

Bowls Scotland want you to get the most from your visit to the 2023 National Championships. A few minutes' planning ahead can make all the difference. We encourage you to take public transport; not only is it good for the environment, but it also means that you can sit back and relax on your journey. If there is anything not covered in this section, please get in touch with us via info@bowlsscotland.com and we will come back to you.

TICKETING AND ENTRY

How much are tickets?

Day tickets: £6 per day, payable at the gate

Weekly tickets: £32

• Available to purchase Sunday 23rd & Monday 24th July
(valid Sunday 23rd – Saturday 29th July)

Please note that only children under the age of 16 accompanied by a responsible adult are entitled to enter the event free of charge.

Where can I buy tickets?

Tickets are only sold in person, on entry to the Championships. Tickets are not available to purchase online beforehand. There will be only one entrance to this years' Championships located at the retail marquee, Hunters Avenue, Ayr, KA8 9AL.

How can I pay?

Payments for tickets can be made with cash or card.

There are no cashpoints on site, the nearest cash machine is located at Tesco Express, Prestwick Road, a 5-minute walk away.

Do I qualify for a concession ticket?

Only children under the age of 16 are entitled to entry free of charge with a fully paying adult. Tickets are priced at £6 per day, weekly tickets also available.

Is my ticket valid for any day?

Single day tickets purchased at the event are only valid for the day they are purchased and for one person.

What is on each day?

The playing schedule is available to view here; <http://www.bowlsscotland.com/media/4227/2023-national-championships-schedule-overview.pdf>. Results will be updated daily and displayed on-site and on the Bowls Scotland website.

Out-with the action on the greens, we have a retail marquee for you to shop till you drop, and of course a bar and catering tent to wind down with a drink and a bite to eat. For more information on the retail tent keep an eye on our social media channels to find out who will be trading each day.

Does a disabled person get in free?

No. But, if a carer is required, then the carer enters free of charge – entry fees apply to all other persons.

Disabled toilets are accessed within the main building and ramp access is available on all greens. Catering and Retail areas are also wheelchair accessible.

What does my entry price cover?

Once inside the venue you can experience the Championships. You may need to buy something to eat or drink. However, we've tailored the menu so that there is something for everyone at an affordable price. It really is a great value day out, especially with children under 16 entering free.

What are the opening and closing times?

Entrance gates (on Hunters Avenue) – 8am to 6pm

Catering facilities – 8am to 6pm

Main Bar – 11am to end of play

Retail marquee – 8am to 6pm

*Times are subject to change according to the end of play on each day and at the discretion of The Championship Group.

Can I leave and re-enter the venue during the day?

Yes. Please keep a hold of your ticket as you must show this at the gate to re-enter.

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Is parking available?

There is no public parking available at The National Centre for Bowling or on the surrounding streets during the event, even for blue badge holders. We encourage spectators to use public transport or our dedicated Park and Ride service on Afton Avenue, KA8 2AG.

What about disabled parking?

Disabled blue badge parking is at the Park and Ride on Afton Avenue (55.484177402199215, -4.610561346558998) Stewards will be able to advise on where to park and accessible buses are available.

What is the best time to avoid the queues?

The National Championships attracts big crowds. This will inevitably result in some delays in entering the site at peak times.

Using public transport can actually enhance your journey. Our best advice is to arrive early – gates open at 8am.

Will there be queues to get into the Park & Ride car park?

There may be small delays at peak times. Again, our best advice is to arrive early. Car parking stewards will guide you to a space and shuttle buses run every 15 minutes at peak times.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Who runs the National Championships?

The National Championships is organised by Bowls Scotland, the National Governing Body for lawn bowls in Scotland. Our aim is to widen awareness and increase participation in what is already one of the most popular and successful sports in Scotland.

Find out more about us: www.bowlsscotland.com.

How do I find out what's happening and where?

To make the most of your visit, the event programme will tell you what's on, where and when. It is available to view on our website here:

<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/competitions/national/national-championships>

QR codes will also be available at various locations on site which will give you access to the event programme and schedule.

We will be sharing regular updates on social media throughout the event, follow @BowlsScotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Where do I find out results?

The results will be found by visiting our website and social media channels throughout the Championships.

Will there be live streaming in operation?

Matches from the final two days (Friday 28th & Saturday 29th July) of the Championships will be live streamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. The stream will be free to watch on both sites and more information will be shared on our social media pages during the event.

Can I bring a camera?

We would highly recommend you do, as there is so much to capture.

We will have professional photographers on site throughout the event who will be capturing images of players and spectators for use in Bowls Scotland promotional material.

Am I allowed to bring my own food and drink?

You are very welcome to bring your own food and snacks although we have plenty of places to buy food on site in our catering tent. We have new vendors available this year with burgers, pizza, fish & chips and pancakes on offer at competitive prices! Spectators are prohibited from bringing alcohol into the venue and only alcohol purchased in the designated bar areas can be consumed.

Security will be carrying out random bag checks on entry to the venue.

What if I feel unwell?

First Aid is provided at the First Aid station, ask a volunteer or official for assistance.

Can I bring a dog to the National Centre?

The National Centre can be a busy place, so we encourage you to leave your dog at home. If you do bring your dog, it must be kept on a leash at all times. Only assistance dogs will be allowed access the main event office or catering establishments.

Lost Property:

Speak to any volunteer for assistance with lost property during the event.

Following the Championships lost property will be held at The National Centre for Bowling and any enquiries should be made to info@bowlsscotland.com or on 01292 294623.