

# **BOWLS HAMPSHIRE**

## **Selection Regulations**

### **2026**

#### **1. General**

These regulations are to be read alongside the Bowls Hampshire Rules and Constitution and nothing in these regulations shall be in contradiction of the Constitution.

#### **2. County Matches**

**(a)** The Executive, advised by the Match Secretaries, shall at the March Executive Meeting, agree the maximum number of County and Presidential matches to be played in the following year. Matches classified as County matches will comprise those against other Bowls England Member Counties and any against non-County Associations (e.g. London Scottish)

**(b)** A Committee, comprising the Presidential Officers, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and the Match Secretaries shall meet in late January / early February in each year to:

- (i)** Assign Presidential and Match Officials for each match and agree responsibility for the provision of players.
- (ii)** Conduct the County draw for Last Eights (see Championship and Competition Regulations)

**(c)** The Match Secretaries shall:

- (i)** Ensure all friendly matches have been added to the BH Online System in time for the Executive meeting in March.
- (ii)** Issue invitations to apply for matches in a timely manner, so that all players can apply via the BH Online System
- (iii)** Notify individuals of their selection and requesting confirmation of availability via the BH Online System.
- (iv)** Notify all reserves so that they are able to confirm their availability via the BH Online System.
- (v)** The Match Secretary will place players into rinks and ensure the Presidential Officer and the Match Official have all relevant information.
- (vi)** The Match Secretary should keep a list of players presented with their County Badge at County Friendly matches and inform the County Administrator.

#### **3. Badge Qualification**

**(a)** To qualify for a County Badge a player must either:

- (i)** Reach the County Last Eights, having played in a minimum of 3 qualifying matches in one of the following Championship events; 2 and 4 Wood Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and Senior Fours.

- (ii) Represent Bowls Hampshire at National Finals in the BE Senior Singles, Junior Singles, Senior Pairs, Junior Pairs, the Champion of Champions and Mixed events.
- (iii) Have played, as an unbadged player, over a period of at least 2 years in six County matches, against other Counties or Associations, three of which must have been away.
- (iv) (Represent Bowls Hampshire in the Middleton Cup, Johns Trophy, Balcomb Trophy, Walker Cup, White Rose Trophy or Amy Rose inter County teams.

**(b)** Badges will be presented at Last Eights of the County Championships. When playing the sixth qualifying game at the next County friendly match. When representing Bowls Hampshire as in (ii) or (iv) above

#### **4. Middleton Cup and Balcomb Trophy Matches – Men**

Selection for Middleton Cup and Balcomb Trophy matches shall be the sole responsibility of the Middleton Cup Manager who may appoint Selectors to advise him/her. Area Secretaries can inform the Manager of those players considered to be of a standard to play in the Middleton. A player shall receive a Middleton Cup badge when he has played in six or more Middleton Cup matches and a Balcomb Trophy badge after playing in three regional events or winning the regional event and progressing to the Finals at Royal Leamington Spa

#### **5. Johns Trophy and Walker Cup Matches – Women**

Selection for Johns Trophy and Walker Cup matches shall be the sole responsibility of the Johns Trophy Manager who may appoint Selectors to assist her/him. Area Secretaries can inform the Manager of those players considered to be of a standard to play in the Johns Trophy. A member shall receive a Johns Trophy badge when she has played in six or more Johns Trophy matches and a Walker Cup badge after playing in three regional events or winning the regional event and progressing to the Finals at Royal Leamington Spa

#### **6. Junior Matches**

Selection for White Rose and Amy Rose matches is the responsibility of the respective Team Managers who may appoint assistants and who will be supported at each game by a nominated Presidential Officer. Clubs are required to provide to the White Rose Manager and Amy Rose Manager a list of eligible players from which selection will be made. A player shall receive a White Rose or Amy Rose badge when he/she has played in six or more matches

#### **7. Presidents' Special Matches**

- (a)** Invitations by Clubs to entertain the County President(s) and his/her/their team in the following year should reach the County Administrator by September at the latest. Clubs may opt to play single gender or mixed games.

(b) In deciding which Presidential matches, additional to County matches, can be accommodated within the total number of matches already agreed for the next season the Presidents will use the following order of priority:

- (i) The Presidents own Club.
- (ii) Clubs celebrating a special event such as a significant anniversary, new clubhouse, new green etc.  
(If the President is invited, plaques will be presented to Clubs celebrating their 25, 50, 75 or 100 year anniversary).
- (iii) New Clubs.
- (iv) One Club from each Area as recommended by the Area Secretaries.
- (v) District Associations on a bi-annual basis.

(c) Selection for the matches in the first two categories should be by the relevant President(s) who will invite firstly members of the BH Executive, Past Presidents and Honorary Life Members.

All other Presidents games will be selected by inviting Clubs to provide rinks to support the President.

## **8. Match Dress**

Dress on the green shall follow the principles laid down in BE Regulation 50 with dark navy bottoms being worn below the waist and County shirts above the waist.

For travel to games the County does not insist on any particular wear though most players choose to travel wearing the County Jacket. At after match meals Officers will normally wear County Jacket or if owned a County Blazer. Players may do likewise but it is acceptable to sit down in the County shirt without jacket.