

The English Amateur Bowling Tour Presents

## ***The Amateur Spring Singles***

**13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**@ Stroud Bowl**

*Top Floor, Five Valleys Shopping Centre,  
Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 1QA*

**£2000 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE!**

**No pros, no national team players, just amateurs!**

4 separate qualifying divisions to give ANYONE a chance to win – 175 avg and below, 176-200 avg, 200+ avg & Seniors.

**A minimum of 1 in 5 bowlers will make the cut in each division**  
**+ Turbo & Desperado Qualifiers**

**6 Game Qualifier - Entry fee £100. Re entry £80.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The English Amateur Bowling Tour is open to bowlers who meet the following criteria. If a bowler does not meet all of the following criteria, they will be ineligible to play any EABT event.

- 1) Have not represented any national team at junior, adult or senior level since 2020.
- 2) Have never won a European Bowling Tour event.
- 3) Have not been a PBA member since 2024.
- 4) Have never won a PBA national title, PWBA title, PBA 50/60 title, or PBA regional title.

## FORMAT & RULES

This tournament is sanctioned by the BTBA and the BTBA's General Playing and Tournament Rules will govern this event. BTBA Membership will be checked on the BTBA database which is accessible at [btba.org.uk](http://btba.org.uk).

The tournament is open to BTBA members & members of any other national association in good standing. Non-members may take part by paying a £10 day membership fee to the local association. This gives temporary BTBA membership for the event only and does not include full member benefits beyond the tournament.

**QUALIFYING ROUND** - Bowlers will play a 6-game qualifying squad and unlimited re-entries are permitted. There will be 4 separate divisions. Seniors, 175 avg and below, 176-199 & 200+. Bowlers will qualify for the finals in their division and a minimum of 1 in 5 will qualify in each division.

A bowler's highest 6 game block including handicap will count. Handicap will be based on 75% of 210 with a maximum handicap of 50 pins per game. Bowlers must enter their highest average since the 23/24 season over a minimum of 18 games. Both Free Fall and String averages will be accepted without differentiation. Players averages may be rerated by the tournament director. All decisions made by the TD regarding eligibility, averages, format changes, and divisions are final.

**Turbo** - There will be a separate Turbo competition which will be a bowler's highest game with handicap. There will be 8 turbo qualifiers, 2 from each division. These will be the highest high game including handicap from those not already qualified. Turbo will cost £10 each squad, and you must enter before the start of the squad.

**Desperado** – The desperado will take place after the last qualifying squad has been completed. (Approx 8pm Saturday.) Bowlers will play 1 game on a single lane. The top 3 players with the highest game including handicap will qualify. Desperado is £30 per bowler.

**FINALS** - Finals will be held on Sunday at 9am.

**Final Step 1** – The top 2 players in each division will receive a bye until Final Step 2. All other qualifiers will bowl 3 games, and all 4 divisions will now play against each other. The top 16 scores including handicap will qualify for Final Step 2.

**Final Step 2** – Bowlers qualified from Final Step 1 plus the 8 seeds will bowl 3 games. The top 16 will advance to the match play bracket.

**Match play** – 16 players will be seeded 1-16 based on the scores from the previous round. Players will play a best of 3 head-to-head match. The top 8 will then play another best of 3 match, then the top 4 and lastly the final which will be a 1 game match.

**DIVISIONS** – Players who are aged 50 and over by the 31st of December 2026 will be automatically placed into the senior division. Any seniors who average 175 or less will have the option to play in their average division. All other bowlers will be separated into average divisions for qualification.

**PRIZE FUND** – The 1<sup>st</sup> place prize of £2000 is based on 90 1<sup>st</sup> entries and 50 re-entries. The first-place prize may be adjusted if fewer entries are received.

### **ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN**

Prize Fund – £50.00

Fees - £10 (Includes a £2 BTBA Tournament Sanction Fee)

Total 1<sup>st</sup> Entry Fee - £100. (Re-entry is £80)

The above is an estimated figure based on 90 entries and 50 re-entries. The amount paid in lineage and paid out in prize fund may be increased/decreased depending on the actual number of entries.

### **OTHER RULES**

- 1) A provisional ball must be rolled if a dispute relating to pinfall cannot be resolved immediately.
- 2) Protests must be made verbally at the time and confirmed in writing to the Tournament Director within 72 hours of the game in which the infraction occurred.
- 3) The Tournament Director (David Cooper) reserves the right to reject or rerate any entry and their decision on all matters shall be final, subject to appeal to the BTBA. By entering the tournament, players accept the eligibility rules for this tournament. If a player is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the tournament.
- 4) All bowlers must register at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled squad time.
- 5) Averages will be taken from a bowler's highest league or tournament average since the 23/24 season, with a minimum of 18 games. Averages with less than 18 games or from before 2023 may be considered if a bowler has no other average. If a bowler does not have a current average, then they will bowl scratch in the 200+ division. Both Free Fall and String averages will be accepted without differentiation.
- 6) In the event of a tie for the final qualification position in each division, the bowler with the highest score including handicap in game 3, will advance.
- 7) Before, during, and after the event there could be photography, filming or video taken of participants and medal winners by anyone attending the event, either as an official, spectator, parent or guardian. If you (as a participant, parent or guardian) object to this, you must make your objections known to the tournament manager prior to the event starting and reasonable adjustments will be made.

## **ENTRY FORM**

Name:

Date of Birth:

Highest Average:

Email:

Phone Number:

☐ I confirm that I have read the eligibility rules and meet all of the criteria. I accept that players that enter who are ineligible may be disqualified from the tournament.

### **QUALIFYING SQUADS (Finals start approx. 9am Sunday)**

#### **FRIDAY**

12pm ☐ 4pm ☐

#### **SATURDAY**

9am ☐ 1pm ☐ 5pm ☐

Desperado approx. 8pm ☐

The closing date for entries will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11pm.

### **DIVISIONS**

Seniors ☐

175 & Under ☐

176-199 ☐

200+ ☐

Seniors wishing to enter the 175 & under division please tick this box ☐

### **HOW TO ENTER**

You can email your entry to: [david@englishamateurbowlingtour.co.uk](mailto:david@englishamateurbowlingtour.co.uk) Alternatively, you can post a completed entry form to:

David Cooper, 34 Elm Place, Rustington, Littlehampton. BN16 3BL