

**World Bowls**  
**Laws of the Sport of Bowls**  
**Crystal Mark Second Edition**  
(including domestic regulations  
for 'Bowls England')

**9. Bowls: World Bowls Stamp**

- 9.1. Licensed Manufacturers and Licensed Testers are entitled to imprint the registered World Bowls Stamp between the inner and outer rings of bowls. Imprints on the running surfaces of bowls should be avoided wherever possible.



<b>WB</b>	World Bowls
<b>A</b>	is the code letter of the Licensed Manufacturer or Licensed Tester
<b>Numbers</b>	is the year that the stamp expires (in this example, 2013)
<b>R</b>	shows that the stamp is a registered trademark

- 9.2. The current World Bowls Stamp was introduced on 1 April 2002 and should be used on all new and re-tested bowls from that date.
- 9.3. Both the International Bowling Board (IBB) and the World Bowls Board (WBB) stamps, which were used before the current World Bowls Stamp, will be valid until the end of the year that the stamp expires. (For example, the stamp in the above illustration would not be valid after 31 December 2013.)
- 9.4. If bowls are imprinted with the registered World Bowls Stamp and are in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls in all other ways, they can be used in all games under the control of WB or any Member National Authority.
- 9.5. For domestic play, Member National Authorities can decide the requirements for the stamps on bowls.

**Domestic Regulations for Bowls England**

Plain English Campaign's Crystal Mark does not apply to these domestic regulations.

All regulations are made in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Second Edition) which permits Member National Authorities to make domestic regulations in respect of those aspects of the sport listed in Law 17.1.

The conditions of Law 17.1.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Second Edition) must be remembered in that, if there is no domestic regulation to cover a specific aspect of the sport listed in Law 17.1, all games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

## **Regulation 1**

Law 5 Division of the Green

- 5.1 For play in National Competitions and National Championships the width of a rink should be not less than 4.8 metres,
- 5.3 The boundary pegs should be white.
- 5.5 The boundary pegs can be clearly marked with a thin black line not more than 2 millimetres wide running vertically down the centre of the peg,

## **Regulation 2**

Law 8.2 Bias of Bowls

- 8.2.3 All composition bowls (see law 8.1.1) must bear a legible stamp which has an expiry date of 1985 or later. These bowls can be used until such time as the stamp becomes illegible,
- 8.4.4.3 The person making the challenge should pay a deposit of £50.00,

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- 9.5 All composition Bowls (see law 8.1.1) must bear a legible stamp which has an expiry date of 1985 or later. All competitors reaching the final stages of National Competitions and National Championships will be required to comply with the appropriate National Competition or National Championship regulation.

## **Regulation 3**

Appendix A.2 Footwear

White, brown or grey shoes are permitted. All competitors reaching the final stages of National Competitions and National Championships will be required to comply with the appropriate National Competition or National Championship regulation.

In addition to the domestic regulations made in line with Law 17.1, the following regulations are made in line with Law 16.3.

## **Regulation 4**

Law 23 Improper delivery of the jack

The minimum distance of a delivered jack from the mat line shall be 23 mete as measured in a straight line from the centre of the mat line to the nearest point of the jack, after the jack has been centred.

## **Regulation 5**

The formats of play for Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours in all events under the direct control of Bowls England will be

- 1. Singles will be 21 shots (shots scored over 21 will not be counted). Four bowls will be played, with each player playing in turn.
- 2. Pairs will be 21 ends. Four bowls will be played, with each player playing in turn.
- 3. Triples will be 18 ends. Three bowls will be played, with each player playing in turn.
- 4. Fours ill be 21 ends. Two bowls will be played, with each player playing in turn.

## **Regulation 6**

The formats for sets play in all events under the direct control of Bowls England are described in the appropriate National Competition or National Championship regulation.