



# BTBA Annual Awards

## 1. BTBA Annual awards

The following details how the BTBA awards are established. from nominations, down selection and then voting.

## 2. Categories

There are six awards made annually. The Chairmans award is only made if the submissions received follow the parameters set.

### Bowling awards

- Male and Female Bowler of the year
- Senior Male and Senior Female Bowler of the year
- Junior Male and Junior Female Bowler of the year
- Team of the Year - All age groups are eligible.

### Non-Bowling awards

- Official of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Significant Contribution to the Sport of Tenpin Bowling – Chairman’s Award

## 3. Selection Process

3.1 Awards are only open to BTBA members over the whole period of the award. The junior awards may use a different timescale to those stated in paragraph 4. This is yet to be decided by the YBE.

3.2 Bowlers may only feature in the category that they are age eligible for.

3.3 Members may not vote for themselves. Any such nominations will be discounted.

### 3.4 Senior and ‘Adult’ Bowlers of the Year

3.4.1 Nominations, with details of the achievements, will come from the membership. Team England managers will have input to nominations too.

3.4.2 Initial nominations are then reviewed by the National Council and additional candidates added as required. The nominations are then reduced, based on the supporting information received, to nominally four per category. This would be adjusted up or down dependent upon the strength of the support given. This short list, with the citations, are then sent to the Local Associations (LA) for them to vote in preference order. The National Council will have one collective vote too. The candidate with the most votes from the LA is given the



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award. If there is a tie the National Council vote to break the tie or the number of votes casting them in second.

### 3.5 Junior Bowlers of the Year

3.5.1 Nominations with details of the achievements should come from appointed, responsible people who have detailed knowledge of the groups themselves. These people will keep records over the twelve-month period of relevant Tour results.

3.5.2 The initial nominations are then reviewed by the National Councils members responsible for the Junior players only. Additional nominations can be added by them as required. The nominations are then reduced based on the information received to nominally four per category. This would be adjusted up or down dependent upon the strength of the support given. This short list with the citations is then sent to the Local Associations for them to vote. The candidate with the most votes from the Local Associations is given the award. If there is a tie the National Council vote to break the tie or the votes for second place used.

### 3.6 Team of the Year

3.6.1 Nominations for team of the year can come from any age group and will be made by the respective Team England managers, Inter County Secretaries and when relevant the BTBA National Championship Tournament managers.

3.6.2 The winners will be selected by the National Council and the award made at the Inter County Finals dinner.

### 3.7 Official of the Year

A person in an official capacity who has contributed to supporting players, participants, or other officials on Local, Regional or International duty during the previous twelve months. Nominations will be determined within the National Council, with the selection of the eventual recipient being made by the Executive Council.

### 3.8 Volunteer of the Year

A person who, whilst serving in an official or unofficial capacity, who's contribution has been felt much more locally and has contributed to their YBC, league, local centre, the County Association or National Association during the last twelve months. A person who has given up their own time to help improve the environment in which participants play, and to further develop the sport of tenpin bowling. Nominations for this award will be received from the Local Associations and the winner will be selected by the National Council.

### 3.9 Significant Contribution to the Sport of Tenpin Bowling (Chairman's Award)

This award, known as the "Chairman's Award", was introduced to recognise individuals that have made a significant contribution to the sport over a sustained period. This will not by default be awarded annually, but will depend solely upon the strength of the submission.



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A person who has dedicated themselves to the development of the sport and continues to strive to improve the sport for all participants. Nominations for this award will be sought from all members by email submission on a form that will be available on the website. Nominations must contain details of what that individual has done to warrant consideration. The selection panel will be drawn up in conjunction with the sponsor of the award.

### **4. Timeframes**

Late July – Website and Social Media posts inviting members to nominate individuals that they feel should be considered for Bowler of the year along with reasoning for doing so. This will be on a downloadable form only.

Early August – Replies received along with those from the 'responsible individuals' monitoring successes in the relevant age group and Team England as relevant. National Council shortlists Nominations

Mid August – Shortlists sent to Local Associations on ballot sheets for them to place them in preference order.

End August – Ballot sheets returned along with any recommendations for Volunteer of the year.

Mid-September Award winners identified from voting sheets.

### **5. Award Ceremonies**

Except for the Junior awards, all others will be made at the respective Inter County Final dinners. A date for the Junior awards is yet to be identified.