

Dear Members

Whilst the current bowling position across our Edinburgh clubs is in the main, flourishing and progressive, the junior situation is in need of some development and support to ensure the longevity of our sport.

With this in view, the Edinburgh Bowling League (EBL) are supporting the Edinburgh Junior Bowling Association (EJBA) to enhance and develop junior bowlers across our member clubs. It is vital that we all work together to try and address the next generation of bowlers within the Edinburgh district and more importantly to ensure the survival of our individual clubs.

- **Did you know that the EJBA hold the following competitions?**

Edinburgh Junior League Trophy

Edinburgh Junior Top 6 Trophy

Edinburgh Junior KO Singles Trophy

Edinburgh Junior KO Pairs Trophy

Edinburgh Junior KO Fours Trophy

Edinburgh Junior Champion of Champions Trophy

In addition to these competitions the EJBA also co-ordinate and manage the Scottish Young Bowlers Association (SYBA) competitions which includes District representation events.

- **Did you know that your club does not need to have a junior section to enter?**

As detailed above, there are many opportunities for junior members to play in a vast variety of Edinburgh, County and Scottish National competitions and although you may not have an "official" junior section you may have one or two young bowlers that are eligible to enter.

- **Did you know that you can join up with other local clubs to make up the required numbers for teams to enter these competitions?**

Clubs without an "official" junior section but with some young members under the age of eighteen can join with other nearby neighbouring clubs to amalgamate for the purpose of entering pairs, triples, rinks and teams into the EJBA competitions.

- **Did you know that there is no age restrictions regarding EBL competitions?**

With the exception of the Under 25 KO and Senior 4 KO rink tournaments a junior **of any age** can represent your club and play in any of the EBL competitions?

There are many more opportunities for junior members of our clubs to engage in bowling and we would encourage you to contact the EJBA (Stuart Betts, Craigentiny Bowling Club, 07921777971 or email [stu\\_betts@btinternet.com](mailto:stu_betts@btinternet.com)) for further information.

Given the above, we would be grateful if you could take five minutes to complete the attached survey / questionnaire and thereafter return it to the EBL Secretary ([eb.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eb.secretary@gmail.com)) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 so that a full analysis of the current junior numbers and set up across our EBL member clubs can be established.

We thank you in anticipation for your commitment to complete this vital piece of information which will allow the Edinburgh Bowling League to continue to focus on the future development of bowling in Edinburgh.

EBL Secretary