

MEN'S COUNTY COMPETITIONS		FORMAT			ENTRY		NATIONAL FINALS 2026		
		PLAYERS PER SIDE	BOWLS PER PLAYER	ENDS & SCORING	RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY	FEE	ADDITIONAL NOTES	QUALIFIERS	TIME LIMIT
MEN	FOUR-BOWL SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	None	£4.05**		62	2h 30m***
MEN	PAIRS	2	Four	18 ends*	None	£8.10**		62	3h 15m***
MEN	TRIPLES	3	Three	18 ends*	None	£12.15**		62	3h 15m***
MEN	FOURS	4	Two	18 ends*	None	£16.20**		62	3h 15m***
MEN	UNDER 24' SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	All players under 24 on 1 April 2026	£0*		48	2h 30m***
MEN	UNDER 24' PAIRS	2	Three	18 ends*	All players under 24 on 1 April 2026; Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0*		35	2h 30m***
MEN	SENIOR FOURS (055'S)	4	Two	18 ends*	All players 55 and over on 1 April 2026; Players from same club and must represent club where all other National Championships entered from	£16.20**		35	3h 15m***
MEN	TWO-BOWL SINGLES	1	Two	21 ends*		£4.05**		62	1h 15m***

WOMEN'S COUNTY COMPETITIONS		FORMAT			ENTRY		NATIONAL FINALS 2026		
		PLAYERS PER SIDE	BOWLS PER PLAYER	ENDS & SCORING	RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY	FEE	ADDITIONAL NOTES	QUALIFIERS	TIME LIMIT
WOMEN	FOUR-BOWL SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	None	£4.05**		62	2h 30m***
WOMEN	PAIRS	2	Four	18 ends*	None	£8.10**		62	3h 15m***
WOMEN	TRIPLES	3	Three	18 ends*	None	£12.15**		62	3h 15m***
WOMEN	FOURS	4	Two	18 ends*	None	£16.20**		62	3h 15m***
WOMEN	UNDER 24' SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	All players under 24 on 1 April 2026	£0*		48	2h 30m***
WOMEN	UNDER 24' PAIRS	2	Three	18 ends*	All players under 24 on 1 April 2026; Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0*		35	2h 30m***
WOMEN	SENIOR FOURS (055'S)	4	Two	18 ends*	All players 55 and over on 1 April 2026; Players from same club and must represent club where all other National Championships entered from	£16.20**		35	3h 15m***
WOMEN	TWO-BOWL SINGLES	1	Two	21 ends*		£4.05**		62	1h 15m***
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INTER-COUNTY EVENTS		FORMAT			ENTRY		NATIONAL FINALS 2026		
		PLAYERS PER SIDE	BOWLS PER PLAYER	ENDS & SCORING	RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY	FEE	ADDITIONAL NOTES	QUALIFIERS	TIME LIMIT
MEN	BALCOMB TROPHY	9	Various	See Regulations	Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0		8	2h 30m***
MEN	WHITE ROSE TROPHY	5	Various	See Regulations	All players under 25 on 1 April 2026	£0	Cub bowls permitted	8	2h 30m***
MEN	MIDDLETON CUP	24	Two	18 ends*	Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0		4	3h 30m***
WOMEN	WALKER CUP	9	Various	See Regulations	Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0		8	2h 30m***
WOMEN	AMY ROSE BOWL	5	Various	See Regulations	All players under 25 on 1 April 2026	£0	Cub bowls permitted	8	2h 30m***
WOMEN	JOHNS TROPHY	24	Two	18 ends*	Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0		4	3h 30m***
MIXED	OVER 60 MIXED COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP	24	Two	18 ends*	All players 60 and over on 1 April 2026; Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£0		4	3h 30m***
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INTER-CLUB EVENTS		FORMAT			ENTRY		NATIONAL FINALS 2026		
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MEN	TOP CLUB	11	Various	See Regulations	Players must represent club from which National Championships entered	£40		8	3h 15m***
WOMEN	TOP CLUB	10	Various	See Regulations	Players must represent club from which National Championships entered	£40		8	3h 15m***
MIXED	CLUB OVER 60 MIXED TWO FOURS	8	Two	18 ends*	All players 60 and over on 1 April 2026; Players must represent club from which National Championships entered	£35	Each rink to contain 2 male and 2 women players	8	3h 15m***
OPEN	CLUB TWO FOURS	8	Two	18 ends*	Players must represent club from which National Championships entered	£35	Open to all members of an affiliated club	8	3h 15m***
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		PLAYERS PER SIDE	BOWLS PER PLAYER	ENDS & SCORING	RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY	FEE	ADDITIONAL NOTES	QUALIFIERS	TIME LIMIT
MEN	OVER 60' SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	All players 60 and over on 1 April 2026; Players must represent club from which National Championships entered	£5.50		16	2h 30m***
MEN	OVER 60' PAIRS	2	Three	18 ends*	All players 60 and over on 1 April 2026; Players may be from two clubs within the same county; Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£11		16	2h 30m***
MEN	CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	1	Four	First to 21	2025 Club Singles Champions Only	£5.50		8	2h 30m***
MEN	UNDER 17' SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	All players under 17 on 1 April 2026	£0*	Managed by Bowls England from point of entry; Cub bowls permitted	8	2h 30m***
WOMEN	OVER 60' SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	All players 60 and over on 1 April 2026; Players must represent club from which National Championships entered	£5.50		16	2h 30m***
WOMEN	OVER 60' PAIRS	2	Three	18 ends*	All players 60 and over on 1 April 2026; Players may be from two clubs within the same county; Players must represent county from which National Championships entered	£11		16	2h 30m***
WOMEN	CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	1	Four	First to 21	2025 Club Singles Champions Only	£5.50		8	2h 30m***
WOMEN	UNDER 17' SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	All players under 17 on 1 April 2026	£0*	Managed by Bowls England from point of entry; Cub bowls permitted	8	2h 30m***

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MIXED	PAIRS	2	Three	18 ends*		£11	1 male and 1 female players	8	2h 30m***
MIXED	FOURS	4	Two	18 ends*		£22	2 male and 2 female players	8	3h 15m***
OPEN	FAMILY PAIRS	2	Three	18 ends*	International players and/or players who have played Walker Cup or Balcomb Trophy in last five years (2021 - 2025) are ineligible to enter	£9		8	2h 30m***
OPEN	FOUNDATION PAIRS	2	Three	Two sets of 9 ends; Three end tie-break if one-set all – see <a href="#">regulation 67</a> for details	One player in the pair never qualified for Bowls England National Finals in any qualifying events**** One player no more than five years' playing experience (both could have less than five years' experience) – first year of bowling for entry in 2026 is 2021 or later. All players under 17 eligible regardless of playing experience	£9		8	2h 30m***
OPEN	PARA SINGLES	1	Four	First to 21	Disability players only	£5.50		16	2h 30m***
OPEN	PARA PAIRS	2	Three	15 ends*	Disability players only	£11		8	2h 30m***
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**** QUALIFYING EVENTS ARE: FOUR-BOWL SINGLES, PAIRS, TRIPLES, FOURS, OVER 55 FOURS (SENIOR FOURS), U25 SINGLES, U25 PAIRS, TWO-BOWL SINGLES, CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS, BALCOMB TROPHY, WALKER CUP									