



2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GUIDANCE FOR COMPETITORS

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Reporting to Tournament Office

Competitors must report to the Tournament Office not later than 30 minutes before the start of each match to collect stickers and/or scorecards. After the end of each match the winning skip/singles player must take signed scorecard/s to the Tournament Office immediately. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.

Emergency Contact Card

Every team (or player in Singles) must complete an Emergency Contact Card and hand this in to the Tournament Office when reporting for their first match. An Emergency Contact Card must be completed for all events. The Emergency Contact Card has replaced the Player Profile Form.

Badge Presentation

All players must assemble in playing kit near the Badge Presentation Area (A Green) 30 minutes before the start of their first match in any event to be presented with their qualifier badge.

Times of Various Rounds

The time of each round is published on the draw sheet. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter start times and rinks if it is considered necessary or desirable. Bowls must be placed on the allocated rink/s not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Competitors not on the green ready to play within 15 minutes of the start time will be subject to disqualification. For the Semi-Finals and Final, play will start under the direction of the Umpire after players have been introduced onto the green.

Trophy Presentation

The Trophy Presentation will take place immediately following the conclusion of the Final. All prize winners (if the Semi-Finals and Final are played on the same day) will be required to attend the Trophy Presentation. Players will be required to remain in their respective playing uniform. Failure to comply with this will result in any prize money being donated to the English Bowling Associations Charity Trust.

Official Photograph

The Official Photograph of the winner, runner-up and losing semi finalists, for publication by Bowls England, will be taken immediately after the Trophy Presentation. Players will be required to remain in their respective playing uniform for the photograph.

Dress Code

Please refer to Bowls England Regulation 51.9. Players participating in the National Championship final stages are reminded that it is a requirement to wear their County Association's registered colours.

Spectator Seating

Please note that although a limited number of chairs are provided, spectators are advised to bring their own seat with them to avoid disappointment.

Security

Competitors and spectators are reminded to take care of their personal possessions. Competitors are additionally warned not to leave valuables in the changing rooms. Neither Bowls England or Warwick District Council will, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any loss incurred.

Official Championships Programme

A single Official National Championships Programme has been produced that includes all the events taking place at Royal Leamington Spa. These will be available for purchase at a cost of £3 each from the Tournament Office.

Water

A free water dispensing machine is available in the Tournament Office for the duration of the National Championships to fill and replenish water bottles.

Toilets

Toilets are located within the Tournament Office (adjacent to the cafe) and next to the changing areas.

DRESS CODE

Please note: All reference to white shoes, shirts, waterproofs etc., should read predominately white shoes, shirts, waterproofs etc.

In the Finals of the National Championships (*Two-Wood Singles; Singles; Pairs; Triples; Fours; Junior Singles; Junior Pairs; Senior Fours*) and Inter-County events (*Johns Trophy; Middleton Cup; Walker Cup; Balcomb Trophy; Amy Rose Bowl; White Rose Trophy*) the following applies:

- County Association Registered Shirts MUST be worn
- Below the waist players can choose to wear White OR County Association Registered Colours OR Bowls England Apparel (e.g. shorts). Shorts, if worn, must be Licensed and Approved by Bowls England. All members of a side or team MUST wear the same colour below the waist.
- White flat soled bowling shoes will be worn on the green. Sandals will not be permitted except in medical circumstances where a doctor's note has been provided
- White socks and white belt (if worn)
- Braces (if worn) should not be visible
- Headgear, if worn, should be white or a registered colour
- White waterproof clothing may be worn or (providing all members of a side or team wear the same) registered waterproofs/fleeces are permitted
- Players governed by requirements of a specific ethnic culture will be permitted to wear their traditional dress if they so desire
- Tracksuits, shell suits and jeans are not acceptable

In the Finals of National Competitions (*Club Two Fours; Top Club; Tony Allcock Trophy; Senior Singles; Senior Pairs; Champion of Champions; Mixed Pairs; Mixed Fours; Family Pairs*) the following applies:

- White MUST be worn above and below the waist OR Club/County Registered Colours may be worn provided that all members of the side or team wear the same and provided that the design of such has been registered to the County/Bowls England
- Bowls England Licensed and Approved apparel (e.g. shorts) may be worn provided that all members of a side or team wear the same colour above and/or below the waist
- White flat soled bowling shoes will be worn on the green. Sandals will not be permitted except in medical circumstances where a doctor's note has been provided
- White socks and white belt (if worn)
- Braces (if worn) should not be visible
- Headgear, if worn, should be white or a registered colour
- White waterproof clothing may be worn or (providing all members of a side or team wear the same) registered waterproofs/fleeces are permitted
- Players governed by requirements of a specific ethnic culture will be permitted to wear their traditional dress if they so desire
- Tracksuits, shell suits and jeans are not acceptable

SLOW PLAY

The following will be enforced in the final stages of all Bowls England National Championships and Competitions. Only the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) can disqualify players.

