



Guidance for Competitors

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Welcome from the Chief Executive

On behalf of all the team at Bowls England, I would like to congratulate you on qualifying for the Aviva National Finals. You should be very proud of your achievement in getting to Victoria Park, and we hope you cherish the experience.

Year on year, we look to improve the event experience for players, match officials and spectators alike. We are delighted to have secured Aviva as the Principal Partner of Bowls England and their support has enabled us to continue in that vein. We're now in a position to deliver more live streaming of this year's match programme and we're working hard to better display and distribute competition information. We would appreciate your support if you are playing on the TV rink as there are considerations that need to be made to ensure we deliver a good experience for those watching from afar.

We can only keep building the event experience if we inspire more people to come and watch, so please encourage your family, friends and club colleagues to join us. If you do know people who are attending, who would like to volunteer to support the running of the event such as doing live scoring whilst watching the bowls, please get in touch at volunteering@bowlsengland.com.

You may be aware, we have set up a Competition Working Party to review our National Competitions. This is made up of a cross section of players and administrators from across the country. The group's aim is to recommend changes which will improve the bowlers' experience, broaden participation and best prepare our leading players for international bowls. If not already, I hope you will find time to complete a survey to inform this piece of work and, at the event itself, there will be the opportunity to volunteer your thoughts. Subject to Board and County Association approval, the Working Party's recommendations will be implemented for the 2025 season.

Please take some time to read this document to familiarize yourself with arrangements for the Aviva National Finals and to ensure you fully enjoy your experience. Victoria Park is a beautiful venue and we would appreciate your help in keeping in that way. Last year, we spent a lot of time after the gates had closed clearing up rubbish from around the greens. This year we have increased the number of water stations to reduce the need for plastic water bottles. On behalf of the staff team and volunteers, please can you ensure you dispose of your waste in the bins provided.

We look forward to welcoming you to Victoria Park, the home of Bowls England. Safe travels.

All the best



Jon Cockcroft
Chief Executive, Bowls England

Map of venue

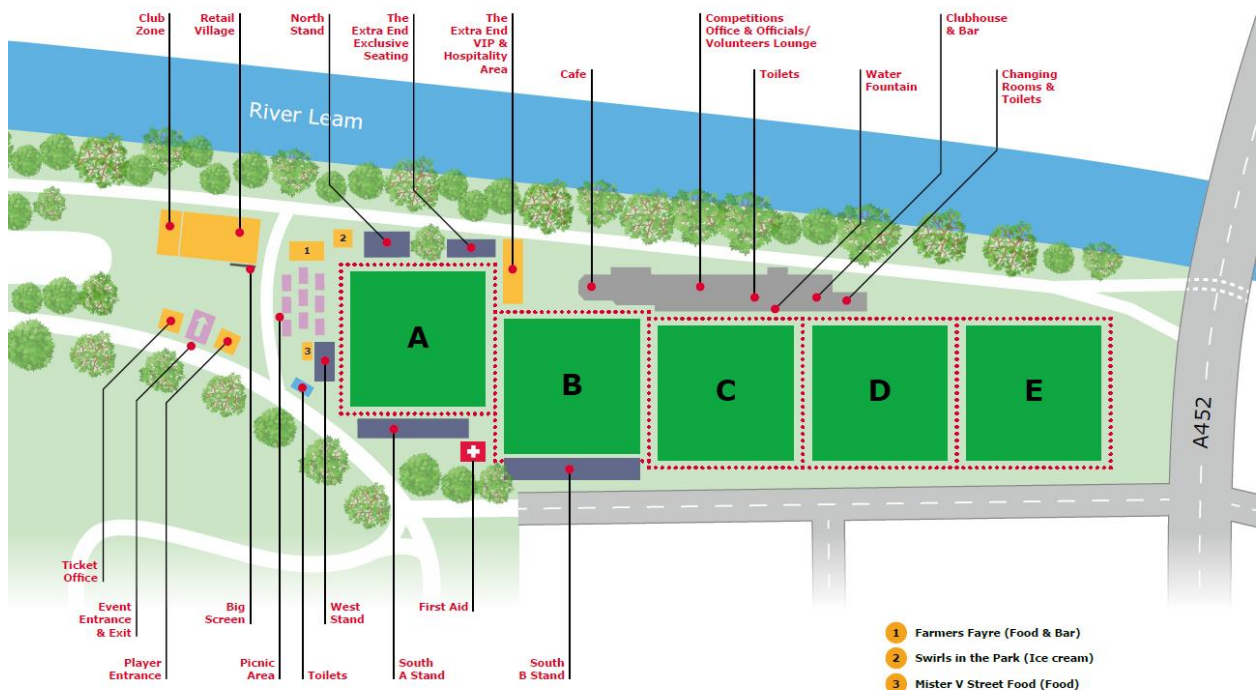
The Aviva National Finals will continue to be a ticketed event and tiered seating will be located around A and B Green. Please note, this is unreserved seating, and we ask all spectators to respect their fellow attendees. We will ask you to remove any coats or jackets being used to reserve seats for friends, for example. We also ask all spectators to not move during an end and do not block the view of those in the grandstand seating.

