

DRIVE TO SUCCESS

PODIUM PATHWAYS

HIGH PERFORMANCE VISION 2023-2028



Drive to Success!

Drive to Success outlines the roadmap for both players and coaches 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 our bowlers.

To support our players to achieve their full potential our coach and support team will be at the heart of our programme 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.
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 online player information evenings and access to documents about the pathway.
4. Players who have completed an expression of interest will be given access to Podium events which will be utilised as assessment tools to invite players to National squad assessment days.

Assessment Days

Assessment days will be by invitation to those that were successful at the podium opens or through selector observations.

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

Assessment days are outlined in the Calendar for all National Team squads including U25 and U18 players.

An international selection point will be after the assessment days.

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

Podium Success

Consistent performance at International and National events.

Podium Potential

Consistent performance at National, Podium events & assessment days.

Podium Emerging

Performing at County selected events & regional qualifying events.

Podium Foundation

Competing at club events.

Bowls Scotland Competitions: Overview

Foundation:

National Qualifiers

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:

National Championships

When the best from the around the country come together at the National Centre for Bowling. Those who are successful and come out on top in the open category disciplines of singles, pairs, triples and fours will be invited to attend relevant assessment days subject to engagement in the pathway outlined above.

British 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.

Ladies and Gents Top 10

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

European Open Pairs

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

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.

Potential:

Podium Open

These events provide a platform to be seen irrespective of geography. They will be situated throughout the country giving players the opportunity to build and develop relationships with teammates and stand out as Scotland's best. These events will be utilised as assessment tools to observe players and those successful will be invited to National squad assessment days.

U25 Linda Brennan & Andy Meekison Pairs

Winners of the ladies and gents U25 pairs event have the opportunity to compete in the British Isles Championships. This event will also be used as an assessment tool for U25 national squad assessment.

Success:

National Team events/ British Isle Internationals/ European Championships/ World Championships/ Commonwealth Games

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

FAQs:

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 ([click here](#)) 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.

What are Podium Open and Assessment venues?

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 where we will provide further information.

