

## 2023 YBE TOUR EXPLAINED

### 1. THE TOUR

The YBE Tour comprises a series of individual BTBA sanctioned youth tournaments spread throughout the season. The YBE Tour will run from January 2023 through to December 2023. Each tournament defines its own entry criteria, playing format and any prize allocation.

The YBE Tour takes individual game score and 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 age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, there are separate divisions for boys and girls.

The age divisions are:

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| <b>U22</b> (21,20,19) | <b>U19</b> (18,17,16) | <b>U16</b> (15,14,13) | <b>U13</b> (12,11,10) | <b>U10 Mixed</b> (9 and under) |
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From each tournament all the bowlers that comprise each tour division will be grouped together, and their points will be awarded as follows:

- Each Game Score over entering average: 1 point
- Positional: Points will be awarded in the age division starting at 70, decreasing by one.  
For example 1<sup>st</sup> place would 70 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 69 and so on.

### 3. YBE TOUR FINALS

There is a minimum of 5 tournaments required to be eligible for the YBE Tour Finals. Bowlers entering more than 5 will have their best 5 scores used. The top 8 in points in each age division will be invited to the Tour Finals Day. The top 3 will be awarded YBE Tour trophies.

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

### 4. 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 and calculating the difference from their combined entering average with highest average difference being awarded points, decreasing by 1 for each place. The best 5 tournaments will be used to calculate the end of season YBC of the season award.

### 5. YOUTH TEAM ENGLAND – EYC and TRIPLE CROWN QUALIFYING AND SELECTION

This is managed by Youth Team England and announcements will be made by them in due course.

Ranking Points Example:

#### 1. BowlerA, is by age allocated to the U16 Boys, and bowls for BigTown YBC.

He finishes second in the tournament based on the tournament criteria.

He enters with an average of 150.

During the 6-game qualifying section he has 4 games that are over the 150 and a total pinfall = 950. Of all the U16 bowlers entered in the tournament his pinfall put him in second place.

The points awarded therefore are:

Over average games: 4

Positional place from total pinfall: 69

Total: 73

The combined average of BigTown YBC bowlers was 175 and put them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place so they will receive 68 points.