Due to the tiered seating around A and B Green, and infrastructure for Streaming, there will be limited space for spectators to use their own chairs around these greens – but there will be room around the other greens for your own seating as in previous years. We would ask spectators not to put belongings against, or put their feet on, the advertising boards that surround the greens.

The Fan Zone will once again be located adjacent to A Green, to increase the atmosphere and ensure the greens are more connected with the spectator area.

The Competitions Office is located in the bigger clubhouse room adjacent to the club bar.

Please take a look at the Finals venue map.



Arrival at the venue

Car parking and travel

There will be parking in Victoria Park as in previous years, but this will be limited. This will be charged at £5 per day, per car. You can also buy a book of five parking vouchers for £20. You can pay for parking on arrival.

Car parking within Victoria Park will open at 7:30am and shall close one hour after the close of play. Entry into the bowling green area will be possible from 8am. Please ensure that your vehicle has been removed from the car park not later than one hour after the close of play. Vehicles must not be parked within Victoria Park overnight. We will not be liable for any penalties you may incur from Warwick District Council if you do not remove your car by the closing time.

We recommend that where possible you should either use public transport to get to the venue; park in a car park nearby; or walk if you are local.

Disabled parking

There will be a small amount of disabled parking for Blue Badge Holders, on a first come, first served basis. Whilst there is a limited amount of designated parking for Blue Badge holders, a drop-off facility is offered on Archery Road. There is strictly no parking allowed on Archery Road for non-residents.

Accreditation

You will receive a pass for all days of the event/s for which you have qualified. This will be in the form of a wristband, which allows access to the venue on the relevant day. Please go to the Player Entrance to receive your daily entry passes on the first day of the event qualified. You will need to report for each new event you are playing in to receive the pass relevant to that specific event. The location of the player entry is to the right of the main entrance and can be found on our [Map of venue](#).

Badge presentation

Every player will have the opportunity to receive their qualifier badge from a member of the Presidential Team or senior representative of Bowls England. This will happen on each green simultaneously to reduce the waiting time for players.

The presentation will take place 30 minutes prior to the start of your first game on the green which you are playing. If you would like to receive your qualifier badge, please be on your rink at this time facing the edge of the green. The Presentation Team will walk down the edge of the green and present you with your qualifier badge, there will be the opportunity for your friends or family to take a picture. There will also be the opportunity for a picture with the Presidential Team during the lunch interval on each day.

Medal Presentation

The medal presentation will follow immediately after the conclusion of all other matches taking place on the green (A green unless otherwise stated). To avoid disruption and distraction, there will be no presentation when other matches are being played. We may stagger the start times of games when a final is played to help ensure all matches finish at a similar time so spectators and medal winners do not have to wait too long for the presentation.

Contact information

We have collected your contact information as part of the registration process. Should your contact details have changed, please report to the Competition Office as we may need to contact you and/or your chosen emergency contact during the event.

Friends, family and supporters

Here's some key information to ensure that your friends and family enjoy their visit to Royal Leamington Spa.

Spectator Tickets

Daily tickets bought in advance start at just £4 for adults, and £1 for Under 18s. There is also the opportunity to buy an event pass which covers all 18 days of action for £60 for adults, or £15 for Under 18s.

Subject to availability, tickets purchased on the day at the gate will be £5.50 for adults (£6.50 on premium days) and £1.50 for Under 18s (£2 on premium days). The easiest way to purchase tickets online before the event by clicking [here](#). These can be printed or shown on a mobile device. We will accept both printed and digital tickets on entry; however digital tickets downloaded to your phone's wallet are preferable to reduce the environmental impact of the event.

New for this year, our VIP offer is available for just £75 per person and includes a delectable hamper from local producer, Farmer's Fayre, the chance to play on the prestigious greens, exclusive access to the hospitality area, The Extra End, where you can enjoy refreshments throughout the day, reserved seating, a free programme and more. You can find out more about this offer [here](#), or purchase your tickets [here](#).

