

BRITISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION



2019 Trials and Selection Criteria for the Adult Team England squad for 2020

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1. Introduction

Firstly, I must apologise for the lateness in this document and the changes to the Qualifiers for the Squad of 2020 that follow. However, events that are outside of our control have necessitated these changes.

Our personal focus will always be the support of our players and members, along with the need to keep the costs of these events to a minimum. Based upon previous success and the support from the players, my intention is to re-introduce the style of Qualifying events that have previously been enjoyed, but with a few changes in an attempt to keep the players costs as low as we can. However, we still need to supply quality events that should still be able to test the players strengths and abilities, which in turn allows us to maintain the Quality of the Team.

The Qualifiers for 2020 are somewhat unique, as we do not have the time to run the two additional Qualifiers that in future years will supply us the three events that we need, so for this forthcoming year, we will focus on one additional event which will pair up with the Adult National Championships, both of which must be played in order to be considered for the 2020 Adult Squad.

The first event will replace the diarised event in January, with a 12-game event to be held at Stroud Bowl, Top Floor, Merrywalks Centre, Stroud, GL5 1QA on February 8th/9th, and as mentioned above, the 2nd event will be our Adult National Championships, held at the same centre throughout the month of March.

The rationale behind the National Championships becoming a compulsory Qualifier, is to return the importance of this event to the Bowling Calendar and to encourage participation. It is also our intention to re-instate 'The Masters', where the top twelve Ladies and top twelve Men, will be invited to participate in an 11-Game Round-Robin final to decide the years 'Masters Champion'. Along with this accolade, the two Champions will be invited to represent Team England in that years European Champions Cup, which for 2020 is currently planned to be held in Chania, Crete from 19th to 25th October.

In future years, we intend to begin our Adult Team Qualifiers with the National Championships, so the 2020 event will be the 2nd and final Qualifier for the 2020 Squad, **as well as being** the 1st Qualifier for the 2021 Squad which will also be compulsory for anyone wishing to be considered for the Adult Squad. This event will then be joined by two Qualifying events to be held later in the year, where the two highest ranking points from the three events will decide the players final Ranking position.

From our experience, we may struggle to find quality centres that are both large enough to accommodate us and also willing to entertain us, along with the possibility of increasing numbers wishing to represent Adult Team England. In this case, unless the playing numbers are lower than expected, we intend to separate the Ladies and the Men into two separate days, with the Men participating on the Saturday and the Ladies participating on the Sunday, so reducing the cost to the bowler by reducing hotel and other expenses from two days to one. Next year, if we still need to play these events over two days, we will look to swap the days between the Men and Ladies in order to be fair to all.

The Selection for the squads and Teams for 2020 will once again be based upon participation in the two Qualifying Events, where these events will continue to give the Management Team the chance to assess the players in difficult, changing and challenging conditions that are a lot closer to those that they may face on international duty, whilst also paying due consideration to other National and International competitions.

IN ADDITION, the top two players from both the Men's and Ladies Qualifiers will be invited to automatically join the 2021 Squad, providing that they participate in the following years Qualifiers, which should then begin to allow some continuity to exist within the squad as we go forward. In the event that one or both of the players does not participate in the Qualifiers the following year, or, alternatively declines their place, then that place(s) will be taken up by the next ranked Qualifying player(s).

As noted above, controlling the costs represents possibly the biggest challenge to the BTBA and the T.E. Management, and this challenge is becoming even more acute as we go forward. Personal and Team Sponsorship can play a huge part in helping to reduce costs, so we ask that all of us to be play an active role by challenging ourselves to find ways of reducing the financial burden on yourselves and our Team players.

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.
- Must be eligible to bowl for England.

3. Dates and Locations

There are two events to decide the Squad for 2020, both of which will need to be played. The first will be decided over twelve games, on two blocks of 6 Games on 2 separate Sports patterns, approved by the WTBA. Please see below:

2020 Qualifying event – 8th / 9th February 2020 – Stroud Bowl

Adult National Championships – 14th/15th March – 21st/22nd March – 28th/29th March 2020 – Stroud

U.K. Masters – Sunday May 24th – Stroud Bowl

The closing date for entry is Friday 24th January 2020

After this date acceptance will be at the discretion of the Team England Management Team

4. The Formats

Details of the set up for the weekend will be explained briefly and players will also be informed what to expect and what is expected of them along with an open question and answer session between players and officials.

The Qualifier will be played on two Kegel approved patterns which the players will be told in advance of the event, along with the order in which these will be played, which will be determined by the bowling centre and their lane technicians.

