

The background is a photograph of a bowls green. In the foreground, several bowls are visible: an orange one, a white one, a red one, and a blue one. In the middle ground, a man in a white and blue shirt is sitting in a green wheelchair, being pushed by a man in a purple shirt. To the right, a group of young people in blue and white shirts are standing and watching. In the background, there are trees and a building. A blue banner with white text is partially visible, reading 'AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY' and 'WWW.BOWLSSCOTLAND.COM'.

CLUB, COACH AND VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to Bowls Scotland's Club, Coach and Volunteer Development Calendar 2025.

All our club development, coach and volunteering courses and workshops are bookable via our Online Club and Membership System where you will find a description of the event. To book a place, click on the booking link relevant to your workshop and use the Booking a Course Guide, available on our website:
<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/club-development/online-membership>

The opportunities showcased in this document are not exhaustive, and if you or your club are looking for support in another area, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we can look to support as much as possible.

Places are limited for each course, workshop and forum so please book your place early to avoid disappointment.



KEY CONTACTS

For further information on the Coach and Volunteering courses, workshops, and forums or for any other coach and volunteer support, please get in touch;

Coach and Volunteer Manager : Adam Martin

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For information on the Club Development opportunities available or if you require any other club development support, please get in touch with your National Development Officer:

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Disability Development Officer: Stuart Chesby

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REQUEST A COURSE

We want our clubs to have as much flexibility and opportunity as possible and we are fully aware of challenges around travelling long distances to Development Courses. Our Development Calendar has opportunities all over Scotland, but in addition to these opportunities we are now accepting requests from clubs who would like a development opportunity at their own club to ensure everyone can access our resources.

If any club would like to enquire about running their own course, please check the criteria below;

- **Minimum of 6 participants**
(Multiple local clubs can link together)
- **Be able to provide a suitable green/venue for course/workshop**
- **Work with Bowls Scotland to find suitable dates for tutors**

To request a bespoke development opportunity, please **[CLICK HERE](#)**



COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Bowls Scotland is committed to developing and delivering accessible education and development opportunities for coaches and club volunteers across Scotland. A benefit of affiliation to Bowls Scotland is 50% discounted coach education courses.

We are providing accessible, world leading learning and development opportunities for coaches and volunteers. We are also providing more opportunities for women and girls to play, coach, volunteer, and lead.

Please see below a full list of courses currently available to all clubs in Scotland to access. Due to feedback from clubs, we deliver a lot of our Education courses during the winter months at Indoor clubs so as to avoid outdoor competitions etc, however we are happy to deliver at outdoor clubs should this be part of a request. Coaches do not need to be Indoor Bowls players to access indoor education opportunities.

If you cannot access any of the opportunities available, please look to our Request a Course option.



INTRODUCTION TO BOWLS COACHING AWARD (IBCA)

Play your part in introducing new players of any age to the brilliant game of bowls.

Coaches will leave with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to deliver fun and safe sessions to new bowlers of any age whether at regular club sessions or a Try Bowls event.

The main focus is on coaches leading fun activities with an aim to create a social, safe & inclusive environment in your sessions and providing the entry level skills to start your coaching journey.

Structure: 2 Hours online learning + 2 Hours on-green training (4 Hours)

Note – All online learning information will be sent out approximately 7 days before the event

Cost: Affiliated Clubs - £40 or Non-Affiliated Clubs - £80



IBCA COURSES

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
19/01/2025	12pm-3pm	Stirling IBC*	Click Here
09/02/2025	10am-12pm	West Lothian IBC	Click Here
23/02/2025	12pm-2pm	Elgin & District IBC	Click Here
24/04/2025	6:30pm-8:30pm	Gala BC	Click Here
26/04/2025	12pm-2pm	Lanark Thistle BC	Click Here
03/05/2025	2pm-4pm	Fraser Park BC, Inverness	Click Here
04/05/2025	12pm-2pm	Craigentinny BC	Click Here
04/05/2025	12pm-2pm	Harlaw BC	Click Here
07/05/2025	6:30pm-8:30pm	Marchmount BC	Click Here
08/05/2025	6:30pm-8:30pm	Perth West End BC	Click Here
14/05/2025	6:30pm-8:30pm	Northfield BC	Click Here



*This course is being delivered specifically for coaches with a disability

INTRODUCTION TO COACHING PARA BOWLS AWARD

The Introduction to Coaching Para Bowls award is our newest Coaching Qualification and is aimed at allowing coaches to experience and understand navigating adaptations for coaching bowlers with a disability.