Four-Wood Singles – Neither player may visit the head until both have delivered three bowls each. Should a player wish to visit the head prior to this point being reached the permission of the marker must be obtained. The maximum time that a player may deliberate before playing a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached they will be warned by the marker. Any further non-compliance will be reported by the marker to an Umpire in charge of the green. The Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) may disqualify the offending player from taking any further part in the competition.

Two-Wood Singles – Neither player may visit the head until both have delivered one bowl each. Should a player wish to visit the head prior to this point being reached the permission of the marker must be obtained. The maximum time that a player may deliberate before playing a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached they will be warned by the marker. Any further non-compliance will be reported by the marker to an Umpire in charge of the green. The Tournament Director (or nominated deputy) may disqualify the offending player from taking any further part in the competition.

Pairs – Neither Lead may visit the head until both players have delivered three bowls each. There is no restriction on Skips revisiting the head should they wish to do so. The maximum time that a player may confer before delivering a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached and not picked up by an Umpire in charge of the green, the aggrieved opposing Skip should bring notice of the infringement to the Umpire. The Skip of the offending Pair will be warned by the Umpire and should there be further non-compliance the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) may disqualify the offending Pair from taking any further part in the competition.

Triples – Neither Lead may visit the head until both have delivered three bowls each. The Second players, having left the head after the Leads have delivered their bowls may not return to the head until both players have delivered two bowls each. There is no restriction on Skips revisiting the head should they wish to do so. The maximum time that a player may confer before delivering a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached and not picked up by an Umpire in charge of the green, the aggrieved opposing Skip should bring notice of the infringement to the Umpire. The Skip of the offending Triple will be warned by the Umpire and should there be further non compliance the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) may disqualify the offending Triple from taking any further part in the competition.

Fours – The Lead and Second players may not visit the head until all four players have delivered their two bowls. There is no restriction on the Third players or the Skips revisiting the head should they wish to do so. The maximum time that a player may confer before delivering a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached and not picked up by an Umpire in charge of the green, the aggrieved opposing Skip should bring notice of the infringement to the Umpire. The Skip of the offending Four will be warned by the Umpire and should there be further non-compliance the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) may disqualify the offending Four from taking any further part in the competition.

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct applies to all players who participate in the Bowls England National Championship and National Competition Finals, and is to be read in conjunction with the Bowls England Regulations for National Championships and National Competitions.

All players who participate in the National Championship and Competition Finals shall at all times conduct themselves in such a manner that reflects favourably upon themselves, Bowls England and the County or Club that he/she is representing.

In particular he/she should:

1. Report punctually at the prescribed time and place
2. Be conversant with and comply with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and all Bowls England domestic rules and regulations relating to National Championships and National Competitions
3. Adhere to Bowls England's Betting Integrity Guidance (Bowls England Regulation No.10.7)
4. Adhere to Bowls England's Disciplinary Regulations (Bowls England Regulation No.9)
5. Adhere to Bowls England's Anti-Doping Guidance (Please refer to Page 6)
6. Adhere to Bowls England Equality Policy (Please refer to Bowls England website)
7. Play all matches to completion i.e. to the required number of shots or ends. Matches must be conceded where it is not mathematically possible for the losing team/individual to win. Otherwise matches may only be conceded in the case of illness or otherwise at the discretion of the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy).
8. Not cheat in order to gain unfair advantage, or cheat in order to deliberately lose a game
9. Not use any form of gamesmanship in an attempt to gain unfair advantage
10. Comply strictly with the guidance relating to 'Slow Play' (Please refer to Page 5)
11. Not render himself/herself unfit through alcohol or drugs on or off the bowling green
12. Show respect to colleagues, opponents and officials and not subject them to any physical or verbal abuse at any time
13. Smoking on the green is prohibited during all games (see Bowls England Regulation Appendix G)
14. The use of mobile phones on the green is prohibited during all games

Failure to adhere to the above will result in an initial warning that will be issued by an Umpire. Should the player continue to not adhere they will be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy), whose decision will be final.

