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Tournament on the Web

Website	www.tenpinireland.com/irish-open
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Tournament information

The tournament is open for	Athletes from EBF's member federations
Tournament organizer	Tenpin Ireland
Centre	Dundonald International Ice Bowl
City	Belfast
Federation	Tenpin Ireland
First day	18 October 2026
Last day	25 October 2026

Tournament delimitations

Category	Open
Event	Singles Mixed
Women handicap	8 pins per game
Max women scratch game	292
Regulations:	78D Hardness Minimum

Tournament contact

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Registration	www.tenpinireland.com/irish-open

Centre address

Address	Dundonald International Ice Bowl 111 Old Dundonald Road, Belfast, BT16 1XT
Phone	+44 (0)28 9080 9100
Email	bowling.diib@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk
Website	http://www.theicebowl.com

Centre specifications

Number of lanes	20
Approaches	AMF HPL
Surfaces	AMF HPL
Pin decks	AMF HPL
Pin setters	AMF 82/70
Pins	Brunswick Score King
Score system	QubicaAMF BES-X

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Dressing specifications

Oil machine	Kegel Kustodian Ion
Oil	Kegel Navigate
Cleaner	Kegel Defense-C
Pattern prepared by	Tenpin Ireland
Dressing done by	Centre

Prize money specifications

Prize fund status	Conditional
Calculation method	Increasing per entry received (See examples below)
Tax on prizes	No
Tax rules	No

Prize money expressed in €

Position	80 Entries and 80 Re-entries	150 Entries and 150 Re-entries
Position 1	3000	5000
Position 2	1950	3000
Position 3	1500	2100
Position 4	1200	1750
Position 5	975	1500
Position 6	825	1300
Position 7	725	1150
Position 8	625	1000
Position 9	575	850
Position 10	525	800
Position 11	475	750

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Position 12	450	700
Position 13	425	650
Position 14	400	600
Position 15	375	550
Position 16	350	500
Position 17	325	450
Position 18	300	400
Position 19		375
Position 20		350
Position 21		325
Position 22		300
Position 23		275
Position 24		250
Total	15000	24925

Tournament format

Qualifying Round

Qualification will be over 8 games (2 series of 4 games).

4-game re-entries (unlimited, subject to availability) will be possible in order to replace the lower of the initial two series, providing the re-entry score is higher than said initial series. If not, the initial series total will be retained. The higher of the initial two series must be retained for the qualification total. Re-entry reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, with waiting lists made where necessary. Ladies bonus 8 pins per game.

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Final Step 1

The Top 36 athletes after qualifying will progress to Final Step 1 (50% of Pinfall totals carry forward) and play a further 4 games. The Top 18 athletes overall combined pinfall totals will progress to Final Step 2. Ladies bonus 8 pins per game.

Final Step 2

The Top 18 athletes will contest a further 4 games, with the Top 8 overall combined pinfall totals progressing to Final Step 3. Ladies bonus 8 pins per game.

Final Step 3

The Top 8 will then compete in a 7 game round robin to determine the top 3 stepladder finalists. The 3 athletes with the largest overall combined pinfall and bonus total following completion of the position round match will be seeded 1 to 3. Bonus points awarded as follows: win is 30, draw is 15, loss is 0. Ladies bonus 8 pins per game.

Final Step 4

The Top 3 athletes will contest a stepladder finals to determine the champion. Seed 3 will play Seed 2 in a one game match in the Semi-Final.

The winner of the Semi-Final will contest the Final against Seed 1. Note that Seed 1 must be defeated twice to win the title.

Ladies bonus 8 pins per game.

Tournament tie rules

In the event of a tie in Qualifying, Final Step 1 or Final Step 2, the athlete with the highest last game shall take the highest position. If a tie still exists, then the athlete with the highest penultimate game shall take the higher position, and so on until the tie is broken.

In the event of a tie following Final Step 3 and Final Step 4, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

Lane assignments and lane movements

Lane draws	Randomly done by the organiser, then according to qualifying positions in following rounds.
Athletes per pair in squads	2 to 4 per pair depending on squad sizes
Frequency of movement	After each game
Movement method	Left lane moves left, right lane moves right
Number of lanes to move	2 to 4 depending on squad sizes

Booking policies

Booking restriction before	A maximum of four squads (Primary Entry (2 Squads) and 2 Re-Entries) can be booked before the tournament. In the event that squads are oversubscribed, primary entries will take precedence over re-entries.
Booking restriction during	Unlimited
Total number of bookings	Unlimited
Booking cancellations	Possible
Registration deadline	20 minutes before squad times

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Qualification squads and fees in €						
Squad	Day	Date	Time	Spots	Entry fee	Re-entry
Squad 01	Sunday	18.10.2026	08.30	36	50	-
Squad 02		18.10.2026	11.30	36	50	-
Squad 03	Monday	19.10.2026	19.30	36	55	55
Squad 04	Tuesday	20.10.2026	19.30	36	55	55
Squad 05	Thursday	22.10.2026	10.00	36	60	60
Squad 06		22.10.2026	13.00	36	60	60
Squad 07		22.10.2026	16.00	36	60	60
Squad 08		22.10.2026	19.00	36	60	60
Squad 09	Friday	23.10.2026	10.00	36	65	65
Squad 10		23.10.2026	13.00	36	65	65
Squad 11		23.10.2026	16.00	36	65	65
Squad 12		23.10.2026	19.00	36	65	65
Squad 13	Saturday	24.10.2026	10.00	36	70	70
Squad 14		24.10.2026	13.00	36	70	70
Squad 15		24.10.2026	16.00	36	70	70
Squad 16		24.10.2026	19.00	36	70	70
Primary Entry (8 Games, 2 Squads) is the total cost of the 2 squads booked, for example: Squad 7 (€60) + Squad 14 (€70) = €130						

Schedule for the final steps
Sunday 25.10.2026 Final Step 1 – Top 36 - 10.00 Lane Maintenance Final Step 2 – Top 18 – 13.00 Lane Maintenance Final Step 3 – Top 8 – 15.00 Lane Maintenance Final Step 4 - Top 3 - 18.00

Hotels provided by the organizer
Found at the tournament website at www.tenpinireland.com/irish-open

Other information
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