

Team England Senior and Grand Senior Qualification Process

The Senior (50-64) and Grand Senior (65+) Team England Qualification process for 2024 will run from 10th March 2024 until 15th September 2024. The Qualification Process will be based on 4 trial events and the BTBA Senior Nationals Championships. Since IBF is already supporting and the latest news from the EBF Presidium is also supporting the development of a Grand Senior category we have made relevant provisions.

Cost

£90 per Trial Event. This is separate to the entry fee for the Senior Nationals Championships. The £90 must be paid by one week prior to each Trial Event the athlete wants to participate in (for example, if an athlete wishes to use Trials Event 1 then payment will need to be made by 3rd March 2024, latest date to pay for a Trial Event with the intention to qualify for the Team England Squad will be 5th May 2024 as an athlete will need to complete all three remaining Trials Events to be ranked).

Qualification events

Date	Event	Location
10 th March	Trials – Event 1	Go Bowling, Dunstable
12 th May 2024	Trials - Event 2	Stroud Bowl, Stroud
TBC by BTBA	BTBA Senior Nationals	TBC by BTBA
7 th July 2024	Trials - Event 3	Bromborough Bowl, Bromborough
15 th September 2024	Trials - Event 4	Acocks Green Bowl, Acocks Green

Qualification rules

Each athlete will need to:

- Pay the Trial Event fee £90 per event (by one week prior to a Trial Event, latest date 5th May for an athlete to still have enough Trial Events remaining)
- Play 3 of 4 full Trial Events
- Play the BTBA Senior Nationals 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 member of the BTBA.

Trial Event format

The Trial Events will each consist of 10 games in total, these games will be played in 2 blocks of 5 games and each block will be on a different sport pattern.

Scoring

- The Qualification Process will be based on a ranking system with points awarded for each event series. Senior National Championships points will only be awarded to those athletes that complete All Events (9 games) and the points will be calculated after Trial Day 4 so that only athletes who have participated in enough Trial Events (3 of 4) 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.
- An athlete's best 3 out of 5 point's results will be used to determine the Team England ranking.
- A possible maximum of 50 points are available for each event and 150 in total.

Qualification

- The top 6 athletes in the Senior category (50-64) and the top 6 athletes in the Grand Senior category (65+) for both males and females (24 athletes in total) based on total points across the 3 of 5 events will qualify to be a part of the Team England squad from 01/01/2025 until 31/12/2025.
- Athletes will Trial in the age category that athletes will be eligible to compete in during the year of tenure. For events where there is only a Senior category and not a Grand Senior category, the Senior and Grand Senior squad members will be pooled for selection.
- Existing Team England squad members who requalify 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 3 events will be placed in the higher position.

Current Events 2025

Seniors and Grand Seniors are playing for a chance to represent Team England in 2025:

- European Senior Championships: 24th January - 2nd February 2025 (Leipzig, Germany)
- Senior Triple Crown 2025: (Dates TBC, Centre TBC, England)

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.