



BTBA Annual Awards

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1. BTBA Annual awards

The following details how the BTBA awards are established. from nominations, down selection and then voting. This is by the annual awards committee.

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.
- Bowlers' Champion

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 Volunteer award aside, 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.

3.2 Bowlers may feature in the category that they have competed and 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 will come from the membership. All nominations must detail the relevant achievements.

3.4.2 The nominations are then reduced, based on the relevant supporting information received, to nominally four per category. This would be adjusted up or down dependent upon the strength of the support given.

3.4.3 This short list, with the citations, are then sent to the Local Associations (LA) for them to vote in preference order. The bowler with the most votes is given the award. If



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there is a tie the number of votes casting them in second is used. The National Council can vote to break any ties.

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 Nominations will then be considered by the YBE Committee. They will forward their recommendations (minimum two) to the National Council for them to vote.

3.6 Bowlers' Champion

The names of the short listed nominees from each category that are sent to the Local Associations, nominally 12 names, along with their achievements, will be emailed to all members for them to vote on a 1,2,3 selection. The bowler with the most votes will be the ultimate winner. Please note that it is intended to add junior nominations to this in 2026.

3.7 Team of the Year

3.7.1 Nominations for team of the year can come from any age group. Nominations are open from all members.

3.7.2 The winner will be selected by the National Council.

3.8 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.

3.9 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 National Council members. The winner will be selected by the Executive Council.

3.10 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.

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



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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 – Direct email to all members, website and Social Media posts inviting nominations of individuals and teams that they feel should be considered for bowler and /or team of the year along with reasoning for doing so. This will be on a downloadable form only.

Early August – Replies received Annual award committee shortlists nominations if required.

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.

Late August – The names of all the short listed nominations from both the Senior and Adult categories will be emailed to all members. They then vote on their chosen Bowlers Champion.

Mid-September Award winners identified from voting sheets.

5. Award Ceremonies

Except for the Bowlers' Champion and Junior awards, the other awards will be made at the respective Inter County Final dinners. Junior awards will be made at their tour finals. The Bowlers' Champion award will be made at a relevant event to the winner.