

2021/2022 YBE TOUR EXPLAINED

1. THE TOUR

The YBE Tour comprises a series of individual BTBA sanctioned youth tournaments spread throughout the season. Due to COVID-19 the YBE Tour season has been extended to run from September 2021 through to December 2022. Each tournament defines its own entry criteria, playing format and any prize allocation.

The YBE Tour takes the total pinfall scratch scores from the qualifying round of each tournament (usually 6 games) and allocates YBE Tour ranking points based on the performance of each bowler. At the end of the season those with the highest number of YBE Tour ranking points will be eligible to enter the YBE Tour Ranking finals and will also be awarded YBE Tour trophies.

2. YBE TOUR RANKING SYSTEM

At the first tournament of entry each bowler will be entered into a YBE Tour division based on their average (taken from the highest average in any league or tournament), there are separate divisions for boys and girls.

Bowlers will remain in the same division throughout the YBE Tour Season, however the YBE Tour Manager reserves the right to re-rate a bowler at any time during the season.

The average divisions are:

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| DIV A: 176+ | DIV B: 151-175 | DIV C: 126-150 | DIV D: 101-125 | DIV E: 0-100 |
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From each tournament all the bowlers that comprise each tour division will be grouped together, and their total pinfall will determine points awarded. 70 points are awarded for 1st place, decreasing by 1 point for each place thereafter.

3. YBE TOUR FINALS

To be eligible for the YBE Tour Finals bowlers must have entered at least 9 from the scheduled 19 tournaments. If a bowler enters more than 9 then their best 9 YBE Tour points allocation will be used. The top 8 in each average division will be invited to the Tour Finals Day. The top 3 will be awarded Tour trophies.

At the time of writing the format of the tour finals is still be completed and will be published as soon as possible.

4. YOUTH TEAM ENGLAND – EYC and TRIPLE CROWN

Youth Team England have decided to use the results of the YBE Tour tournaments to help them chose bowlers to represent England at International level. There are two tournament levels – European Youth Championships and Youth Triple Crown. The EYC is open to bowlers U19 in the year of the event, and they must enter at least 5 of the 7 selected qualifying tournaments. The Triple Crown is open to U22 bowlers and is usually divided into three age groups, however the exact format is still be finalised.

The YBE Tour Calendar indicates which tournaments will be used for EYC or TC qualifying ranking points.

Bowlers who have registered to participate in EYC and/or TC qualifying will have their tournament total pinfall used to award Team England Ranking points.

There are no separate divisions (apart from boys and girls).

Points will be awarded in the following way: 1st 100, 2nd 90, 3rd 80, etc.

Youth Team England will provide the full qualification process separately.

5. YBC TOUR RANKING POINTS

In addition to the bowlers receiving tour ranking points, YBCs will also receive ranking points. These ranking points are allocated by taking the combined pinfall average of all the bowlers entered in each tournament with highest averages being awarded points, decreasing by 1 for each place. Just like the bowlers the best 9 tournaments will be used to calculate the end of season YBC of the season award.

Example:

1. BowlerA, has an average of 180, elects to be included in EYC ranking and is 17 years old, and bowls for BigTown YBC. He finishes second in the tournament based on the tournament criteria. An average of 180 puts the bowler in Division A of the YBE Tour His 6-game total pinfall = 1175. Of all the Division A bowlers entered in the tournament his pinfall put him in second place, so receives 69 Tour ranking points. The bowler who won the tournament chose not to register for EYC, so won't receive EYC points. Therefore, BowlerA will receive 100 EYC Ranking points. The combined average of BigTown YBC bowlers was 175 and put them in 3rd place so they will receive 68 points.