Para Bowls is a fast-growing area of Bowls in Scotland and with fantastic results on the world stage in recent years, we hope to encourage more clubs to enable Para Bowlers to develop their skills as much as possible.

The course will provide an introduction to Visually Impaired Bowls as well as Physically Disabled bowlers. Coaches will get the opportunity to try out some specific Para Bowls equipment, as well as gather hints and tips to make their coaching sessions more inclusive and open to all players with a disability. This course has been designed in partnership with Scottish Disability Sport and will provide coaches with the confidence and knowledge to ensure their club is as inclusive as possible.

Structure: 2 Hours online pre-course learning & 3 Hours on-green training (5 Hours)

Note – All online learning information will be sent out approximately 7 days before the event.

Cost: Affiliated Clubs - £40 or Non-Affiliated Clubs - £80



INTRODUCTION TO COACHING PARA BOWLS COURSES

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
16/02/2025	12pm-3pm	Whiteinch IBC	<u>Click Here</u>
27/04/2025	11am-2pm	Balgay BC	<u>Click Here</u>



LEVEL 1 BOWLS COACHING AWARD

This course is designed to allow coaches to learn how to develop and improve existing players within your club or take them from beginner level to a more intermediate standard.

Coaches will leave with the knowledge, skills and confidence to deliver fun, safe and progressive sessions that develop club players using skills-based practices to produce a more consistent line and length. Coaches will also design and deliver practices to improve the decision-making abilities of players, discuss technique and tactics and learn how to adapt coaching sessions for a variety of situations and individuals.

Structure: 2 Hours online pre-course learning & 8 Hours on-green training (10 Hours)

Note – All online learning information will be sent out approximately 7 days before the event

Cost: Affiliated Clubs - £80 or Non-Affiliated Clubs - £160



LEVEL 1 BOWLS COACHING COURSES

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
02/02/2025	10am-6pm	Arbroath IBC	Click Here
16/02/2025	10am-6pm	East Lothian IBC	Click Here
23/02/2025	10am-6pm	Glasgow IBC	Click Here
09/03/2025	10am-6pm	Cumbria IBC	Click Here
01/06/2025	10am-6pm	Harlaw BC	Click Here
18/05/2025	10am-6pm	Northern BC	Click Here



LEVEL 2 BOWLS COACHING AWARD

Our brand new Level 2 Award will allow coaches to understand the skills and knowledge to understand their players better and create a develop plan for them to work with you to develop as an individual.

The course will focus on working with individual one-to-one coaching or small groups and will help coaches understand Player Testing, monitoring of progress and Podium Pathway to better help players progress into higher level opportunities.

The course will take place over a full season and involve coursework to be completed at your own club during that season. There is also mentoring support available for coaches throughout the season to help develop their individual needs as a Level 2 Coach.

Structure: 2 Full days in-person training, 3 hours online training mid-season and 10 hours coursework at home (25 Hours)

Cost: Affiliated Clubs - £120 or Non-Affiliated Clubs - £240



LEVEL 2 BOWLS COACHING COURSES

	Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
Cohort 1 Day 1	23/02/2025	10am-5pm	Arbroath IBC	Click Here
Cohort 1 Day 2	*Coaches chose between 6th or 7th September	10am-5pm	TBC	
Cohort 2 Day 1	09/03/2025	10am-5pm	Auchinleck IBC	Click Here
Cohort 2 Day 2	*Coaches chose between 6th or 7th September	10am-5pm	TBC	
Cohort 3 Day 1	23/03/2025	10am-5pm	Stirling IBC	Click Here
Cohort 3 Day 2	*Coaches chose between 6th or 7th September	10am-5pm	TBC	

*Day two for all cohorts is provisionally scheduled for 6th or 7th September 2025



SAFEGUARDING COURSES

CWPO and CWPS

Bowls Scotland requires all those working with children (i.e. coaches, officials and helpers) within a club as well as those accompanying children on trips, regardless of whether in a paid capacity or as a volunteer, attend the relevant Child Protection courses. Child Protection Training should be repeated every three years.

