

# WORCESTERSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## ALL COUNTY COMPETITIONS

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Essential Information for Competitors listed below.

1. The Competitions shall be confined to playing members of clubs affiliated to the Worcestershire Bowling Association whose subscriptions have been paid for the current year. They shall be played under the rules of Bowls England and under the management and control of the WBA Executive Council or Competition Secretary who shall determine all questions or disputes that may arise and that do not come within the scope of the umpire's duties. The decision of the Council shall be final and binding. (All Bowls must bear the current World Bowls Stamp).

Eligibility to enter WBA Competitions as follows:- Entrants and/or Team Players must be affiliated to WBA.

Entrants and/or team players affiliated to other counties and intending to play in that county's competitions, will not be allowed to play in any WBA competitions.

2. A player shall not represent more than one Club in any one year in all County competitions.
3. All entries accompanied by entrance fees, should be returned as directed on the entry forms on or before the date of WBA Annual General Meeting. Where required the names of all competitors must be entered on the entry form.
4. The draw will be published and issued to club secretaries and put on the WBA website which shall be deemed sufficient notice to competitors.
5. The rounds in all competitions must be completed by the date mentioned in respective draws. By mutual arrangement ties may be played before the final date. Failure to play a tie on or before the date fixed will involve the scratching of one or both competitors as the appropriate Committee may determine.
6. Championship Competitions.

Men & Women's Singles Championship (one player, four bowls each, first to 21 shots)

Men & Women's Two-Bowl Singles Championship (one player, two bowls each, 21 ends\*)

Men & Women's Pairs Championship (two players, four bowls each, 18 ends\*)

Men & Women's Triples Championship (three players, three bowls each, 18 ends\*)

Men & Women's Fours Championship (four players, two bowls each, 18 ends\*)

Men & Women's Junior Singles Championship (one player, four bowls each, first to 21 shots)

Men & Women's Junior Pairs Championship (two players, four bowls each, 18 ends\*)

Men & Women's Senior Fours Championship (four players, two bowls each, 18 ends\*)

**See Bowls England Regulation 50-70 for current regulation for County Stages.**

In the event of scores being equal on all events marked with \*, then an extra end or ends shall be played until a decision is reached

### **Internal County Competition formats**

Ladies Double Rink – 18 ends, 2 rinks. The challenger shall nominate a rink prior to the game. The nominated rink will play an extra end should it be required. Rounds usually played on Sunday mornings but maybe played earlier by mutual agreement. Players may only play from the club which they have entered their county competitions. Each club may enter more than one team. No restriction on number of substitutes.

Ladies Benevolent Triples 15 ends 2 bowls. Straight knockout, played over two days. Players do not have to come from the same club but must be affiliated to WBA.

Ladies Over 60's Pairs - 16 ends 3 bowls. Straight knockout, played over two days.

Vernon Turner Cup – 21 ends, 4 rinks. To be played on Sundays, - by mutual agreement, the games may be played on an earlier date and time (not necessarily a Sunday). A Rink should be drawn prior to the game to play an extra end if required.

Champion of Champions – 21 shots

Reg Russell – 18 ends 3 bowls

Vet pairs – 18 ends Four bowls

Mixed fours – 18 ends 2 bowls per player, two men two ladies

7. The first named in all competitions in each tie up to and including the Quarterfinals shall be deemed the challenger.

The challenger may play his/her game on a neutral green if :-

- (a) His/her Green has been declared unfit.
- (b) If there is an over capacity of ties on the Green.
- (c) If he/she so wishes.

All changes of venue must be by mutual consent and the Challenger must cover the costs of his/her opponent.

The County Competition Secretary must be informed of any changes of venue.

The rinks to be used, will be drawn from at least 2 rinks from those available at the time of arrival (of All the players at the Club where the ties are to be played.?)

It would be appreciated if clubs could give precedence to National and County Competitions.

8. All county competitions shall be played within the Worcestershire boundaries, except where an affiliated entrant from outside the County is drawn at "Home." In this situation they are allowed to play at a Green of their choice within the Worcestershire boundaries, or outside the County if both parties agree. Matches MUST be played on a Green and on rinks approved by the WBA and chosen by the Challenger who will make all match arrangements. If green fees are payable at that venue they will be shared by both participants/ teams.

9. The Semi-Finals and Finals of all county competitions shall be played on a neutral Green appointed by the Association.

10. To assure a neutral venue for the Men's and Ladies County Finals.

That if a player or team qualifies to play in a Ladies County Final on their 'Home' green then they should play on the green and date of the Men's County Finals and if a player or team qualifies to play in the Men's County Finals on their own Green then they should play on the green and date of the Ladies Finals.

11. The 2 Bowl Singles to be played on a singles day down to a winner as organised by the WBA Competition Secretary.

12. Semi Finals & Finals of the Ladies Club Double Rink Competitions and Men & Ladies Champion of Champions, Veteran Pairs, Reg Russell Triples, Mixed Fours and Vernon Turner Cup to be played on a date set by the association. Every endeavour will be made to publish these dates in advance. Finals being the 2<sup>nd</sup> County Finals date. Players/teams to wear Whites or Bowls England approved dress code for shorts and trousers & club shirts

13. The Vernon Turner Cup will be played on a green as organised by the WBA competition secretary but if the host club reaches the final an alternative Green will be organised by the Competition Secretary.

