

# **BOWLS HAMPSHIRE**

## **Selection Regulations**

### **2015**

#### 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) A Committee, comprising the two Presidents, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and the Match Secretaries shall, no later than January in each year, examine the programme of County Matches and agree which games are to be classified as Full County Games (for which players should hold a County Badge – see para 3f) and which as County Representative Matches (where players need not necessarily be badged provided they are considered by their club to be of a suitable standard). The Committee, with the addition of the other Presidential Officers and the Area Secretaries, will meet again in early February to assign match officials for each match and agree Area responsibilities for the provision of players for each game.

(b) Area Secretaries, at a time to be decided by them, will then send letters to Clubs inviting players to volunteer for the matches of their choice. On receipt of the information from Clubs the Area Selectors will meet, at times/dates appropriate to each Area, to select rinks/players and reserves. Area Secretaries will then write to individuals notifying them of their selection and requesting confirmation of availability etc. The Area Secretary will forward to the Match Secretary the names of the selected players and their playing positions at least 7 days prior to the match. The Match Secretary will, as necessary, place players into rinks and forward the Match Sheet to the Presidential Officer and the Match Official. Should replacements be needed they will be sought from the same Area as the non-available player.

#### 3. Badge Qualification

(a) Area Secretaries should maintain a list of all badged players by Club and a list of other players considered suitable to play in those games, not classified as Full County games.

(b) To qualify for a County Badge a player must acquire either 4 County points or a minimum of 8 Personal points (2 of which must be County points). A player may also qualify under the conditions of para 3f below)

(c) County points are awarded in events falling under the control of Bowls England (excluding those which are age limited) as follows: 1 point for being runner up in an Area Final, 2 points for Quarter finalist, 3 points for semi finalist and 4 points for those who reach the National Finals. Points are awarded for the following, 2 and 4 Wood Singles; Pairs; Triples and Fours. In addition those reaching Leamington in the National

Mixed Pairs and Fours and National Champion of Champions shall receive their badge. Only points earned from year 2008 onwards shall count.

(d) Personal points are awarded to individuals who have achieved sustained success in other non BE events. These can be achieved:

- (i) By winning a Club single gender; Club Open or Club 2 Wood Singles (21 ends) Championship.
- (ii) By winning (2 points) or finishing runner up (1 point) in single gender singles competitions organised by the following Districts/Associations:

Aldershot & District (Men)  
Basingstoke & District (Men)  
Bournemouth & District (Men)  
Bournemouth & District (Women)  
North Hampshire WBA (Women)  
Portsmouth & District (Men)  
Portsmouth & District (Women)  
Southampton & District (Men)  
Southampton & District (Women)

The list of qualifying Districts/Associations will be reviewed from time to time by the Management Committee.

(e) Where players have acquired 2 County Points and believe they have sufficient personal points to be considered for a badge under the sustained success rule the Club Secretary shall submit the individual's record to the Area Selection Committee whose responsibility it will be to examine that record and make a judgement as to whether the competitions for which an individual claims points are of sufficient standard to enable him/her to be invited to a full County game when the badge will be presented.

(f) Where an Area Selection Committee is unable to field its allocated quota of players for a County match it may select the strongest team available including non-badged players. Preference will be given to those who have already earned points towards qualifying for a County badge. When a player has been selected and played in such circumstances six times (three at home and three away) over a period of at least two seasons he/she may be awarded his/her badge. Only games played from 2015 onwards shall count.

#### 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. He/she shall also receive annually from the Area Selection Committee a list of those players, within the Area, the Committee considers to be of a standard to play in the Middleton Cup. A member shall receive a Middleton Cup badge when he has played in six or more Middleton Cup matches.

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. She/he shall also receive annually from the Area Selection Committee a list of those players, within the Area, the Committee considers to be of a standard to play in the Johns Trophy. A member shall receive a Johns Trophy flash 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 Men's U25 matches is the responsibility of the Middleton Cup Manager who may appoint assistants and who will be supported at each game by a nominated Presidential Officer. Selection for Women's U31 matches is the responsibility of the Amy Rose Team Manager. 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.

7. Presidents' Match Programme

(a) Invitations by Clubs to entertain the County President(s) and his/her/their team in the following year should reach the Match Secretaries by the first week in August. Clubs may opt to play single gender or mixed games.

(b) Whenever more invitations are received than can be accommodated in the match programme, the following order of priorities will be used by the Presidents in deciding whether he/she is able to accept:

- (i) The Presidents own Club.
- (ii) Clubs of other Presidential Officers.
- (iii) 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).
- (iv) New Clubs.
- (v) Clubs which have not previously hosted a President's game.
- (vi) Clubs which have not entertained the President the previous year or for several years. Those who have waited longest take the highest priority.
- (vii) All others.

The programme shall comprise those games in 7(b)(i) to (iii) above plus a total of no more than 10 further games which shall include any bi-annual games against local Associations on a shared cost basis.

(c) The programme and dates of games will be agreed by the President(s) with the decisions being notified to Clubs by the end of September.

(d) All Bowls Hampshire players shall be eligible to play in Presidents matches.

(e) Selection for those matches in category 10(b)(i) and (iii), be they single gender or mixed, should be by the relevant President(s) who will invite firstly members of the BH Executive and Honorary Life Members. All other Presidents games will be selected by inviting Clubs to provide mixed rinks to support the President.