

BRITISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION



2020 Trials and Selection Criteria for the Adult Team England squad for 2021

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1. Introduction

As always, our personal focus will be the support of our players and members, along with the need to keep the costs of these events to a minimum. Based upon the success and support from the players, we will continue with the current Qualifying format as we need to supply quality events that are still able to test the players strengths and abilities, whilst maintaining the Quality of the Team.

The first event will be The Adult National Championships at Stroud Bowl, Top Floor, Merrywalks Centre, Stroud, GL5 1QA, which will then be joined by two subsequent Qualifiers held at the same centre later in the year.

This continues to demonstrate our support for The National Championships becoming a compulsory Qualifier, along with the reinstatement of '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 18th – 25th October 2020.

From our experience, we may continue to 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. So we will continue to separate the Ladies and the Men into two separate days, with the Ladies participating on the Saturday and the Men on the Sunday in the first Qualifier and then changing over for the second Qualifier, with a focus on reducing the cost to the bowler by reducing hotel and other expenses from two days to one.

In the event that we experience a lower number of participants than expected, or that we should be fortunate to be hosted by a large centre with increased capacity, we will then look to combine all players on a single day.

The top two players from both the Men's and Ladies Qualifiers will be invited to automatically join the 2022 Squad, providing that they participate in the following years Qualifiers, which will allow some continuity within the squad as we go forward. Should one or both of the players choose not to participate in the Qualifiers for 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 a significant 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 three events that will decide the Rankings and subsequent Squad for 2021. Players will be expected to play in all three events, with the two highest Rankings points total deciding the final position.

The first event will be the 2020 Adult Nationals, which will be joined by two Qualifying events, decided over twelve games, on two blocks of 6 Games on two separate approved World Bowling patterns. Please see below:

National Championships	14th/15th/21st/22nd/28th/29th March 2020	Stroud
Adult Qualifier	July 18 th /19 th	Stroud
Adult Qualifier	October 31/1 st November	Stroud

The closing date for entry is on or before **Monday 9th March 2020, along with a £40 deposit. 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 weekends 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 World Bowling 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
- At the conclusion of the twelve games, the cumulative pin-fall over the twelve games will decide the final standings 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 cumulative pin-fall over the twelve games will decide the final standings and the Ranking Points awarded. The maximum points over one weekend will be 120, with the following breakdown:

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

and then reducing by one 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 2021:

Team Number Selection:

Men's 10 - Top 7 from Qualifying events, plus 2 seeded players from 2020 Squad plus 1 exemption or Management pick *

Women's 10 - Top 7 from Qualifying events, plus 2 seeded players from 2020 Squad plus 1 exemption or Management pick *

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

All bowlers will be expected to compete in all of the Qualifying events for the 2021 Squad.
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 the two additional Qualifying events will be £90 per person per event, so £180 (less the £40 deposit), will be required by Friday 10th July.

To register your participation, please email ianoakley@btba.org.uk

Deposit and Final Payment for the above will be through the Team England Bank Account:

Barclays Sort Code: 20-44-22 Account 60203351

Please give your reference as: ATE/Your Initials/BTBA Number - e.g. ATE/IO/000273

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.

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 2021 International and Domestic events.

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

10. Outline diary under consideration by T. E. Management for 2021

July	Birmingham USA	World Games
August	Kuwait City	World Championships
September 26 th -30 th	England	Triple Crown
October 25 th -1 st Nov.	Olomouc, Czech Republic	ECC

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Players' Contributions

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

12. Special Note

Players wishing to participate in the Qualifiers for the 2021 Squad MUST register their participation 'on-line' on or before **Monday 9th March 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.