Non-Grandstand 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.

Fanzone and Retail Area

In the retail village you will be able to shop a wide range of bowls, clothing and equipment from Aceit and Bowlsweat Direct. Aceit will also be selling the latest range of Bowls England merchandise and clothing.

Take a visit to the Club Zone, adjoining the retail village, which will be the place to interact with staff from Bowls England, The Bowls Development Alliance, Coach Bowls and Disability Bowls England. We will also be hosting a variety of seminars, available on a first come, first served basis. For more information on the club zone please click [here](#).

Live Streaming

We are pleased to announce that, with the support of Aviva, we will be streaming all 18 days of this year's Aviva National Finals. Streaming will be in place for matches hosted on A Green only.

Players competing on the televised rinks will receive a briefing before playing. It is critically important for the TV audience, and the success of the coverage, for the line of sight between the camera and the head not to be blocked.

More information will be available on www.bowlsengland.com closer to the event.

Food & Drink

We are delighted to welcome local producers Farmer's Fayre, who will be providing hot/cold and alcoholic beverages, as well as a selection of sandwiches, sweet treats and snacks in the Fan Zone.

If you fancy a bite to eat during the event, Mister V will be on site serving up delicious burgers, hot dogs and breakfast offerings. The onsite Café, and The Royal Leamington Spa Bowls Club Clubhouse will be open daily to all spectators offering an array of drinks and

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refreshments. After the day's play, why not head over the road to The Cricketers for a relaxing evening meal.

Drinking water will be available outside the pavilion opposite C Green.

For the benefit of everyone at the venue, please ensure you dispose of waste in the bins provided, particularly drinks bottles that have been consumed during a match.

Bowls England and Warwick District Council reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone deemed too intoxicated and you may be asked to leave the venue.

If we want to ensure it is viable to have bar and food facilities of this nature in the future, we would urge you to frequent all our vendors. Part of the bowls experience is to have a post-match drink with team-mates and opponents, and we look forward to creating that atmosphere at the National Finals.

Official 2023 Aviva National Finals Programme

The Aviva National Finals Programme has been produced including detail of all events taking place at Royal Leamington Spa, as well as several interviews and stories. These will be available for purchase at a cost of £5 each.

Toilets

Toilets are located to the right of the main entrance within the Fan Zone and within the main pavilion. Please leave these as you would hope to find them.

Play arrangements

Times of Various Rounds

The time of each round is published on the competition portal and around the venue, we may alter start times and rinks if it is considered necessary or desirable. We request that you place your bowls on your allocated rink not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for your match. If you are not on the green ready to play within 15 minutes of the start time you will be subject to disqualification. The Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final, will start under the direction of the Umpire after all players have been introduced onto the green. Please note that time limits will be strictly adhered to for all matches throughout the National Finals, see Time Limits below for details.

Times Results and Match Information

New to the Aviva Nationals Finals in 2023 is an updated and improved results and match information system. There is a big screen, outside the retail tent, which will display the current matches being played across all five Greens so you can easily find the location of the match you want to watch. This screen will also display live scores (for all the matches that we are able to cover with our live scoring volunteers). This information will also be displayed on smaller screens, one inside the retail tent in the Bowls England Sponsors and Partners area, one inside The Extra End and one outward facing at the Competitions Office, where you would have previously found the competition draws and results along the windows.

You can also access all results of completed matches and all upcoming matches in the Aviva National Finals via a new dedicated website.

visit www.bowlsenglandcomps.com/upcomingmatches



Clashes

By entering Bowls England National Competitions you agreed at point of entry to the following should clashes occur at the National Finals:

Players in the following events will be accommodated where time and green availability permits:

- Champion of Champions
- Family Pairs

Should clashes occur involving any of the following events teams will be required to provide substitutes:

- All Inter-County Competitions
- All Inter-Club Competitions
- National Mixed Pairs
- National Mixed Fours
- Senior Pairs

Scorecards and bowls stickers

Competitors must report to the Competitions Office not later than 30 minutes before the start of each match to collect stickers and/or scorecards. **The first named team in all matches shall have blue stickers, and the second named team shall have yellow stickers.**

Conclusion of Match

After the end of each match the winning skip/singles player must take signed scorecard/s to the Competitions Office immediately. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification. You may also, particularly if you are competing on the finals green (A green), be interviewed about the match by our MC.

