



2025 EUROPEAN OPEN

**SATURDAY 19TH & SUNDAY 20th
JULY**

INFORMATION HANDBOOK

WELCOME

We are delighted to be delivering the European Open Pairs competition again in 2025. It is fantastic to be able to welcome you all to National Centre for Bowling in Ayr and we look forward to some brilliant matches.

CONTROLLING BODY: Bowls Scotland

Controlling Body:

- Event Manager / Tournament Director – Lawra Cox (Bowls Scotland)
- Technical Official – Dan McManus

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Format of Play:

- PAIRS: Three bowls per athlete, 11 ends or a time limit of 1 hour 15 minutes per match

Restricted movement in play:

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.

- The lead after delivery of their third bowl
- The skip after delivery of their second and third bowl

Trial Ends:

- One trial end will be allowed in accordance with Law 5.1
- In trial end players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls are stamped as per below

SCHEDULE

- There are 4 teams per section (19 sections) – draw will be published on Bowls Scotland website
- Round robin format and games will play 11 ends of time limit of 1 hour 15 minutes per match
 - Groups 1 to 10 – play commences at 9.00am, 12.00pm & 3.00pm
 - Groups 11 to 19 – play commences at 10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm
- One from each section will qualify to knockout stages. An additional 13 teams who finish second in their group will qualify as defined under scoring below
- Knockout stages will be played on Sunday 20th July at 9.30am

SCORING

Scores will be awarded as follows:

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss

At the end of sectional play if the games won are equal then the shot difference will determine the winner of that section. If the shot difference is the same, then shots “for” will be used. If both shot difference and shots for are the same then we will decide a winner on the number of ends won across all games. Winner will be the team who top the group at the conclusion of all matches. Section winners plus 13 highest runners up from all sections, qualify for knockout stages (last 32).

The 13 highest runners up will be determined by shot difference, shots for and then the least number of shots against, if all of these are equal the today number of ends won shall be calculated. If all of this is equal then a one bowl shootout shall take place between the tied teams skips.

ALTERATIONS TO THE FORMAT & LENGTH OF GAMES

- The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.

- Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the controlling body may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING TIME LIMITS

- Start of Play – Play will commence with the appointed official signalling the start time by a bell, horn, etc.
- End of Play – At the completion of the allocated time, the appointed official will signal the end time of play by a bell, horn, etc. At this time players will complete the current end they are playing. (The start of an end is determined by the delivery of the jack by the first player in that end).

RE-SPOTTING THE JACK

- If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at the central 2 metre spot.
- If the spot is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl. Law 56.5.4.

STAMP ON BOWLS

For the European Open, bowls will only require to be re-tested and re-stamped if the date stamp or the serial number is not clearly legible on all bowls (IBB, WBB and WB stamps only). Bowls with **ONLY the BIBC Stamp are ineligible**

MARKING TOUCHERS

“Spray chalk” will be used to mark touchers for all singles matches and is the preferred method to be used in all team matches.

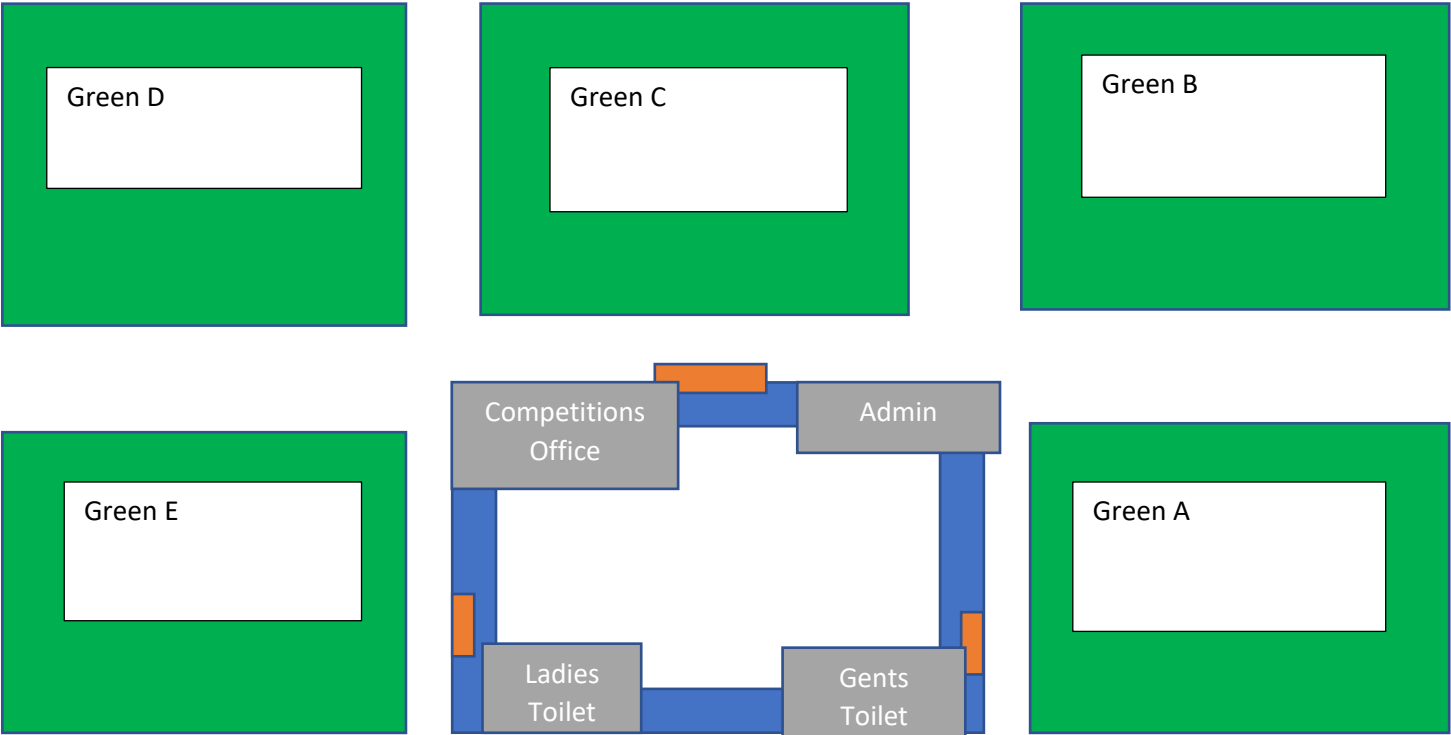
OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS & POLICIES

All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition as approved by World Bowls in August 2022.

COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY

- £1,500 – Winners
- £750 – Runner Up
- £100 – Semi Finalists

VENUE LAYOUT



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