



## National Competitions 2023

### Terms and Conditions (Issued: 1 December 2023)

#### 1. General

- 1.1 The following terms and conditions apply to your use on the Bowls England Competitions Portal, in addition to the Bowls England Privacy Policy.
- 1.2 National Competitions are open to all affiliated clubs/members of Bowls England. If a club is found to have not affiliated all its members, consistent with Bowls England's Articles of Association, Bowls England reserves the right to disqualify the club, or the competitor within that club, from the National Competitions.
- 1.3 You must also comply with the Bowls England Competition Rules & Regulations, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition Version 4.0), and any additional terms of entry for the relevant national competition(s), available on the Bowls England Competition Portal. Players will also be expected to support the Bowls England Code of Conduct.
- 1.4 Competition entry enables you, the competitor/club secretary (or a person acting on your behalf) to enter Bowls England Individual and Inter-Club Competitions via [www.bowlsenglandcomps.com](http://www.bowlsenglandcomps.com)
- 1.5 The online entry system on the competition Portal is provided by Bowls England, Riverside House, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5HZ.
- 1.6 You will be required to agree to these terms and conditions prior submitting your entry(s). Please read these carefully, and save a copy for future reference.

#### 2. Juniors and Entry on Behalf of Someone Else

- 2.1 Parents/Guardians are responsible for all entries made online on behalf of competitors aged under 18. The Parents/Guardians of the entrant(s) are responsible for ensuring that the competitor understands and complies with these Terms and Conditions and the Competition Rules and Regulations.
- 2.2 Club Secretaries and other representatives may register an online entry on behalf of competitors, provided the competitor has authorised them to do so. Club Secretaries and other representatives must ensure that the competitor is made aware of and agrees to these Terms and Conditions and the Competition Rules and Regulations.
- 2.3 Parents/Guardians/Club Secretaries and other representatives will be asked to agree to these Terms and Conditions and the Competition Rules and Regulations, before submitting an entry on behalf of the competitor.

#### 3. Acceptance of Entry

- 3.1 On receipt of your entry you will receive an email acknowledgement detailing your entry.
- 3.2 Once your entry is complete you will be able to view your entry status within your account on our Competitions Portal: [www.bowlsenglandcomps.com/account/login](http://www.bowlsenglandcomps.com/account/login)
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted following the published closing date.



## 4. Competitor's Responsibility

- 4.1 The email address given during the entry process will be the main point of contact used by Bowls England. The supplied email address will receive all correspondence from Bowls England, and will be used by the entrant to access their online account.
- 4.2 All competitions will show in the persons account who made the entry, if 'Someone Else' (the competitor) is not the person who made the entry the competition will not show within the competitors account unless Bowls England are made aware. Bowls England are able to move the competition across to the competitors account following a request in writing.

## 5. Withdrawal from a Competition

- 5.1 To withdraw from a national competition entered through the Competitions Portal prior to draws being released please notify Bowls England in writing – email: [comps@bowlsengland.com](mailto:comps@bowlsengland.com)
- 5.2 In order to withdraw once draws have been released please notify your opponent using the contact details supplied on the match notification supplied to you via email.

## 6. Competition Payment

- 6.1 The entry fee for each national competition is listed under the relevant competition on the Competition Portal. Payment of the Entry Fee must be made at the time of entry by you or by your Representative using a debit or credit card.
- 6.2 Debit/Credit Card (Stripe): Follow the instructions during the entry process on the Competitions Portal. On receipt of payment, Stripe will send the card holder an email confirming receipt of payment. Payment via Stripe may be subject to Stripe's own terms and conditions (as advised by Stripe).
- 6.3 Other payment methods are available on request to Bowls England.
- 6.4 Cheque: Cheques should be made payable to Bowls England, Riverside House, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5HZ.
- 6.5 Entries will only be added to the competition requested once payment has been received and funds showing within the Bowls England bank account.

## 7. Refunds

- 7.1 An entrant may request a refund:
  - 7.1a If the entrant withdraws before the entry closing date.
  - 7.1b After entries have closed and prior to the competition draw being published any competitor who may be prevented from playing by illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance, can apply for a refund of their entry fee.
- 7.1c No refund will be paid out once the competition draw has been published.
- 7.2 When you withdraw from a National Competition prior to the entry closing date you will be entitled to a refund of the Entry Fee but this will be the subject to the deduction of an administration fee of 5% of the Entry Fee.



- 7.3 All refunds will be made by the same payment method used when entry was made.
- 7.4 In order to apply for a refund, please address your reason for withdrawal in writing to: [comps@bowlsengland.com](mailto:comps@bowlsengland.com)

## 8. Competitor Interaction

- 8.1 You acknowledge that you may be involved in filming of, and publicity connected with, the competition, including in play video recording, media interviews, photographs, TV footage, and live streaming of matches, unless Bowls England is informed otherwise in writing before the commencement of the competition.
- 8.2 By signing up to the Competition Portal you consent to Bowls England using the contact details provided within your online account to communicate information to you, the account holder, about current competitions and future competitions and/or other Bowls England events that may be of interest to you.

## 9. GDPR

- 9.1 Bowls England will use the contact details provided for each competition for the organisation of National Competitions in 2023. This includes the sharing of contact information with relevant parties to arrange fixtures, in accordance with the 'legitimate interest' principle of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If the named contact does not consent to their contact details being used for this purpose, please inform Bowls England via e-mail: [comps@bowlsengland.com](mailto:comps@bowlsengland.com)

## 10. Duplications at National Finals

- 10.1 By entering Bowls England National Competitions you have agreed to the following should duplications occur at the National Finals:
- 10.1a Priority will be given to players in National Championships
- 10.1b Players in the following events will be accommodated where time and green availability permits:
- Champion of Champions
  - Family Pairs
- 10.1c Should clashes occur involving any of the following events teams will be required to provide substitutes:
- All inter-county events
  - All inter-club events
  - National Mixed Pairs
  - National Mixed Fours
  - Senior Pairs



## **11. Code of Conduct**

- 11.1 All entrants agree to abide by Bowls England Code of Conduct as published on the website: [www.bowlsengland.com](http://www.bowlsengland.com)

## **12. National Finals Schedule**

- 12.1 The National Finals schedule for 2023 was published by Bowls England on 1 December 2022 and can be [found here](#).
- 12.2 Regional Finals may need to be introduced after the Bowls England AGM in February 2023. [Click here for more information](#).
- 12.3 By entering National Competitions you accept any changes that are deemed necessary following the Bowls England AGM in February 2023.