

Bowls Scotland want you to get the most from your visit to the 2025 National Championships. A few minutes' planning ahead can make all the difference. We encourage you to take public transport; not only is it good for the environment, but it also means that you can sit back and relax on your journey. If there is anything not covered in this section, please get in touch with us via info@bowlsscotland.com and we will come back to you.

TICKETING AND ENTRY

How much are tickets?

Day tickets: £7 per day, payable at the gate

Weekly tickets: £50

- Available to purchase Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th July (valid Saturday 26th – Saturday 2nd August)

Please note that only children under the age of 16 accompanied by a responsible adult are entitled to enter the event free of charge.

Please note this year we are operating a wristband system. Wristbands must be kept on for the duration of your access to the event.

Where can I buy tickets?

Tickets are available to purchase online in our pre-sale system and will be sold in-person, on entry to the Championships. Please note: Tickets are only available to purchase online until 20th July 2025. The entrance to the Championships is located at the entrance marquee next to the retail marquee, Hunters Avenue, Ayr, KA8 9AL.

How can I pay?

Payments for tickets can be made with cash or card.

There are no cashpoints on site, the nearest cash machine is located at Tesco Express, Prestwick Road, a 5-minute walk away.

Do I qualify for a concession ticket?

Only children under the age of 16 are entitled to entry free of charge with a fully paying adult. Tickets are priced at £7 per day, multi-day tickets also available.

Is my ticket valid for any day?

Single day tickets purchased at the event are only valid for the day they are purchased and for one person.

What is on each day?

The playing schedule is available to view here:

<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/competitions/national/national-championships>. Results will be updated daily and displayed on-site and on the Bowls Scotland website.

Outwith the action on the greens, we have a retail marquee for you to shop till you drop, and of course a bar and catering tent to wind down with a drink and a bite to eat. For more information on the retail tent keep an eye on our social media channels to find out who will be trading each day.

Does a disabled person get in free?

No. But, if a carer is required, then the carer enters free of charge – entry fees apply to all other people.

Disabled toilets are located when you come out the retail marquee across from the catering marquee. Ramp access is available on all greens. Catering and Retail areas are also wheelchair accessible.

What does my entry price cover?

Once inside the venue you can experience the Championships. You may need to buy something to eat or drink. However, we've tailored the menu so that there is something for everyone at an affordable price. It really is a great value day out, especially with children under 16 entering free.

What are the opening and closing times?

Entrance gates (on Hunters Avenue) – 8am to 6pm

Catering facilities – 8am to 6pm

Main Bar – 11am to end of play

Retail marquee – 8am to 6pm

*Times are subject to change according to start and end of play on each day and at the discretion of The Competitions and Events Team.

Can I leave and re-enter the venue during the day?

Yes. Please keep your wristband on to display on entrance as you must show this at the gate to re-enter.

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Is parking available?

There is no public parking available at The National Centre for Bowling or on the surrounding streets during the event, even for blue badge holders. We encourage spectators to use public transport or our dedicated Park and Ride service on Afton Avenue [google maps link](#).

What about disabled parking?

Disabled blue badge parking is at the Park and Ride on Afton Avenue [google maps link](#). Stewards will be able to advise on where to park and accessible buses are available.

What is the best time to avoid the queues?

The National Championships attracts big crowds. This will inevitably result in some delays in entering the site at peak times.

Using public transport can actually enhance your journey. Our best advice is to arrive early – gates open at 8am (times are subject to change according to start and end of play on each day and at the discretion of The Competitions and Events Team).

Will there be queues to get into the Park & Ride car park?

There may be small delays at peak times. Again, our best advice is to arrive early. Car parking stewards will guide you to a space and shuttle buses run every 10 minutes at peak times.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Who runs the National Championships?

The National Championships is organised by Bowls Scotland, the National Governing Body for lawn bowls in Scotland. Our aim is to widen awareness and increase participation in what is already one of the most popular and successful sports in Scotland.

Find out more about us: www.bowlsscotland.com.

How do I find out what's happening and where?

To make the most of your visit, the event programme will tell you what's on, where and when. It is available to view on our website here:

<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/competitions/national/national-championships>

QR codes will also be available at various locations on site which will give you access to the event programme and schedule.

We will be sharing regular updates on social media throughout the event, follow @BowlsScotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Where do I find out results?

The results can be found by visiting our website throughout the Championships:

<https://www.bowlsscotland.com/competitions/national/national-championships>

Will there be live streaming in operation?

Live streaming will be provided free of charge for the full eight days on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. The Mixed Pairs, Para Physically Disabled Open Pairs, Gents Singles and Ladies Singles finals will also be shown on the BBC Sport website and BBC iPlayer. More details on what matches will feature on the live streaming rink will be shared on our social media pages throughout the event.

Can I bring a camera?

We would highly recommend you do, as there is so much to capture.

We will have professional photographers on site throughout the event who will be capturing images of players and spectators for use in Bowls Scotland promotional material.

Can players buy professional photos?

Professional photos of players will be available to purchase. Trevor Robinson Photography will have a stall in the retail marquee with a preview monitor to view the shots taken each day. Images will also be available to view and order. Check our social media during the event, visit the retail marquee or for more information visit <https://www.trevorrobinsontphotography.com>

Am I allowed to bring my own food and drink?

You are very welcome to bring your own food and snacks although we have plenty of places to buy food on site in our catering tent. We have new vendors available this year with burgers, pizza, fish & chips, donuts and a traditional cafe on offer at competitive prices!

Spectators are prohibited from bringing alcohol into the venue and only alcohol purchased in the designated bar areas can be consumed. Security will be carrying out random bag checks on entry to the venue.

What if I feel unwell?

First Aid is provided at the First Aid station at our info tent, ask a volunteer or official for assistance.

Can I bring a dog to the National Centre?

We encourage all well-behaved dogs to The National Centre for Bowling, Ayr. It can be a busy place, so dogs must be kept on leads at all times.

Will there be access to free drinking water onsite?

Yes, we will have one water station available, so we encourage you to bring your own re-useable water bottle.



Lost Property:

Speak to any volunteer for assistance with lost property during the event.

Following the Championships, lost property will be held at The National Centre for Bowling, Ayr and any enquiries should be made to info@bowlsscotland.com or 01292 294623.