14. No alteration of the Finals Dates will be considered for any Competition.

15.-Rounds in each competition must be completed by the specified dates

16. The winner of each tie shall forward the score card, initialled by the loser, to the Competition Secretary immediately after each game. Failure to comply with this action may result in forfeiture of the tie.

17. In county competition games each competitor shall examine his/her opponents' bowls before the commencement of the games.

18. In single handed competitions, the marker shall be a competent person, umpires to be mutually agreed upon shall determine such points as may arise in the course of play, and the application of the Bowls England rules. Their respective decisions shall be Final in the absence of an Umpire.

19. The two skips shall be the judges of all disputed points. In case of disagreement, the point shall be decided by an umpire previously appointed or by a neutral person agreed.

20. An umpire shall have the power to decide if the Green is fit for play, in consultation with the Green Keeper, and if unfit to postpone the game.

21. Should play be suspended due to inclement weather, the game should recommence, at the point at which it is suspended, the next possible day available to all participants, on the same rink, (Please inform the Competition Secretary). An end not completed shall be null and void. (This rule differs from that of the Bowls England National Competitions, which are run on a different basis).

**Results from each round will be put on the WBA website as soon as is possible.**

Competitors names, telephone numbers and email addresses are on the WBA website to aid challengers in fixing their matches.

County Champions and Runners-Up are requested to make every endeavour to take part in the National Championships.

All trophies must be returned to the County Competition Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Finals Day.

All players must obey the latest version of **the laws of the Sport of Bowls, crystal mark latest edition.**

## Dress Code

### Dress code: National Championships – Early Rounds / County Stages

See attached Bowls England guidance.

Trousers, Shorts must be manufactured for the Sport of Bowls

If approved Club Shirts are worn all players must wear the same design shirt



#### Appendix A1

#### Dress code: National Championships – Early Rounds / County Stages

Please note: All reference to white clothing should read 'predominately white'

#### Above the Waist – Sanction K will apply if not adhered to

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

##### Playing Shirt:

- Club
- White Polo Top / Shirt
- Bowls England Licenced

##### Pullover/Gilet or Cardigan:

- Club
- White equivalent.

##### Jacket:

- Club
- White
- Bowls England Licenced

##### Waterproofs/Rainwear:

- White
- Club
- Bowls England licensed

##### Headgear:

- White
- Club
- Bowls England Licenced

#### Footwear – Sanction K will apply if not adhered to

##### Shoes / Trainers:

- 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.



**Appendix A1 (Cont.)**

**Dress code: National Championships – Early Rounds / County Stages**

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**Below the Waist – Sanction K will apply if not adhered to**

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

**Trousers:**

- Permitted Colours:  
Black, Grey, Maroon, Navy, White
- Club
- Bowls England Licensed
- Belt (if worn) to match
- No jeans permitted to be worn

**Cropped Trousers/Culottes:**

- Permitted Colours:  
Black, Grey, Maroon, Navy, White
- Club
- Bowls England Licensed
- Belt (if worn) to match
- No jeans permitted to be worn

**Waterproofs/Rainwear:**

- White
- Club
- Bowls England licensed

**Shorts:**

- Permitted Colours:  
Black, Grey, Maroon, Navy, White
- Club
- Bowls England Licensed
- Belt (if worn) to match
- No jeans permitted to be worn

**Skirts:**

- Permitted Colours:  
Black, Grey, Maroon, Navy, White
- Club
- Belt (if worn) to match
- No jeans permitted to be worn

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## **ESSENTIAL Information for Competitors**

**Competition Entry:** The person that submits their details on the Competition Entry Form is deemed to be the **ENTRANT**. That person is **NOT** allowed to play in any other team in any of the competitions entered.

**Mens Veteran Pairs:** This competition is **ONLY** for players that **have** passed their **65th** birthday on the 1 May in the year of competition. Both players Names and Ages to be declared.

**Ladies Over 60's:** This competition is **ONLY** for players that **have** passed their **60th** birthday on the 1 May in the year of competition. Both players Names and ages to be declared.

**Under 25's:** This competition is **ONLY** for players that have **NOT** passed their **25th** birthday on the 1 April in the year of competition

**Start Times:** All games except Semi-finals and Finals to start at 6.15 p.m. (or before if mutually agreed) with 30 minutes grace.

**Drawing for Rinks:** It is the responsibility of **opponents** to draw for a rink, and verify that the rink has been approved and is still suitable for play.

**Protests:** In connection with the competition to be made in accordance with rule 11d, WBA Constitution & rules

**Substituted players:** The team will consist of the players named on the first card submitted. Only one substitution will be allowed per competition, e.g. in triples it can be considered a squad of four. (In Mixed Fours - One lady and one gent are allowed to be substituted)

**Finals:** Will be played on "Finals Day" Without Exception. Consideration will only be given where a player is on England duty or has to play in more than 3 finals on the same day.

**All championship Semi-Finals & Finals will always be played in Whites or Bowls England approved dress code.**

**ALL** competitors **FULL** names to be inserted and be legible on each card.

**ALL** cards to be sent either: as a photo via mobile phone or via a scan and attached to email or posted to the home address of the Competition Secretary to verify that all players are eligible to play.

**Results:** In **ALL** cases results **MUST** be phoned or emailed in (preferably on the same day) but within 24 hours

You are allowed to send a scan or photo of the result card with all names and result legible

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