It is mandatory for Clubs with Under 18 players to have a trained Wellbeing & Protection Officer (WPOs) in place.

It is recommended that anyone coaching or working with children also attend CWPS training once every 3 years to ensure the children you are working with are as safe as possible.

The cost of both CWPS and CWPO courses is FREE.

Bowls Scotland absorb all costs and are committed to keeping these courses free of charge to ensure clubs can easily comply with government legislation

If your club requires support with PVG applications, please email safeguarding@bowlsscotland.com

More information on safeguarding can be found on our website:
<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/safeguarding>



SAFEGUARDING COURSES (CWPS)

Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport (CWPS) supersedes the previous Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) course. The training will provide you with the knowledge on child wellbeing and protection that will give you the confidence to deal with issues that may arise in your role working with children.

Structure: 1 Hour online pre-course learning & 3 Hours on-line training session (4 Hours)

Note - these courses will close two weeks before to allow time for attendees to be registered and pre-course reading to be completed. Online learning will sent out after this closing date

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
11/03/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
07/04/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
11/06/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
25/08/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
22/09/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here



SAFEGUARDING COURSES (CWPO)

Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO) Training is suitable for individuals responsible for leading their club or organisation in the wellbeing and protection of children and young people. Learners will have the opportunity to develop knowledge of the roles and responsibilities associated with child wellbeing and protection.

It is mandatory for Clubs with Under 18 players to have a trained Wellbeing & Protection Officer (WPOs) in place. It is recommended that anyone coaching or working with children also attend CWPS training once every 3 years.

Structure: 1 Hour online pre-course learning & 3 Hours on-line training session (4 Hours)

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
26/03/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
22/04/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
26/06/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
15/09/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here
22/10/2025	6pm-9pm	Online	Click Here



REGIONAL COACHING CLINICS

In 2025 for the first time ever Bowls Scotland are leading 5 Regional Coaching Clinics which will allow coaches to come together to gather knowledge, experience and an opportunity to network with other coaches in the local area.

Based on feedback from 100's of coaches across Scotland, many feel they want more than just coaching qualifications and an opportunity to ask questions, meet like-minded individuals and share their own experiences with others.

The format of each Regional Coaching Clinic will differ, but the main structure of the day is as follows;

- Introductions and presentation on Bowls Scotland's Coaching future.
- Multiple 45 minutes Workshops - Allowing coaches the chance to experience new ways and styles of coaching and tips for their sessions.
- Coaching Demonstrations & Guest Speakers - Demonstrations on green from experienced coaches.
- Networking Opportunities - Chance to meet likeminded coaches and connect growing your own network.
- Development Opportunities - Chance to hear and discuss opportunities to help you grow as a coach.

For further details please contact Coach & Volunteer Manager, Adam Martin on adammartin@bowlsscotland.com



REGIONAL COACHING CLINICS

Each Regional Clinic will have full detailed information published early in 2025
but sign up now to secure your place!

Cost - £10 per coach (Food included)

Date	Time	Venue	Booking Link
18/05/2025	11am - 4pm	Stanley BC	Click Here
01/06/2025	11am - 4pm	Bowls Scotland, Ayr	Click Here
08/06/2025	11am - 4pm	Newhills BC	Click Here
22/06/2025	11am - 4pm	Rutherglen BC	Click Here
29/06/2025	11am - 4pm	Parkside BC	Click Here



CLUBS CONTINUE TO BE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO...



Please get in touch with the Development Team, they are always happy to help.