

# BRITISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION



## 2019 Trials and Selection Criteria for the Senior Team England squad for 2020

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## 1. Introduction

We will once again provide a series of Trials for Seniors to compete for places in the Senior Team England squad for 2020. Both Ladies and Men's squads will be chosen from the trials results. It is from these squads that we will then select individuals to compete in the major 2020 events which at this time are likely to be the inaugural European Championships and the annual Senior Triple Crown.

The final decision about which events we will be attending will be made at the end of 2019 and will consider factors such as the costs involved and our potential for success.

The trials will give the coaches and team managers the chance to assess the players in an environment that will closely match the conditions that we are likely to meet at international events.

This document sets out the rules for qualification and selection and provides some of the details available around the format of the events, the price and some of the opportunities available to those who eventually get selected as part of the Team England squad.

## 2. Qualification

The trials are open to everyone that wishes to participate in these events, providing that they can meet the "Qualification Criteria" listed below:

### Qualification Criteria

- Must be a member of the BTBA in good standing.
- Must be prepared to sign a Code of Conduct/Terms of Reference, to which it is essential to adhere.
- Must be prepared to give priority to all Team England training sessions.
- Must be willing to train and develop to become a world class bowler.
- Must be prepared to act in accordance with the instructions of the Squad/Team Manager, Coaches and Officials.
- Must be prepared to be a good ambassador for their Sport and Country, at all times.
- Seniors must be 50 years of age in the year that they intend to play for England. i.e. for trials in 2019 they must be 50 on or before 31st December 2020.
- Must be eligible to bowl for England.

## 3. Dates and Locations

Trials will be held over three Sundays. Each Sunday will be at a different centre and will be in a different part of the country. The dates and venues are:

Senior Team England Trials 2019	
16th June	Poole
21st July	Guildford
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Stroud

Final details of the events will be made available well in advance of the actual events but are subject to amendment based on the number of participants for whom we need to cater.

## 4. The Formats

The trial will be played on one day with 6 games being bowled in the morning and 6 in the afternoon.

The morning session will be played on a Short/Medium pattern and the Afternoon will be played on a Long /Medium pattern. The relevant patterns will be selected by the Senior Team England Coaching Staff.

Where possible lunch will be provided at the bowl, so it is important that you provide details of any dietary concerns on your application form.

Points will be awarded after every game and on the “six game total pin fall” for each six game block. The value of the points will be determined by the number of competitors that have entered the trials. i.e. if there are 22 ladies signed up to play the trials, but only 20 play on the day, the bowler that finishes in first place will get 22 points.

## 5. Team Meetings

There will be a short meeting at the start of the day to ensure that everyone knows what is expected of them and to answer any technical queries about the day.

We will also have a wrap up meeting at the close so that you can provide feedback on everything from patterns, meals, service etc. Any suggestions for inclusion in future trials will also be welcomed and discussed.

## 6. Team England Squad Selection

The following criteria will determine the squads from which the teams and players will be chosen to represent Team England at International events in 2020.

Team	Squad Size	Selection
Men's	10	Top 10 from trials.
Ladies	10	Top 10 from trials.

All bowlers will be encouraged to compete in all three trials but qualification into the squad will be based on the best two weekend performances. This will provide some flexibility in the event of injury or other unavoidable circumstances. Naturally playing all three events will give you the best chance of success. Players that have played all three weekends will drop one whole weekend rather than individual blocks.

## 7. Team England Selection

The selections for Team England representation will be made from the squad by a Selection panel that will include some or all of the following: Team Manager, all coaches that have had involvement with the trials or will be training with the team in 2019, and a member of the BTBA Executive Council. All selections will be reviewed by the BTBA Executive council before being published.

They will consider achievements at the trials, performance at BTBA Sanctioned Senior events and the bowler's ability to win medals.

Consideration will also be given to behaviour and attitude both on and off the lanes including but not limited to:

- Ability and willingness to accept instruction, both on and off the lanes.
- Interaction with team members and Officials
- Versatility and ability to react under pressure

In addition, Team England players will be expected to give up some of their time in support of other events organised by the BTBA to further promote the sport of bowling throughout the UK.

After the selections have been made the management team will make best endeavors to advise squad members as to the approximate costs for each event so that squad members are able to indicate their availability as soon as the squads are announced. Any changes to availability must be made known to the Team England Manager immediately the information becomes available.

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

The cost of participating in the trials will be £200 per person. Payment will be required at the time of entry.

A Senior Team England Trials entry form is available on the BTBA's membership website [www.btba.azolve.com](http://www.btba.azolve.com) which can be reached directly or by visiting the BTBA website [www.btba.org.uk](http://www.btba.org.uk) and selecting the membership portal. You will find the entry form under the heading "EVENTS & COURSES"

Or by using this link:

<https://btba.azolve.com/workbench/public/events?ref=118A862ED46FBAF82868923BBBEA4C4E0A6C9598>

If you cannot locate the entry form please contact Head Office on 0208 4781745, email [admin@btba.org.uk](mailto:admin@btba.org.uk) or contact your Regional Officer on the National Council, their contact details are also available on the website. Applications will be accepted until the end of May 2019.

Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Senior Team England Manager.

## 9. What is included in the Price?

The participation fee of £200 will cover the expenses for the trial weekends, specifically:

- Lineage fees for 12 games of trials bowling at each event
- Lunch on Sunday in the bowling centre.
- Soft drinks (water or squash) during bowling events
- Costs to do with Administration of the events.

Not included:

- Cost of transportation
- Overnight Accommodation, if required.
- Other food and beverages not specified above.
- Shirts are not being provided, please bowl in a shirt with your name on

Any additional revenue raised will be put aside to offset the cost of squad training sessions that will be held in 2020.

## 11. Unofficial Practice

We will do our best to provide a couple of hours of unofficial practice on the lanes between 4pm and 6pm on the Saturday afternoon dressed with the Trials patterns. During this time we will also make one of the Team coaches available to provide any assistance and help that you may need to prepare yourselves for the trials the following day. Practice time slots will be allocated on a half hour basis and will need to be booked in advance. Further details will be provided as we get nearer to the event. It is anticipated that the half hour practice will cost approximately £6.00.