Overview:

- Every bowler will be expected to play 6 games on two different Kegel approved patterns
- Each individual game will carry a maximum points total, equivalent to the number of participants
- i.e. assuming 25 players in the section: the Highest score will receive 25, the next 24, the next 23 and so on...
- There will be an additional Points award on the series, for each of the blocks of 6-games
- At the conclusion of the twelve games, the individual points totals will be added together and the Ranking Points awarded

Outline schedule:

- Registration and Lane Draw 1000hrs
- 1030hrs – 15 minute Practice on Pattern 1
- 1045hrs – Commence 6 Game Block on Pattern 1
- 1345hrs – Lunch break, Redress Lanes and Lane Draw for Pattern 2 as you finish playing
- 1445hrs – 15 minutes Practice on Pattern 2
- 1500hrs – Commence 6 Game Block on Pattern 2
- 1800hrs – Finish – Question & Answer session

Lunch will be provided, but any accommodation required will be the responsibility of the participant

5. Ranking Points

The accumulated Points total will decide the Ranking Points awarded, and the maximum points over one weekend will be 120, with the following breakdown:

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| 1 st | - | 120 | 7 th | - | 75 |
| 2 nd | - | 105 | 8 th | - | 70 |
| 3 rd | - | 95 | 9 th | - | 65 |
| 4 th | - | 90 | 10 th | - | 60 |
| 5 th | - | 85 | 11 th | - | 50 |
| 6 th | - | 80 | 12 th | - | 49 |

..and then by 1 point thereafter.

6. Team England Squad Selection

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

Adults

Team Number Selection

Men's 10 - Top 9 from Qualifying events plus 1 Exemption or Management pick*.

Ladies' 10 - Top 9 from Qualifying events plus 1 Exemption or Management pick*.

* Note: Management pick can be from players either from the trials or from outside the trials.

All bowlers will be expected to compete in both Qualifying events for the 2020 Squad.

In future years, the two best Ranking Point scores from the three events will be taken.

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 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 endeavour to advise the 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 this Qualifying event will be £90 per person, payment is required at the time of entry.

To register please follow the link on:

[Payment Link \(opens Go!Membership\)](#)

which is through your membership website.

I would also appreciate an email on: janoakley@btba.org.uk to confirm your entry, which

serves as a check for me to follow up on, along with your 'Shirt Size' please.

Applications will be accepted until Friday 24th January 2020.

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

Clothing Requirements

It is our intention to provide at least two shirts for all squad members. Please indicate your preferred size:

Shirt size _____

Additional Comments _____

9. What is included in the Price?

The participation fee will cover all Lineage fees for 12 games of trials bowling plus lunch.

Finally, all players selected to form the Men's and Ladies squads will be invited to attend at least one Team England Training weekend which will be player funded, which will be used as an opportunity to select the teams competing in the 2020 International and Domestic events.

When you are selected to play for England for the first time, two Team England shirts will be provided.

Outline Diary under consideration by Team England Management for 2020

t.b.c. – players estimated costs are shown in brackets after each event

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| June | 3 rd - 14 th | Ladies European Championships - Aalborg, Denmark (**Contribution t.b.c.) |
| August | 12 th – 23 rd | Men's European Championships – Helsinki, Finland (**Contribution t.b.c.) |
| September | 18th – 20th | Triple Crown – (Wales) Bromborough, Wirral (**Contribution t.b.c.) |
| October | 19 th – 25 th | ECC – Chania, Crete |
| November | | World Singles Championships (t.b.c.) – Las Vegas |

** Players Contribution – We will endeavour to keep this under £1000/player for the European Championships and under £500 for the Triple Crown, but obviously cannot control external financial demands.

10. Outline Diary – Qualification to Team England Squad for 2021 (t.b.c.)

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| Adult National Championships | - 14 th /15 th March – 21 st /22 nd March – 28 th /29 th March – Stroud |
| Adult Qualifier | - July 18 th /19 th – Stroud |
| Adult Qualifier | - October 31/1 st November – Stroud |

REMINDER – Players wishing to Qualify for the 2021 Squad MUST take part in the Adult Nationals along with at least one of the two remaining Qualifiers, so making three events. From the three

events, the two highest scoring ranking points will be taken and will decide the final placings for the year.

11. Special Note

Players wishing to participate in the Qualifiers for the 2021 Squad MUST register their participation 'on-line' on or before Friday 28th February 2020, along with a £40 deposit, which will be refundable in the event that personal circumstances change, and they decide to withdraw from the events.