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SOLIHULL IBC TO HOST NATIONAL FINALS FOR YOUNG BOWLERS

Thirty-two of England's best young bowlers will be taking part in the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme National School (EBYDS) of Excellence at Solihull Indoor Bowls Club, Brick Kiln Lane, Hillfield, Solihull on Sunday 5th December.

The players, aged from eight to 18, qualified for the prestigious event following a series of county and regional qualifying events over the last 12 months. During the day all of the players will participate in a series of matches and skills tests to determine the winners for both boys and girls.

Previous winners of the event have included Kent's Sian Gordon, who recently won a Bronze Medal at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, and Cambridgeshire's Robert Drew who made his Senior International debut this summer.

Peter Arnold, Chair of the EBYDS, explained: "The EBYDS is jointly-funded by Bowls England and the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd, and is supported by the English Bowls Coaching Scheme, the English Bowls Umpires Association and the Friends of English Bowling.

"The Scheme provides a firm basis for young bowlers to develop in the sport, with many of the international selectors and managers on hand to see them in action. I would like to thank all of those clubs and county officials that have given their time and facilities this year to host the county and regional events, and also Solihull IBC for their assistance in staging the National Finals."

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Photographers and reporters are welcome to attend throughout the event. Please contact Alistair Hollis on 07765 050408 or e-mail: alistair.hollis@bowlsengland.com to confirm your attendance.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Solihull, Councillor and Mrs Ian Courts, will be in attendance and be presented to the bowlers at approximately 1.30pm.

The programme for the day will be:

- 9am: Registration
- 9.30am: Singles matches
- 12.30pm: Lunch followed by presentation of Official Guests
- 1.45pm: Skills session
- 4pm: Semi-finals and finals
- 5pm: Presentation and close

The participating players are:

Juniors (aged 8-15)

Hollie Arundel (Yorkshire); Jamie Barker (Cambridgeshire); Matthew Cattell (Northamptonshire); Connor Cinato (Northamptonshire); Ben Coldrick (Gloucestershire); Noah Cummings (Durham); Lydia Cutmore (Yorkshire); Harry Goodwin (Devon); Kyle Mallandain (Berkshire); Ashley Nethercliffe (Hampshire); Katherine Rednall (Suffolk); Ryan Selby (Isle of Wight); Samuel Steel (Somerset); William Stevens (Devon); Tansey Wheeler (Isle of Wight) and Chloe Wordingham (Northamptonshire)

Seniors (aged 15-18)

Scott Adams (Northamptonshire); Sam Arundel; (Yorkshire); Robbie Barker (Cambridgeshire); Lee Brown (Berkshire); Keith Burton (Durham); BJ Byles (Berkshire); Craig Carter (Warwickshire); Cathy Edwards (Berkshire); Carrie Hadfield (Devon); Lewis Jones (Surrey); Zach Kidd (Devon); Kelly McCarthy (Surrey); Ben Russell (Cambridgeshire); Marcus Street (Surrey); Alex Walton (Cambridgeshire) and Jonathan West (Lincolnshire).