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After a successful 2023 season we look forward to the 2024 season ahead, with our National Championships in July, Scotland will also play host to more international events this year at the National Centre, the Para Home Nations, and the Bowls Europe Championships both returning which we are proud to host.

This guide provides information on the competitive opportunities available to Bowls Scotland affiliated clubs and associations, as well as how to enter each event.

Entering Competitions

Competition entries will be open from Monday 8th January via Bowls Scotland's online club and membership system which can be accessed by clicking on the following link: https://bowlsscotland.justgo.com/Account.mvc/Signln

As previously communicated with clubs and associations, competition entries are completed online.

Please ensure the following entry date deadlines are adhered to, this will allow for competition draws to take place in a timely manner.

Event	Closing Date
Andrew Hamilton Trophy	31st January 2024
National Championships including U25 Singles Entries	28 th February 2024
Youth National Championships	21st April 2024
Linda Brennan Ladies U25 Pairs	28 th April 2024
Youth Scottish Cup U17 Open Triples	28th April 2024
Youth Scottish U15 Open Pairs	28th April 2024
Para Open Pairs	28th April 2024
Ladies National Top Ten	19th May 2024
Gents National Top Ten	19th May 2024
European Open	31st May 2024

There are individual entries available for 'Open' events and these are available via the <u>online club and membership system</u>. Individuals can create a profile and enter an event by clicking on the events and courses tile in the system. Help guides on creating a profile are available on the Bowls Scotland website: https://www.bowlsscotland.com/club-development/online-membership Information on entering an 'Open' event can be found in the document tile within the online club and membership system.

For further information on the Competitions and Events, please get in touch with Craig Forsyth, Competitions & Events Coordinator, 07834451651 or events@bowlsscotland.com

Bowls Scotland District Coordinators are also here to help answer any questions you might have.



Competition & Events Calendar 2024

Event	Venue	Date
VI Assessment Day	Stirling Indoor BC	Saturday 10 th February
VI & PD Assessment Day	ТВС	Saturday I I th May
Podium Open	ТВС	Sunday 12 th May
Podium Open	ТВС	Sunday 19 th May
Linda Brennan Ladies U25 Pairs	Bainfield BC	Saturday 25 th May
Podium Open	TBC	Sunday 26 th May
Youth Scottish Cup U17 Triples – Ann Dennis Cup	Grangemouth BC	Saturday I st June
U15 Open Pairs Competition – Alan Michie Trophy	Grangemouth BC	Sunday 2 nd June
Podium Open	TBC	Sunday 2 nd June
Assessment Days	ТВС	Saturday 8 th -Sunday 9 th June
Andrew Hamilton Trophy Weeks I-3	Various	Saturday 15 th June-Saturday 6 th July
British Isles Championships	Royal Leamington Spa, England	Wednesday 26 th -Thursday 27 th June
British Isles International Series	Royal Leamington Spa, England	Friday 28 th -Sunday 30 th June
Para International Series	Northfield, Ayr	Friday 28 th -Sunday 30 th June
Ladies & Gents National Top 10 1st Round	Various	Sunday 7 th July
Andrew Hamilton Trophy Quarter Finals	Various	Saturday 13 th July
Ladies & Gents National Top 10 2 nd Round	Various	Sunday 14 th July
Andrew Hamilton Trophy Semi Finals	Various	Saturday 20 th July
Ladies & Gents National Top 10 3rd Round	Various	Sunday 21 st July
British Isles U18 Youth Internationals	Belmont BC, Ireland	Saturday 20 th – Sunday 21 st July
National Championships	Northfield, Ayr	Saturday 27 th July-Saturday 3 rd August
Andrew Hamilton Trophy Final	Northfield, Ayr	Sunday 4 th August
Ladies & Gents National Top 10 Quarter final	Various	Sunday II th August
Erskine Veteran Pairs	ТВС	Saturday 17 th August
Andy Houston County Competition	Northfield, Ayr	Saturday 24 th August
Ladies & Gents National Top 10 Semi final and Final	Northfield, Ayr	Sunday 25 th August



European Open	Northfield, Ayr	Saturday 31 st August-Sunday 1 st September
Bowls Europe Championships	Northfield, Ayr	Monday 2 nd -Sunday 8 th September
British Isles Youth U25 Internationals	Belmont BC, Ireland	Saturday 14 th -Sunday 15 th September

ALL DATES & VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINT <u>HOWEVER ARE</u> <u>SUBJECT TO CHANGE</u>

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Competition and Events Additional Information

National Championships

This competition is open to all affiliated Bowls Scotland clubs. The Competition is played in two Stages:

- First Stage District ties where Bowls Scotland affiliated clubs will be formed into Districts and play to the last 32.
- Second Stage National Championships competed for by the 32 District winners.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

Please visit Bowls Scotland website to view the full details: https://www.bowlsscotland.com/competitions/rules