ANTI-DOPING GUIDANCE FOR COMPETITORS

PLEASE NOTE:

THIS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED TO INFORM YOU ON THE CURRENT BOWLS ENGLAND ANTI-DOPING POLICY AND ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION (TUE) IN ADVANCE OF THE BOWLS ENGLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – SEE SECTION 3 FOR DETAILS.

1. Introduction

Bowls England is a signatory to the UK Anti-Doping Rules. All players are reminded that the onus is on them to check any medication. Failure to do so and the provision of a 'positive' anti-doping test will result in severe disciplinary action.

Current anti-doping guidance can be found at: <http://www.ukad.org.uk/documents/uk-anti-doping-rules>

The prohibited list for 2018 can be found at: <http://list.wada-ama.org>

Many medications available for common medical conditions, such as asthma or hayfever, may contain prohibited substances. Players need to be aware that these are readily available in products prescribed by your doctor or bought over the counter in a pharmacy.

IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU CHECK ANY MEDICATION YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING.

The advice from UK Anti-Doping is simple – check every medication before you use it, even if you have used it before. It is also important to remember that medications bought abroad may contain different substances to the same product purchased in the UK and you should always check before you take them.

2. Checking medications for prohibited substances

Global DRO provides a quick and easy means by which athletes and support personnel can check the status of medications based on the current Prohibited List. This website allows players to search any sort of medication they may wish to take in order to check if there are any substances contained within the medication that is included in WADA's Prohibited List.

To access Global DRO, go to: <http://www.globaldro.co.uk>

3. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)

When prescribed a substance or method, players should check if that medication is prohibited by checking Global DRO. If the medication is not prohibited, players can start using the prescribed medication or treatment. If the medication is prohibited, players should check with their prescribing physician if there are any alternative medications or treatments that are permitted.

IF THERE ARE NO PERMITTED ALTERNATIVES, ANY PLAYER THAT IS SELECTED FOR DOPING CONTROL DURING THE BOWLS ENGLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL HAVE TEN WORKING DAYS TO APPLY RETROACTIVELY FOR A TUE. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A TUE IN ADVANCE OF THE BOWLS ENGLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

To download the TUE application form from World Bowls, go to:
<http://www.worldbowls.com/anti-doping/tue-application>

All players are eligible for testing at any time, however players who are selected for international trials and events (including British Isles/Commonwealth Games/World Championships) are more likely to be selected for doping control.

4. More information

For more information on the current anti-doping guidelines, go to the UKAD website at:
<http://www.ukad.org.uk>

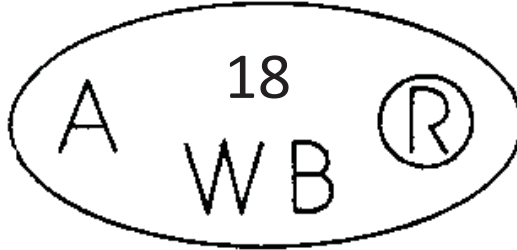
BOWLS STAMPING

The following is an extract from the Bowls England Rules and Regulations together with guidance on the correct type of stamp to be used on bowls. Please note Final Stages of Competitions include Regional Finals.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS (REGULATION NO. 51) & NATIONAL COMPETITION REGIONAL FINALS AND FINALS (See relevant regulations)

All bowls must bear a stamp in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition (Law 53).

A World Bowls Ltd stamp with a date of the current year or later (as illustrated below) will be valid.



CHALLENGE TO BOWLS

Should a player wish to challenge the suitability of their opponent's bowls (see Bowls England Domestic Regulation 2 – Law 52.2 in the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Third Edition') the fee lodged will be £50.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Tournament Office (Victoria Park):	01926 430686
Bowls England Office (Riverside House):	01926 334609 (9am-5pm weekdays only)
Press Officer:	07765 050408
Leamington Spa Hospital:	01926 317700
Warwick Hospital:	01926 495321
University Hospitals Coventry:	024 7696 4000



**BOWLS
ENGLAND**

Women's Annual Dinner & Presentation of Prizes

*St Johns Hotel, Solihull
Saturday 24th November 2018*



Tickets available via your County Association or by contacting Helen on 01926 334609 or helen@bowlsengland.com - book early to avoid disappointment.



**BOWLS
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Men's Annual Dinner & Presentation of Prizes

*Hilton Hotel, Coventry
Saturday 23rd February 2019*



Tickets available via your County Association or by contacting Helen on 01926 334609 or helen@bowlsengland.com - book early to avoid disappointment.

