

# DRIVE TO SUCCESS

PODIUM PATHWAYS

HIGH PERFORMANCE VISION 2023-2028



# Drive to Success!

Drive to Success outlines the roadmap to progress through the sport from grassroots to international level. It is mapped out in conjunction with our competitive opportunities offering an inclusive and accessible pathway for all of our bowlers.

To support our players to achieve their full potential, our coach and support team will be at the heart of our program while our member clubs will have the opportunity to provide effective performance environments to enable the continuation of sustainable success on the world stage.

## Next Steps

1. All players wishing to be considered for the Drive to Success - Performance Player Pathway should complete an expression of interest form before the closing date Friday 15th December by 5pm.
2. The details you provide will enable us to cater competitive and assessment opportunities across the country to enable players to show their ability irrespective of geography.
3. Players who have completed an expression of interest will be invited to attend an online player information evening of Monday 19th February 2024 where more details will be shared about the programme.
4. Players who have completed an expression of interest will be given early access to Podium Open competition entry. Ranking points can be claimed at these competitions as well as the top 4 of each event being automatically invited to a National squad assessment day. Multiple Podium Open events may be held on the same day to cater for the number and geographical distribution of players.



# Assessment Days

Assessment days will be by invitation to those that achieved top 4 positions at the podium opens or through selector observations.

A standardised assessment process will take place across all assessment venues.

Assessment dates are for all National Team squads including U25 and U18 players.

An international selection point will be after the assessment days.

## Key Performance Indicators

**Key Performance Player Indicators:**

The following 5 performance indicators will be used to assess players striving for National team selection.

**Technical:** Highly developed and consistent technical delivery.

**Tactical:** Highly developed tactical ability and game intelligence.

**Decision Making:** Positive decision making under high pressure.

**Behaviours:** Application and attitude to maximise performance, continually improve and promote a positive image of our sport.

**Team Dynamics:** Ability to engage with and support a team to achieve their full potential.



# Bowls Scotland's Podium Pathway

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## Podium Success

Consistent performance at National and International events.

## Podium Potential

Consistent performance at National, Podium events & assessment days.

## Podium Emerging

Performing at County selected events, youth international & regional qualifying events.

## Podium Foundation

Competing at club events.

# Bowls Scotland Competitions: Overview

## Foundation:

### Nationals

This is the foundation of Bowls and is at the heart of every community. A club event that creates memories as people aspire to navigate the qualifiers on their journeys to the National Centre at Northfield.

## Emerging:

### AHT

The Andrew Hamilton trophy is an opportunity for emerging talent to be developed by a wealth of experience within the County Associations. It is a traditional competition that builds friendships and team spirit whilst battling it out to be the number one County in the country. Representatives from the County Associations will be asked to nominate players they believe align with the player performance indicators to attend National squad assessment days.

## **British Isles U18 Internationals**

A selected youth competition competing against the other home nations to be crowned British Champions.

## **Linda Brennan U25**

U25 Ladies Pairs open competition where the winners progress to represent Scotland in the British Championships.

## **British Isles Championships**

Winner of the Nationals events have the opportunity to play in their disciplines against the other British Isles winners to be crowned overall champion.

## **Champion of Champions**

Winners of the men's and women's national singles titles have the opportunity to compete as their club representative for Scotland on the World Stage.

## **European Open Pairs**

An attractive event for those out with Scotland this popular pairs event is supported by our partners Erskine.

## **Potential:**

### **Podium Open**

These events provide a platform to be seen irrespective of geography. They will be situated throughout the country and are aligned with the disciplines played on the world stage, giving players the opportunity to build and develop relationships with teammates and stand out as Scotland's best. Ranking points can be claimed at this competition as well as the top 4 of each event being automatically invited to a National squad assessment day.

### **Ladies and Gents Podium Top 10**

A widespread favourite, enabling players to create your own ladies or gents Top 10 team from across Scotland to showcase your skills in a highly competitive environment.

## **British Isles U25 Internationals**

A Scotland selected age group competition competing against the other home nations to be crowned British Champions.

## Success:

### British Isles Internationals

This is a Scotland selected team. The British Isles is the longest running international event where many of our most successful started on their international journey. Players compete in specialised disciplines working together to be crowned the best in Britain.

### European Championships/ World Championships/ Commonwealth Games/ National Team events

This is a Scotland selected team comprising of the best consistently performing players who align with the player performance indicators.

## FAQs:

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### **What are the Podium competitions and why are they open?**

A podium competition is a competitive opportunity to identify talent around the country. These competitions offer everyone the opportunity to test their ability and battle it out amongst the best.

### **How do I enter a podium open competition?**

By submitting an expression of interest form we can identify numbers and geography of players interested in the Bowls Scotland Performance pathway. By submitting this form, you will be invited for early bird competition entry to these events.

### **Why are Podium Open and Assessment venues to be confirmed?**

We will be working with clubs across the country who have solid foundations to provide inclusive and accessible opportunities to cater for players who have completed an expression of interest form.

### **Why are Podium Open and Assessment dates so early in the season?**

Time constraints of identifying players prior to the British Isles Internationals requires assessment early in the season.

### **How can our club host a Podium Open or Assessment Day?**

Let us know if you would be interested at [events@bowlsscotland.com](mailto:events@bowlsscotland.com) where we will provide further information.

