



# FAQ – Qualification

## 1) ALL: Who earns ranking points?

All bowlers, who have a Scottish STBA membership card and compete in an event will earn points, the specifics will be detailed in the tournament entry form. Even if a bowler has no way of qualification e.g. they only bowl the last event of the season, they will still earn points as per their placing. All bowlers will also be listed in the end of year rankings. This is irrespective of their membership type.

## 2) ALL: What is the minimum numbers of events I need to bowl to qualify?

Junior: Five tournaments. There are six tournaments throughout the year, of which you must bowl 5 to be eligible to take a team position.

Adult: Three tournaments. Although 3 tournaments and 3 National League meetings count towards qualification. In the event of a bowler not completing a National League venue, zero points will be scored for that venue. Due to the new points starting from 100 it is exponentially harder for every zero-scored event to qualify for a team place.

Senior: Three Senior Tournaments. There are 4 senior events, if you bowl in four of them then your best three will count towards qualification.

## 3) ALL: If I qualify top of rankings what tournaments will I get offered?

If you finish first you will be offered a place in all team tournaments of the year. Exception being where a tournament provides entry to an international event. E.g. World Cup Qualifier. If the top X don't accept their place it will be offered in order of rankings until the vacancy is filled.

## 4) ADULTS: The Nationals in the past has been mandatory is this still the case?

No. There are four Tournaments: Nationals; Doubles; AMF Qualifier and Scottish Open. You must play in a minimum of three of these. If all tournaments are bowled the best three 'points' awarded will count towards selection.

- 5) ADULT: What if there is no space in my National League team, can I still bowl for ranking?

All bowlers who wish to bowl will be able to bowl, however, they will be accommodated where they can be (firstly utilising space left by blanks, before bowling with their team). Although the team has to nominate their counting bowlers, PRIOR to bowling, if bowling on same lane.

- 6) YOUTH: How do I see where I am in EYC / WYC teams?

This will be shown along with the published rankings. EYC is currently under 18 as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. WYC rankings will only be shown the year prior to a WYC event. There will be no report on WYC placings season 2018.

- 7) YOUTH: Why have we moved to a point based qualification system?

It lessens the effect of the bowling conditions, positive and negative as the scores are not the issue, rather how the bowler performs in relation to others. Modelling has shown that this rewards bowlers that bowl more consistently.

- 8) YOUTH: Why have the squads been removed?

Due to Triple Crown rule changes (confirmed in September '17) the team size is being reduced from 6 bowlers to 4. As the season was already underway no change could be made to the team selection i.e. squads for TC '18. The board believes that selecting the teams using performance based criteria, is in line with the survey output from bowlers and parents, by providing greater transparency in team selection. Whilst this is obviously a radical change the board is committed to ensuring opportunities for all bowlers that wish to advance their bowling experience and knowledge, so that they can realise their potential.

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