Water

Drinking water will be available to all via a fountain on the external wall of the Pavilion opposite C Green to fill water bottles. If you are using disposable drinks bottles, please use the bins provided to dispose of your rubbish. It is everybody's responsibility to ensure the venue is clean and presentable for fellow players and spectators.

Prize money

All competitors are to register their bank details on completion of the event via an online form provided by the Competitions Office. All Finalists and Semi-Finalists will be credited by bank transfer following the conclusion of the event.

Trophy presentation

The Trophy presentation will involve the two finalists only and take place immediately following the conclusion of all matches on the finals green. This will be followed by post-match interviews on the green. Players must 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 and runner-up, for publication by Bowls England and within local/national media, will be taken immediately after the Trophy Presentation. Players will be required to remain in their playing uniform for the photograph.

Security

Please take care of your personal possessions and do not leave valuables in the changing rooms. Neither Bowls England nor Warwick District Council will, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any loss incurred.

Smoking

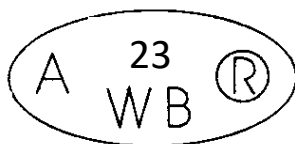
Smoking is prohibited on and around the greens, on bank areas, in the tiered seating areas and in covered marquee areas such as the Fan Zone.

Sports Presentation

Motivated by a desire to deliver a positive spectator experience, there may be announcements during the course of play, such as score and result updates, and also ambient music may be played during play. Experience from other events, including the recent Commonwealth Games, demonstrate that these developments can happen without compromising the standard of play.

Bowls stamping

All bowls must bear a stamp in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport V4 (Law 53). A World Bowls Ltd stamp with a date of the current year (2023) or later will be valid.



Bowls that do not meet the requirements of 2.1 shall not be used (Sanction L)

Should a player wish to challenge the suitability of their opponent's bowls, as regards the bias, they should refer to The Laws of the Sport V4 (52.4 and 52.5). Bowls England Domestic Regulations also apply. The fee to be lodged shall be £50.

Dress code

National Championships

Above the Waist:

County colours (as applicable) must be worn in all National Championship events.

Playing Shirt; County
Pullover/Gilet; County or White or Equivalent
Jacket; County or White or Bowls England Licensed
Waterproofs/Rainwear; County or White or Bowls England Licensed
Headgear; County or White or Bowls England Licensed

Below the Waist:

All members of the side or team shall wear the same colour below the waist.

Trousers / Shorts / Cropped Trousers / Culottes / Skirts / Skorts
Permitted colours: Black, Grey, Maroon, Navy, White, Blue, Red, Green
No jeans permitted to be worn
Waterproofs/Rainwear; County or White or Bowls England Licensed

Footwear:

Shoes; Flat soled ('heel-less') footwear no colour restrictions
Sandals; Sandals shall not be permitted except in medical circumstances where a doctor's note has been provided.

National Competitions

To include: Individual Competitions, Inter-Club Competitions & Inter-County Competitions

All reference to white clothing should read 'predominately white' Sanction K will apply if not adhered to.

General:

All members of the side or team shall wear the same Club or County apparel/colour above the waist. If white is worn, all players clothing must be of the same brand.

If from different clubs then default is white.

If Club/County apparel is not the same design for men/women in mixed events then default is white.

Above the Waist

All members of the side or team shall wear the same colour above the waist.

Playing Shirt; Club or County or White Polo Top / Shirt / Bowls Shirt

Pullover/Gilet; Club or County or White or Equivalent

Jacket; Club or County or White or Bowls England Licensed

Waterproofs/Rainwear; Club or County or White or Bowls England Licensed

Headgear; Club or County or White or Bowls England Licensed

Below the Waist

All members of the side or team shall wear the same colour below the waist.

Trousers / Shorts / Cropped Trousers/Culottes / Skirts / Skorts:

Permitted Colours: Black, Grey, Maroon, Navy, White, Blue, Red, Green

No jeans permitted to be worn

Waterproofs/Rainwear; Club or County or White or Bowls England Licensed

Footwear

Shoes; Flat soled ('heel-less') footwear no colour restrictions

Sandals; Sandals shall not be permitted except in medical circumstances where a doctor's note has been provided.

In all of the above players governed by requirements of a specific ethnic culture shall be permitted to wear their traditional dress if they so desire.

Slow Play

The following shall be enforced in the Aviva National Finals, only the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) can disqualify players. See 'Time Limits' below which will be applied to all matches at the National Finals.

Four Bowl Singles

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- After delivery of their third and fourth bowls. Should a player wish to visit the head prior to this point the permission of the marker shall be obtained.

