages for the duration of the roll-off by any competitor. Failure to maintain these rules may result in disqualification without refund. BTBA rule 333 applies.
15. Lanes will be dressed at the start of the trial only and will not be re-dressed.
16. Entry fees will be non-refundable after squad times have been accepted. An entry may be sold to an eligible replacement with the Tournament Manager's approval. In the event of injury or illness an entrant may alter their entry to the reserve date after first notifying the Tournament Manager provided there are sufficient spaces available.
17. Team England Squad members will be expected to enter the trials unless they are involved in Team England duties, in which case they will be ranked automatically.
18. Withdrawal from the trials through injury or illness will result in the total pinfall bowled being valid for submission to the relevant Inter-County Secretary of the BTBA.

19. Squad selection:

The top 15 adult males, top 15 adult ladies and top 15 senior males will be registered as players for Northumberland during the 2019 season.

20. Team selection:

Selection for the County teams to play in the qualifying rounds of either the Adult and/or Senior divisions, will be based on the trial results, league and tournament performance up to the qualifying rounds and the finals and any practice or training sessions arranged by the Team Managers. Selection for the county team **is not** based only on the results of the trials except that the top two bowlers in each division will be given the opportunity to bowl at least two games in the qualifying round.

21. County Championship dates:

Adult male/female

Qualifying Round: 7/8th September 2019. Venue to be confirmed.

Final: 2/3rd November 2019. Venue to be confirmed.

Seniors

Qualifying Round: 2nd June 2019. Venue to be confirmed.

Final: 12/14th October 2019. Venue to be confirmed.



Northumberland Tenpin Bowling Association

Northumberland County Trials 2019 ENTRY FORM

Application assumes acceptance of all the BTBA Tournament and Playing Rules and that you fulfil the eligibility criteria

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Mobile and land line: _____

Email: _____

BTBA Number: _____ Date of birth: _____
(Membership will be checked on-line)

Place of birth: _____

Current place of residence
(state since which year): _____

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I would like to enter into the following division: Tick box(es) as appropriate.

Adult Male: Adult Female: Senior male: (over 50 on 31st Dec 2019)

You are signing to agree to the tournament rules and that you are eligible to participate in this tournament.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Entry fee £35 (5 games).

Please return this form by Email to notpink@sky.com. Closing date 22nd February 2019.
No entries on the day.

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