ENGLISH OPEN

26.09.25 - 05.10.25

Big Bear Bolts – We've got the nuts

Bowling Vision

GUARANTEED 1ST PLACE: £3,500

SIX-GAME QUALIFIER - UNLIMITED RE-ENTRY

40 PLAYERS MAKE FINALS DAY

TOP 28 FROM STANDINGS

2 FROM EARLY BIRD A (26TH-27TH SEPT)

2 FROM EARLY BIRD B (28TH SEPT-1ST OCT)

2 FROM DESPERADO

2 LADIES OUTSIDE THE TOP 28

2 SENIORS OUTSIDE THE TOP 28

2 YOUTHS (U21) OUTSIDE THE TOP 28

BOWLERS RANKED 1-6 RECEIVE A BYE INTO FINAL STEP 3

BOWLERS RANKED 7-12 RECEIVE A BYE INTO FINAL STEP 2

BTBA SANCTION NO. 25/00594

JOHNSONS COACH AND BUS TRAVEL

Brunswick

Celtic Frozen Drinks

Molson Coors beverage company

EZ Lexer

Tiege's Strike Shack – Bowling Services Done Professionally

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1. **VENUE**
The event will be held at Stroud Bowl, Five Valleys Shopping Centre, Stroud, England GL5 1QA from Friday 26th September to Sunday 5th October 2025.

2. SANCTION
The general playing rules and tournament rules of the British Tenpin Bowling Association will govern the tournament and it will be sanctioned by the BTBA (Sanction No. 25/00594.

3. ELIGIBILITY
Only members who are in good standing with their national association are eligible to enter.
Youth players are defined as being bowlers who are 20 or younger on 26th September 2025.

4. DEFINITION
The tournament shall be scratch, except that lady entrants shall receive a 5 (five) pin bonus per game.

5. QUALIFICATION FORMAT – based on 175 first entries.
Qualification will be your best 6 game total.
40 players will qualify for the finals – 28 from the general standings, 2 from Early Bird A, 2 from Early Bird B, 2 Ladies outside the top 28, 2 seniors outside the top 28, 2 youths outside the top 28, and 2 players from the Desperado squad.

6. ENTRY
Re-entries should be made at least 30 minutes before squad bowls. Entrants are expected to submit the entry fee for their squad, in cash, at registration for that squad. The tournament committee reserve the right to accept or reject entries, and its decision on all matters shall be final, subject to the right of appeal to the BTBA. Bowlers' preferences for squad times will be considered where possible, but priority will be given to long-distance travellers for the later squads on all days.

7. FINALS

Final Step 1
28 Bowlers (seeds 13-28 plus all gateways) bowl 4 games from Scratch. The top 14 qualify for Final Step 2. Athletes not continuing to Final Step 2 shall be ranked 27-40 according to their position after Final Step 1.

Final Step 2
14 Bowlers, plus those ranked 7-12 from the main qualification, will bowl 4 games from scratch. The top 12 qualify for Final Step 3. Athletes not continuing to Final Step 3 shall be ranked 19-26 according to their position after Final Step 2.

Final Step 3
12 Bowlers, plus those ranked 1-6 from the main qualification, will bowl 4 games from scratch. The top 8 will qualify for Final Step 4. Athletes not continuing to Final Step 4 will be ranked 9-18 according to their positions in Final Step 3.

Final Step 4
8 Bowlers will bowl 4 games with scores carrying forward from Final Step 3. This will determine the **2025 ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPION!!**

8. TIED GAMES

Qualification.
In case of a tie, the highest-ranked player will be the one with the highest last game. If a further tie then exists, the second to last game will be counted – and so on.

9. Withdrawal
At all times, a player wishing to withdraw from the tournament must seek the permission of the tournament manager.

10. ENTRY FEE
Entry fees are listed in the schedule.
Entry Fees will vary depending on squad number.
First entries range from £70-£120
Re-entries range from £50-£100

11. REGISTRATION
All participants must register at least 30 minutes before their squad time and present their BTBA or National Association Card

12. SCORING
Scores will be kept using Bowl4u.

13. DRESS SENSE
All bowlers will wear a suitable bowling shirt. No jeans will be allowed. Failure to comply may result in disqualification without a refund.

14. PROTESTS
A provisional ball will be bowled in the case of a dispute. All protests must be made within one hour and confirmed in writing within 72 hours.

15. PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMING

Before, during, and after the event, there could be photography, filming, or video taken of participants and medal winners by someone 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 start of the event, and reasonable adjustments can be made.

16. PLAYING SPEED
Bowlers will be expected to bowl as soon as the approaches on his/her immediate right and left are clear. Excessive slow play may result in disqualification after a warning

16. PRIZE FUND

1st	£3500
2nd	£2500
3rd	£1750
4th	£1250
5th	£1000
6th	£800
7th	£700
8th	£600
9-13th	£500
14-18th	£425
19th-26th	£350
27th-33rd	£300
34th-40th	£250

Based on:
175 1st Entries and 150 re-entries
Prizes may be increased or decreased relative to entries.

OFFICIALS

The tournament director will be:
Mark Patrick

Tournament officials:
Ben Robinson & Simon Bartram

ONLINE ENTRY

ENTRY POLICY

Players may book up to 3 squads prior to the start of the tournament. Any after this will be done on a first-come-first-serve basis. Waiting lists for squads will also be first-come-first-serve.
PAYMENT FOR SQUADS WILL BE MADE AT REGISTRATION, HALF AN HOUR BEFORE EACH SQUAD TIME.

The closing date for entries will be Sunday, 21st September 2025 at 11:59 PM

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday 26th September		1st Entry	Re-Entry
2:00 PM	Squad 1	£70	N/A
6:00 PM	Squad 2	£70	£50
Saturday 27th September			
10:00 AM	Squad 3	£100	£80
2:00 PM	Squad 4	£100	£80
6:00 PM	Squad 5	£100	£80
Sunday 28th September			
10:00 AM	Squad 6	£100	£80
2:00 PM	Squad 7	£100	£80
6:00 PM	Squad 8	£100	£80
Monday 29th September			
7:00 PM	Squad 9	£80	£60
Tuesday 30th September			
7:00 PM	Squad 10	£80	£60
Wednesday 1st October			
7:00 PM	Squad 11	£80	£60
Thursday 2nd October			
2:00 PM	Squad 12	£100	£80
6:00 PM	Squad 13	£100	£80
Friday 3rd October			
10:00 AM	Squad 14	£120	£100
2:00 PM	Squad 15	£120	£100
6:00 PM	Squad 16	£120	£100
Saturday 4th October			
9:00 AM	Squad 17	£120	£100
1:00 PM	Squad 18	£120	£100
5:00 PM	Squad 19	£120	£100
9:00 PM	DESPERADO	£40	