Two Bowl Singles

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- After delivery of their first bowl

Four Bowl Singles & Two Bowl Singles

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 shall be warned by the marker. A further non-compliance shall be reported by the Marker to an Umpire in charge of the green who will issue a second warning and inform the Tournament Director (or nominated Deputy). On a third occurrence the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) will enforce Sanction N and disqualify the offending player from taking any further part in the competition.

Three Bowl Pairs

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- The leads: after delivery of their third bowl
- The skips: after delivery of their second & third bowl

Four Bowl Pairs

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- The leads: after delivery of their fourth bowl
- The skips: after delivery of their third and fourth bowl

Triples

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- The leads: after delivery of their third bowl
- The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl
- The skips: after delivery of their second & third bowl

If twos up is played then both number twos must leave the head at the same time.

Fours

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- The leads: after delivery of their second bowl
- The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl
- The thirds: after delivery of their second Bowl
- The skips: after delivery of their first & second Bowl

Pairs, Triples & Fours

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 the opposing skip will notify the Umpire. A further non-compliance observed by a nominated official will result in a second warning, the Tournament Director (or nominated Deputy) will be informed. On a third occurrence the Tournament Director (or Nominated Deputy) will enforce Sanction N and disqualify the offending team/side from taking any further part in the competition.

Time Limits

- The following time limits will apply to all matches taking place at the National Finals.

National Championships	Bowls Per Player	Format	Time Limit
Singles; Junior Singles	4	21 Shots	2 hours and 30 minutes
Pairs; Junior Pairs	4	18 ends	3 hours and 30 minutes
Triples	3	18 ends	3 hours and 30 minutes
Fours; Senior Fours	2	18 ends	3 hours and 30 minutes
Two Bowl Singles	2	21 ends	1 hour and 15 minutes

National Competitions	Bowls Per Player	Format	Time Limit
Senior Singles; Champion of Champions Singles	4	21 Shots	2 hours and 30 minutes
Senior Pairs; Mixed Pairs; Family Pairs	3	18 ends	2 hours and 30 minutes
Mixed Fours	2	18 ends	3 hours and 30 minutes

National Inter-Club Competitions	Bowls per Player	Format	Time Limit
Club Two Fours; Tony Allcock Trophy	2	18 ends	3 hours and 30 minutes
Men's & Women's Top Club	See Regulations	See Regulations	3 hours and 30 minutes

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National Inter-County Competitions	Bowls per Player	Format	Time Limit
Balcomb Trophy & Walker Cup;	2	21 ends	3 hours and 45 minutes
Amy Rose Bowl & White Rose Trophy	2	21 ends	3 hours and 45 minutes
Johns Trophy & Middleton Cup	2	21 ends	3 hours and 45 minutes

2. Any dispute regarding start/finish time to be forwarded to the green umpire in the first instance. If neither the umpire nor players/skips can resolve, the decision of the Tournament Director or deputy will be final.
3. Time limits to include trial ends.
4. In any end, the start of play is the delivery of the jack by the first player to play in that end. An end started must be completed once the time limit of the match has been reached.
5. The start time will be as published by Bowls England and teams/sides to record on the scorecard unless announced by the Green Umpire/Tournament Director or deputy.
6. Any disputes to be forwarded to the Green Umpire in the first instance.
7. If neither the Green Umpire nor players/skips can resolve, the decision of the Tournament Director (or nominated Deputy) will be final.

Streaming Guidance

Aviva National Finals 2023

One of our top priorities is to build the brand of bowls. We shall achieve this by growing the profile of our sport with current and potential participants. Streaming of matches is viewed as a key component of this work. We are therefore delighted to inform you that we shall be providing live streaming every day of the 2023 Aviva National Finals.

This has been made possible thanks to our principal partner Aviva, who has made a significant additional contribution to enable us to fulfil 18 days of streaming.

Our objectives for the coverage of this year's Aviva National Finals are:

- To reach as many people as possible, showcasing the qualities and values of bowls.
- To ensure the coverage is of a high standard and presents our sport in the best possible light.
- To deliver for our event sponsors.

By digesting and following these guidelines, you will be able to help us achieve these objectives. Thank-you for your support.

What will be streamed?

We shall be streaming one match each session, which will take place on rink A1 in both directions.

We anticipate that a total of 50 matches will be streamed over the course of the Championships.

