



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

21st November 2025

1. **Apologies received:** Margaret Holden, Lance Thomas, Paula Haynes, Mandy Orchard, Adie Booth, Malcolm James
2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2025** (previously distributed)
Proposed by Maxeen Fletcher, seconded by Allan Leppard, unanimously agreed.
3. **Matters Arising**
No matters arising.
4. **Provisional Calendar**
A mixed game on 8th June at Meon Valley (Marion, Lady Presidents club) to be added to the calendar.
5. **BH Vacancies**
 - County Disciplinary Officer: Hazel explained that the County needs to appoint a CDO, the Chair of the County takes responsibility in the absence of a CDO.
Carl and Hazel attending a zoom training session for R9 which will be officially issued on 1st December. Attached is the presentation which was used for the training session and will give a good insight to the new process. With the new R9 all clubs are required to have a Complaints Assessor. BE will have more training sessions after the publication.
 - Social Media Assistant: Following on from the last Executive meeting, Carl had a call with Kim Martin who came forward offering assistance with the website and social media for the County. Carl explained that it was agreed that the website would not change but that Kim would work on the social media side with Facebook, twitter, etc.
 - County Secretary: With a view to finishing at the next AGM and following the last meeting, Hazel explained she had been pulling together an annual timeline with a view to splitting the role into two. Once completed and new job descriptions completed, an email will be sent to all clubs to advertise the positions.
6. **To consider the Secretary's report on Meeting Arrangements for 2024/25**
The calendar was accepted by the Executive. In addition, Hazel explained that there would be two refresher roadshows covering the BH Online system for new club secretaries/admin and as a reminder of the process for completing affiliation, club roles and competitions for anyone wishing to attend. The two roadshows will be held at Banister Park on Monday 5th January at 3pm and 6:30pm
7. **Date of Next Meeting / Any Other Business**
 - Dress code for BH 2026: As previously published the new shirt will be used for all matches. The cost of the BH shirts £25.00 and BH Jackets £50. These are still be subsidised by the County to keep the prices down.
 - Lesley asked about the squad for the mixed matches and it was agreed that a list of the next years mixed matches be sent to clubs, with the instruction that anyone interested in playing should let Lesley know so that they can be added to the mixed squad.

A question on extreme weather was asked at one of the Area meetings and following an email to BE I received the following:

This is what we put out in 2025 > <https://www.bowlsengland.com/inclement-weather-guidance-for-bowls-england/>

This is what we put out in 2022 > <https://www.bowlsengland.com/extreme-weather-guidance/>

At the end of the day heat affects people differently, some find 22c hot, others find 30 hot, therefore it is very hard to stipulate a temperature to stop play. Instead, it should come down to common sense in the spirit of fair play.

It also refers to the rules and regulation Appendix F - I have copied the first section below:

Appendix F: Inclement Weather Inclement weather shall mean the existence of rain or abnormal climatic conditions (whether they be those of heavy rain, thunder & lighting, hail, snow, cold, high wind, extreme high temperature or any combination thereof) by virtue of which it is either not reasonable or possible to play. Unusual situations not covered within the above can often arise.

If a situation arises that is not covered by the above, Players, Markers, Umpires and Officials shall use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action.

In the event of inclement weather and no play/no further play being possible as determined by Tournament Director, Umpire and/or Greenkeeper (or players if no officials are in attendance) the following shall apply as relevant:

C. County Administered National Championships – all Rounds prior to National Finals

A1. All matches are to be played to a finish as referred within the Laws of the Sport V4 – Game Stoppages (Law 33)

A2. If it is not possible to conclude play on the day, then the match will be completed prior to the next round taking place. If this is not possible, then provided circumstances permit Counties may in their discretion reschedule future rounds to accommodate.

D. Individual Bowls England Managed National Championships

B1. When a match is stopped by the Tournament Director, Umpire and/or Greenkeeper (or players if no officials are in attendance) play shall cease immediately. Ends started but not completed shall be declared 'dead'.

B2. When it is not possible to resume the match on the day: a. b. c. If the total number of ends played equals or exceeds 5 (Five) the match shall be deemed to have been completed and the score shall stand. If the total number of ends played is less than five, the remainder of the match shall, wherever possible, be played at a later date, (please refer to Laws of the Sport Law 33: Game Stoppages for guidance). Should it not be possible to play the match to its conclusion by the closing date of the round, the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

B3. At National Finals, the decision of the Tournament Director on postponed/abandoned matches shall be final.

Kay then told the Executive about the BH Tour to the Dorset Bowls Resort which takes place every November and requested that the event be published within the areas and clubs.

As there were no further questions. Richard closed the meeting.

The next Executive Meeting is Wednesday 26th March 7:00pm