

Accessibility Statement – 2025 Bowls Scotland National Championships

Bowls Scotland is committed to making the National Championships at the National Centre for Bowling in Ayr inclusive, welcoming, and accessible for all players, spectators, staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Event Details

Dates: Saturday 26th July – Saturday 2nd August 2025

Venue: National Centre for Bowling, Northfield, Ayr, KA8 9AL

Tickets: A variety of ticket options are for purchase in advance via the Bowls Scotland website or upon arrival at the venue.

Accessibility at the Venue


The venue is wheelchair accessible and includes:

- Step-free access to all bowling greens.
- Accessible toilets on site.
- Designated outdoor viewing areas for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility.

Most of the venue is flat, with a combination of concrete and gravel pathways. Areas with elevation are accessible via wheelchair-friendly ramps. Hospitality and retail marquees feature temporary flooring, which may be uneven - please take extra care when moving through these areas.

Service animals and dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. Dog waste bins are available throughout the venue.

Parking

 Due to parking restrictions enforced by South Ayrshire Council for the duration of the National Championships, there is no onsite parking or parking on streets surrounding the venue for spectators, players or volunteers. This is to keep everyone safe and reduce disruption for nearby residents and businesses.

Free Park & Ride:




- Wheelchair-accessible minibuses between Park & Ride and the venue.
- Show your Blue Badge on arrival to Parking Marshals to access the designated parking area.
- The surface is grass, which may be uneven and slippery in wet weather.
- Location: Afton Avenue, Prestwick, KA9 2AG (0.6 miles from the venue).

Public Transport

The venue is a short distance from public transport links:

- Newton-on-Ayr Train Station – 0.5 miles (around 10 minutes' walk or with mobility aids).
- Ayr Bus Station – 1.5 miles (approx. 30 minutes' walk, or a short taxi journey).
- Regular service available by both train and bus to and from Ayr and the surrounding areas including Glasgow.

Onsite Facilities

-  Catering – A variety of food and drink will be available. Please speak directly to vendors about any dietary needs or allergies.
-  Retail Marquee – Open daily with clothing, bowls, and accessories.
-  Information Tent – Located at the entrance of the main pavilion. Drop by for help, event information, and schedules.

Communication & Support

- Clear, easy-to-read signs will be in place.
- Staff and volunteers will be visually identifiable wearing purple Bowls Scotland polo shirts.
- Large print materials are available on request.
- Tannoy Announcements – Regular updates throughout the day on fixtures, results, and presentations.
- Follow Bowls Scotland on Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube for updates!
- Live streaming of select matches will be available through Facebook and YouTube.

Disability Awareness Day – Friday 1 August

We are proud to host our first Disability Awareness Day during the National Championships on Friday 1st August. Join us for:

- On-green demonstrations of adaptive Try Bowls games and bowling aids.
- Inclusive exhibitors sharing services and products including the team from Euan's Guide.
- Support from Bowls Scotland staff, including our Disability Development Officer and National Development Officers, who will be on hand to help with any questions or needs.