

Team England Adult Qualification Process

The Adult Team England Qualification process for 2024 will run from 3rd February 2024 until 22nd September 2024. The qualification process will be based on the English Sports Bowling Tour (ESBT) and the BTBA National Championships.

Cost

£150. This is separate to the entry fees for the ESBT events & BTBA National Championships. The £150 must be paid by one week prior to the first ESBT event the athlete wants the points to count from (for example, if an athlete wishes to use ESBT Stop 1 then payment will need to be made by 28th January 2024, latest date to pay will be 5th May 2024 as an athlete will need to complete all four remaining ESBT Stops to be ranked). Any results posted prior to £150 payment received will not be used for Team England ranking.

Qualification events

Date	Event	Location
3 rd & 4 th February 2024	ESBT - Stop 1	Stroud Bowl, Stroud
9 th & 10 th March 2024	ESBT - Stop 2	Barnsley Bowl, Barnsley
TBC by BTBA	BTBA National Championships	TBC by BTBA
11 th & 12 th May 2024	ESBT - Stop 3	Chesterfield Bowl, Chesterfield
6 th & 7 th July 2024	ESBT - Stop 4	Atlantic Bowl, Altrincham
27 th & 28 th July 2024	ESBT - Stop 5	Acocks Green Bowl, Acocks Green
21 st & 22 nd September 2024	ESBT - Stop 6	Go Bowling, Shipley

Qualification rules

Each athlete will need to:

- Register for the Qualification Process (registration will be made available soon)
- Pay the Qualification Entry fee £150 by the Sunday before the first event the athlete wishes to count, latest 5th May 2024
- Play at least 4 of the 6 ESBT events (in full) not including the English Open
- Play the BTBA National Championships (participation is required - no minimum events, but All Events (9 games) will need to be completed to obtain points from this tournament)
- Be an active competitive member of the BTBA.

Scoring

- The Qualification Process will be based on a ranking system with points awarded for each event series. Adult National Championships points will only be awarded to those athletes that complete All Events (9 games) and the points will be calculated after ESBT – Stop 6 so that only athletes who have participated in enough ESBT Stops (4 of 6) get awarded points.
- Individual points will be awarded after all bowlers (registered & paid prior to the event) have completed an event as follows:
 - 1st 50pts, 2nd 35pts, 3rd 25 pts, 4th 20 pts, 5th 17 pts, 6th 15pts dropping to 1pt for 20th place.
- No points will be awarded for scores falling outside the Top 20 each time. No points will be awarded for an event for those athletes that have not registered and paid prior to the event.

- An athlete's best 4 out of 7 points results will be used to determine the Team England ranking.
- A possible maximum of 50 points are available for each event and 200 in total.

Qualification

- The top 15 places based on total points across 4 of 7 events will qualify to be a part of the Team England squad from 01/01/2025 until 31/12/2025.
- Existing Team England squad members who requalify in the Top 15 this year will have their tenure extended in line with the above.
- Existing Team England squad members who DO NOT requalify will continue in the squad until the end of their original tenure.
- In the event of a tie of points, the highest pinfall over the athletes' best 4 events will be placed in the higher position.

Current Events 2025

Adults are playing for a chance to represent Team England in 2025:

- European Men's Championships 2025: 4th – 13th June (Aalborg, Denmark)
- Adult Triple Crown 2025: (Dates TBC and location TBC)
- European Championship of Champions 2025: 20th – 26th October (Vienna, Austria)

There will potentially be other events that we will consider entering teams into, including World events as they are announced.

Funding

Currently there is only partial funding available for Team England, therefore the athletes will need to consider the financial commitment when registering for Team England. What will you need to consider but not limited to:

- Squad training sessions (3-4 throughout the year)
- Championship contributions
- Equipment

The Team England committee will work with the BTBA and others to attain sponsorships which will be used to help towards funding teams for these events and squad training sessions. It will also be the responsibility of the athletes to work with Team England and the BTBA, looking for sponsorship and funding opportunities.