There will be a wide selection of matches played on the streaming rink, and we will take a number of factors into consideration when allocating fixtures to the 'show rink' including:

Fairness - players not playing on the same rink on the same day (i.e. semi-final and final)

Diversity and inclusion – a proportional number of matches involving men and women with inclusion of paras and age group competition where possible

Viewer interest - priority to singles and pairs play amongst the highest standard performers

Geography - provide opportunities for players from as many counties as possible to be featured

What does this mean for you?

We are sure that you are as delighted as we are that we have been able to increase the streaming provision this year, and ask for your assistance in ensuring the broadcasts are a success for those watching online should you/your team be selected for a streamed match.

When collecting your scorecard from the Competitions Office all players will be asked to sign an agreement to the streaming guidelines before the match commences.

Failure to do so will move your match to another rink and another game will be streamed.

Guidelines

- Please ensure that you are well presented in all aspects of your personal appearance and attire.
- The Jack will be branded, this must be spotted logo side up, facing the back of the rink. (it will need to be positioned by hand not foot).
- Bowls Bags will need to be kept off the edge of the rink.
- No alcoholic drinks to be consumed during play or presentations.
- No smoking (including vaping).
- No bad language.
- You will be given an Aviva National Finals cloth patch to wear on your shirt sleeve – this must be attached before trial ends and stay in situ until the end of match or presentation.



- Players may be asked to wear a microphone during games to enhance the viewer experience – this is not optional.
- Stand away from, and to the side of, the head to enable the camera to have full view. Whilst tempting to move more centrally when the bowls is travelling towards the head, please refrain from doing this.

Good example of where to stand – head is clearly visible the camera



Where not to stand – blocking line of streaming



Respect the Slow Play rules - the umpires shall be instructed to enforce this to ensure that play is continuous for the benefit of the viewers

- Adhere to any direction given by the umpire, camera crew or Bowls England member of staff, this is to ensure the cameras can see the bowls.
- Respect the branding around A Green, if you accidentally knock something out of line please straighten it.
- Keep the Green clean and free of litter at all times.
- Remove all empty water bottles and litter at the end of the match.
- An umpire or marker will be on the rink to display shots held/score at completion of ends and players must ensure that the umpire/marker is kept informed of who is holding/number of shots.
- You may be asked to complete a pre-match player profile and/or participate in a post-match interview to assist with the broadcast.

We have created this guidance to ensure that the stream is of the greatest possible quality and showcases our sport at its best, thus attracting the maximum viewing figures. This will help us to continue to stream events in the future.

To assist us with this, please encourage your friends and family to attend the Aviva National Finals and support you by sitting in the stands around A Green to create an excellent atmosphere! If they are not able to attend, do share the live stream link with friends and family around the world!

Anti-doping guidance for competitors

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.

Introduction

Many medications available for common medical conditions, such as asthma or hay fever, 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.

Bowls England is a signatory to the UK Anti-Doping Rules. It is your responsibility 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 here](#). The prohibited list for 2023 can be [found here](#).

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

UK Anti-Doping advises that you 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.

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, [click here](#).

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 National Finals will have 10 working days to apply retroactively for a TUE. It is not necessary to obtain a TUE in advance of the National Finals.

To download the TUE application form from World Bowls, [click here](#).

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.

More information

For more information on the current anti-doping guidelines, [click here](#).

Code of Conduct

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

All players who participate shall at all times conduct themselves in such a manner that reflects favorably upon themselves, Bowls England and the County or Club that they are representing.

In particular they 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 by-laws relating to National Championships and National Competitions.
3. Adhere to Bowls England's Betting Integrity Guidance (Bowls England Regulation No.10.6)
4. Adhere to Bowls England's Disciplinary Regulations – [click here to view](#)
5. Adhere to Bowls England's Anti-Doping Guidance – [click here to view](#)
6. Adhere to Bowls England Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Policy – [click here to view](#)
7. Matches may be conceded at any time, but shall be conceded where it is not mathematically possible for the losing participant/team/side to win
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' (Appendix D).
11. Not render themselves unfit through alcohol 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 Appendix G).
14. The use of electronic devices (including mobile phones) on the green is prohibited during all games.

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

Useful telephone numbers

Competition Enquiries:	01929 500966
Visitor Information Centre:	01926 456940
Warwick Hospital – includes A&E:	01926 495321
University Hospitals Coventry – includes A&E:	024 7696 4000

Frequently asked questions

We hope this guide has provided you with all the information you need to have a great time at our National Finals. If you have any additional queries, please [click here](#) to view some of our 'Frequently Asked Questions'.