

BOWLS HAMPSHIRE

Selection Regulations

2023

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, the Match Secretaries and Area Secretaries will meet in late January/early February 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) Area Secretaries, at a time decided by them, will:
 - (i) Contact Clubs inviting them to give to all their members the opportunity to apply for County matches and to nominate those considered to be of a suitable standard to play in County matches.
 - (ii) On receipt of the information from Clubs, meet, at times/dates appropriate to each Area, to select players and reserves and, where agreed, to place players in rinks.
 - (iii) Notify individuals of their selection and requesting confirmation of availability etc.
 - (iv) Following player confirmation, forward to the Match Secretary, at least 7 days prior to the match, the names of the selected players and their playing positions and a list of other available players (plus contact details).
- (d) The Match Secretary will, where required, place players into rinks and forward the Match Sheet to the Presidential Officer and the Match Official.

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 Senior Singles, Junior Singles, Senior Pairs, Junior Pairs, the Champion of Champions and the 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, or representing Bowls Hampshire as in (ii) or (iv) above

4. MIDDLETON CUP AND BALCOMB TROPHY MATCHES

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. He/she shall also receive annually from the Area Selection Committee a list of those players the Committee considers to be of a standard to play in the Middleton Cup. 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 matches

5. JOHNS TROPHY AND WALKER CUP MATCHES

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. She/he shall also receive annually from the Area Selection Committee a list of those players the Committee considers to be of a standard to play in the Johns Trophy. A player 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 matches.

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 Middleton Cup 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' MATCH PROGRAMME

- (a) Invitations by Clubs to entertain the County Presidents and his/her/their team in the following year should reach the Match Secretaries by the first week in August. The programme and dates of games will be agreed by the Presidents with the decisions being notified to Clubs by the end of September.
- (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 Clubs.
 - (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 25th, 50th, 75th or 100th year anniversary).
 - (iii) One Club from each Area as recommended by the Area Secretaries.
 - (iv) 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

- (a) Dress on the green shall follow the principles laid down in BE Regulation 50 with white (including shorts bearing the Bowls England logo) being worn below the waist and County shirts above the waist.
- (b) For travel to games the County does not insist on any particular wear though most players choose to travel wearing a blazer or the County Jacket. At after match meals Officers will normally wear County blazer or Jacket. Players may do likewise, but it is acceptable to sit down in the County shirt without blazer/jacket.