

Domestic Regulations for Bowls England

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

All regulations are made in line with the Laws of Sport (Crystal Mark Fourth Edition) which permits Member National Authorities to make domestic regulations in respect of the sport listed in Law 57.1.

The conditions of Law 57.1.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Fourth Edition) must be remembered in that, if there is no domestic regulation to cover a specific aspect of the sport listed in Law 57.1.1., all games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Law 3.4

In events under the jurisdiction of Bowls England, no player shall practice or play on the same rink on the same day (date).

Law 6.1.5.6

Portable groundsheets are permitted for domestic play in England subject to the approval of the host venue and/or greenkeeper.

Law 40.1.9

The skip's duties described in Law 40.1.7 may transfer to other members of the team. However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team. If agreement cannot be reached on who should keep the scorecard, then the skips in both teams must keep the scorecard.

Law 41.8

Artificial devices may be used by players with disabilities for delivering the jack or bowl provided such devices are approved by Bowls England following consultation with relevant disability bowls organisations.

Law 49.1

For play in National Competitions and National Championships under the jurisdiction of Bowls England, the width of a rink must be not less than 4.8. metres.

Law 49.5

The boundary pegs can be clearly marked with a thin black line not more than 2mm wide running vertically down the centre of the peg.

Law 52.2.3

All composition bowls must bear a legible stamp that has an expiry date of 1985 or later. These bowls can be used until such a time as the stamp becomes illegible.

Law 52.4.4.3

The person making the challenge shall pay a deposit of £50.

Law 53.5

All composition bowls must bear a legible stamp that bears an expiring date of 1985 or later. All competitors reaching the final stages of the National Championships will be required to use bowls bearing the stamp in accordance with Law 53 (a World Bowls stamp with current or future year will be valid). 2

Appendix A.2.2

Players shall wear flat-soled bowling shoes.

National Championship and National Competition Regulations

The formats for competitions played under the control of Bowls England are described in the Bowls England Regulations. These regulations comply with Law 57.2 Conditions of Play.