

# British Tenpin Bowling Association



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### Coronavirus update

In light of recent government announcements re Coronavirus all of our lives are being impacted by the lockdown and the suspension of all social activities. The BTBA are responsible for a number of events/tournaments that were scheduled over the next few months and we would like to update you on the status of some of our major events.

In the majority of cases we have decided that the best course of action is to cancel the events and provide a process whereby everyone can claim a refund of their entry fees. As each event has different characteristics, we have tried to explain our reasoning for each and advise on how to approach us for a refund where that is required.

As you can imagine we have a large number of payments to make and we would ask that all refund requests are made using the online refund request forms within 14 days, so that we can get all the payments made at the same time. Refund request received after the first 14 day window will be processed in batches at 14 day intervals thereafter.

### ***BTBA Senior National Championships***

This event is targeted at an older age group, so the likelihood is that this event would be delayed longer than most. This is probably going to make it more difficult to find an alternative venue for two whole weekends before we get into the winter season, when it is already difficult to schedule events.

This event has now been **cancelled** and full refunds will be paid out. Refunds will be accessed through an online form that should only be completed by the individual that originally paid the entry fee. This will allow us to track payments against previous receipts. We will not be in a position to refund people individually where the payments were made jointly. We will make the forms available on the BTBA website.

### ***BTBA National Championships***

The difficulty with this event is that the first weekends squads have already played. Any delay in concluding the event could be unfair to both those that have already played and those that play at a later date. We have no idea when we would even start planning the rescheduled event let alone get it included into the 2020 calendar. Additionally, this event was previously a Team England Qualifying event and it is difficult to imagine how we could properly compare results from the first weekend and subsequent weekends. The Team England Director will be making an announcement regarding selection and qualification separately.





Our decision is to **cancel** the 2020 National Championships. A full refund will be made to all those that have not yet played through an online form hosted on the BTBA website. Once again refunds will be made to those who originally submitted the payments.

All prize fund money collected from the squads on the first weekend will be paid out according to the scores achieved that weekend. We will not be recording the first-place winners as National Champions as the event was incomplete.

### ***BTBA Tenpin Tour***

This is a multi-event tour with prize money retained for end of tour Order of Merit awards and qualification for masters, depending on a number of events being played. As with the Senior Nationals this event is targeted at an older age group and the lockdown will possibly be extended for a longer period. It is, therefore, likely to impact the number of events that we hold and therefore the qualification criteria for both Order of Merit and masters will need revision.

At this time, we have decided to **cancel** the two events that were scheduled for the Airport and Stroud bowling centres. Refunds will be available through an online form that will be hosted on both the BTBA and the Tenpintour websites. Decisions on how this will impact the format of the tour overall will be taken at a later date.

### ***Adult Team England Trials***

Deposits of £40 have been paid to secure a place in the 2021 qualification events. Payments were made by direct payment into the BTBA account. Trials, qualification criteria and target events are all now out of step and will be revisited. All deposit payments will be refunded. Bowlers will be required to apply for their refund using an online form that will be accessed via the BTBA website.

### ***Senior Team England Trials***

A very limited number of people have paid to secure their place in the trials as yet so they will be contacted individually and will be provided with a refund. Trials, qualification criteria and target events will be revisited.

### ***Intercounty Championships***

At this time Paul LeManquais believes that the Senior event cannot run for this year, due to the vulnerable group which is involved in the event. The adult counties are currently continuing as planned for now. Both the Under 16's and Under 12's will not be able to take place this year due to rescheduling and calendar issues. At this time the Under 22's is under weekly review, it is unlikely that the July date will be viable but information will be shared when possible.

### ***Additional Guidance for other League and Tournament Treasurers***

Each league and tournament organiser need to determine the best way forward for their group. Whether it be to wait it out and just pick up where we left off or shut things down for now and start





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again. Whichever decision is made we would ask that each league and tournament treasurer ensure that they are fully in control of their members entry fees and prize fund. If you are holding funds, we strongly suggest that you share all information with other members of your committee so that you jointly take responsibility to ensure that the money is being held in an appropriate bank account. The BTBA will continue to insure all leagues against misappropriation of funds but there are strict rules about transparency and joint responsibility that must be complied with. Please don't relax your normal financial checks just because you're not bowling.