Youth National Championships

Each club may enter an unrestricted number of players in the competition. All players must be aged 17 years and under on 1st April 2024. Clubs competing in first stage in the National Championships are required to provide green space for ties when requested by the District Youth Coordinator. Host clubs must appoint an umpire and a marker when required.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

Andrew Hamilton Trophy

First Stage of the competition will be played in a league format, each side with 6 teams of 4 players. Games will be 21 ends. Each rink will play for points, 2 points will be awarded to the winning rink and 1 point for a draw. 10 points will be awarded to the team with the highest overall shots. The qualifiers from each section will be the association teams which have gained the highest number of points and aggregate shots.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

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Ladies National Top Ten

This competition is open to all Ladies who are members of Bowls Scotland clubs. Teams of 10 players will form the "team" for the competition – the Top Ten. Each team can be made up of any combination of players if each player is a member of **any** Bowls Scotland affiliated bowling club. Players do not have to be from the same club to make up a team.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

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Gents National Top Ten

This competition is open to all Gents who are members of Bowls Scotland clubs. Teams of 10 players will form the "team" for the competition – the Top Ten. Each team can be made up of any combination of players if each player is a member of **any** Bowls Scotland affiliated bowling club. Players do not have to be from the same club to make up a team.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.



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Linda Brennan Ladies U25 Pairs

This competition is open to all Ladies who are a member of Bowls Scotland clubs, however players do not have to be from the same club to enter the competition. Entrants must be under 25 on or before 1st April 2024.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

European Open

The competition is open to any two players from any club or nation, it will be held at the National Centre for Bowling, Ayr on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

Para Open Pairs

Open Pairs competition which is open to any classified bowler either Physically Disabled or Visually Impaired or to any bowler with a disability yet not classified. Pairs combined classification of up to 15 points.

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

Youth U15 Open Pairs

This competition is open to any member of a Bowls Scotland affiliated club – players $\frac{\text{do not}}{\text{do not}}$ have to be from the same club to enter the competition. It will be held on Sunday 2^{nd} June at Grangemouth BC.

Entrants must be aged 15 or under on the 1st of April 2024 to be eligible to play

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

Youth Scottish Cup U17 Open Triples

This competition is open to any member of a Bowls Scotland affiliated club – players <u>do not</u> have to be from the same club to enter the competition, however combined teams will be representative of one club only. It will be held on Saturday 1st June at Grangemouth BC

• Entrants must be aged 17 or under on the 1st of April 2024 to be eligible to play

More information on the event can be found in the event page on the online membership system.

Erskine Veteran's Open Pairs

The competition is open to any two players from any club, it will be held at a venue to be confirmed on Saturday 17th August. Booking for this event will be advertised in the coming months.



Competition Entry Costs and Entries Permitted - National Championships

Section A

A player **cannot** compete in more than one competition in this section.

Gents		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Singles	2	£13.00
Pairs	2	£13.00
Triples	I	£13.00
Fours	I	£13.00

Ladies		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Singles	2	£13.00
Pairs	2	£13.00
Triples	I	£13.00
Fours	I	£13.00

Section B

A player **cannot** compete in more than one competition in section B. Entrants can also compete in Section A but in no more than one competition. Entrants must be aged 55 and over on 1st April 2024.

Over-55 Gents		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Singles	Unlimited	£13.00
Fours	Unlimited	£13.00

Over-55 Ladies		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Singles	Unlimited	£13.00
Fours	Unlimited	£13.00

Section C

A player entered in Sections A and/or B is also eligible to enter the Mixed Pairs.

Mixed Pairs		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Mixed Pairs	2	£13.00

Section D

A player entered in Sections A and/or C is also eligible to enter the Junior Singles, Sections E and/or F. Entrants must be aged under 25 on or before 1st April 2024.

Junior Singles Entrants must be aged under 25 on 1st April 2024.

Gents		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Iunior Singles	Unlimited	£13.00

Ladies		
National	Entries	Cost Per Entry
Competition	Permitted	
Junior Singles	Unlimited	£13.00



Section **E**

A player entered in Sections A, C and/or D is also eligible to enter the Youth Championships. Entrants must be aged 17 years and under on 1st April 2024.

A player **cannot** compete in more than one competition in this section at Stage 2.

Youth Championship entrants must be aged 17 or under on 1st April 2024.

Youth Championships		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Youth Singles	Unlimited	£3.00
Youth Pairs	Unlimited	£6.00
Youth Triples	Unlimited	£9.00

Section F

A player entered in Sections A, B, and/or D is also eligible to enter the Para Singles.

A player cannot compete in more than one competition in this section.

Gents		
National	Entries	Cost Per Entry
Competition	Permitted	
Physically	Unlimited	£13.00
Disabled		
(B6)		
Physically	Unlimited	£13.00
Disabled		
(B7- B8)		
Visually	Unlimited	£13.00
Impaired		
(BI – B3)		

Ladies		
National Competition	Entries Permitted	Cost Per Entry
Physically Disabled (B6 - B8)	Unlimited	£13.00
Visually Impaired (BI – B3)	Unlimited	£13.00