Information Centres

Make your stay memorable with the guidance of knowledgeable and helpful staff, offering information on local, regional and national attractions, walking and cycling routes, what's on & events, an extensive range of leaflets and guidebooks and a wide selection of quality gifts and souvenirs to purchase.



Royal Leamington Spa Visitor Information Centre

Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade,
Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA
T: 01926 742700
E: visitleamingtonspa@warwickdc.gov.uk
W: www.royal-leamington-spa.co.uk



Warwick Visitor and Tourist Information Centre (Including the Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum)

Court House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EW
T: 01926 492212
E: info@visitwarwick.co.uk
W: www.visitwarwick.co.uk



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2018 SCHEDULE

Key:	Women's Events	Men's Events	Mixed Events
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STANDARDISED WEEK NO: 31			
Sessions	Saturday 4th August	Sunday 5th August	
AM	Johns Trophy Middleton Cup	Junior Singles Senior Pairs Family Pairs	National Championships to start on Saturday of Week 31
PM	Johns Trophy Middleton Cup Family Pairs	Junior Singles Senior Pairs Family Pairs	

STANDARDISED WEEK NO: 32							
Sessions	Monday 6th August	Tuesday 7th August	Wednesday 8th August	Thursday 9th August	Friday 10th August	Saturday 11th August	Sunday 12th August
AM	Junior Singles Senior Pairs	Senior Pairs Fours Senior Fours	Fours Champion of Champions Senior Fours Junior Pairs	Fours Champion of Champions Senior Fours Junior Pairs	Four-Wood Singles	Four-Wood Singles Senior Singles Sutton Winson Trophy	Senior Singles Sutton Winson Trophy
PM	Junior Singles Senior Pairs Fours	Senior Pairs Fours Senior Fours	Fours Champion of Champions Senior Fours Junior Pairs	Fours Champion of Champions Four-Wood Singles Senior Fours Junior Pairs	Four-Wood Singles	Four-Wood Singles Senior Singles Sutton Winson Trophy	Senior Singles Triples Sutton Winson Trophy

STANDARDISED WEEK NO: 33

Sessions	Monday 13th August	Tuesday 14th August	Wednesday 15th August	Thursday 16th August	Friday 17th August	Saturday 18th August	Sunday 19th August
AM	Triples	Triples	Triples Two-Wood Singles	Two-Wood Singles Pairs	Pairs Club Two Fours Senior Pairs	Pairs Senior Pairs Junior Singles	Junior Pairs Walker Cup Senior Pairs Junior Singles
PM	Triples	Triples Two-Wood Singles	Triples Two-Wood Singles Pairs	Pairs Club Two Fours	Pairs Club Two Fours Senior Pairs	Pairs Junior Pairs Senior Pairs Junior Singles	Junior Pairs Walker Cup Junior Singles Senior Pairs Fours

STANDARDISED WEEK NO: 34

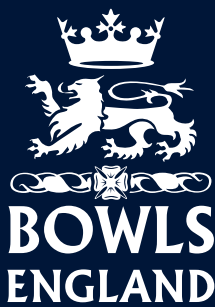
Sessions	Monday 20th August	Tuesday 21st August	Wednesday 22nd August	Thursday 23rd August	Friday 24th August	Saturday 25th August	Sunday 26th August
AM	Fours	Fours	Fours Champion of Champions Senior Fours	Triples Senior Fours	Triples Senior Fours	Triples Senior Singles Mixed Pairs	Balcomb Trophy Senior Singles Mixed Pairs
PM	Fours	Fours Champion of Champions	Fours Champion of Champions Triples Senior Fours	Triples Senior Fours	Triples Mixed Pairs Senior Fours	Triples Senior Singles Mixed Pairs	Balcomb Trophy Senior Singles Pairs

STANDARDISED WEEK NO: 35

Sessions	Monday 27th August	Tuesday 28th August	Wednesday 29th August	Thursday 30th August	Friday 31st August	Saturday 1st September	Sunday 2nd September
AM	Pairs	Pairs Two-Wood Singles	Pairs Two-Wood Singles	Four-Wood Singles	Four-Wood Singles Mixed Fours	Mixed Fours Amy Rose	Tony Allcock Trophy White Rose Amy Rose
PM	Pairs	Pairs Two-Wood Singles	Pairs Two-Wood Singles Four-Wood Singles	Four-Wood Singles	Four-Wood Singles Mixed Fours	Tony Allcock Trophy Mixed Fours Amy Rose	Tony Allcock Trophy White Rose Amy Rose

All timings are indicative.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter starting times and rinks if it is considered necessary or desirable



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