

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS - MEN'S SECTION

GENERAL RULES

5. DRESS CODE

a. County Competitions.

BE Regulations stipulate that:

The dress code in all rounds of County Championships leading to the Final Stages of the National Championships shall be stipulated by the County Association, having regard to Regulations 50.5.1.1 (Men) and 50.5.1.2 (Women).

Please note: All reference to white shoes, shirts, waterproofs etc., should read predominately white shoes, shirts, waterproofs etc.

- (i) **BE Regulation 5.1.1. (Dress Specific to Men)**
 - a) Dress will be grey or white trousers and white, club or county registered shirts with brown, white or grey flat soled shoes. Sandals will not be permitted, in events under the jurisdiction of Bowls England, except in medical circumstances where a doctor's note has been provided.
 - b) Club/County apparel may be worn provided that all members of the side or team wear the same and provided that the design of such apparel has been registered to the County/Bowls England.
 - c) Bowls England licensed and approved apparel may be worn provided that all members of a side or team bear the same colour above and/or below the waist.
 - d) Players governed by requirements of a specific ethnic culture will be permitted to wear their traditional dress if they so desire.
 - e) Tracksuits, shell suits and jeans are not acceptable.
 - f) Headgear, if worn, should be white or a registered colour.
 - g) White waterproof clothing may be used, or, providing all members of a side wear the same, registered colour waterproof/fleeces are permitted. Bowls England licensed and approved apparel may also be worn.

Specific County Regulations:

- (i) **Shirts:** All players entering County Competitions shall - **in all matches** - be dressed in club colours as registered with the County Association and as per BE Regulations and all players shall be dressed the same. **If a club does not have club colours registered with the County Association then all players shall be dress the same in plain white shirts with a collar – t-shirts are not permitted nor are other coloured shirts.**
- (ii) **Trousers/Shorts:**
 - a) **For all rounds - prior to the Quarter Finals:**

Players may wear White trousers - or White TAILORED shorts - or grey trousers (NO grey shorts) but all members of a team **MUST BE** dressed in the same colour clothing.
 - b) **For Final Stage matches - Qtr Finals onwards:**

Even though they are played in the evening, the dress shall be White Trousers - or White TAILORED shorts. Individual members of a team may wear White TAILORED shorts.

c) Coloured Shorts:

Shorts - other than White TAILORED shorts - may only be worn - if they are Bowls England licensed and approved apparel and if ALL MEMBERS OF A SIDE OR TEAM - wear the same coloured approved shorts. Individual members of a team MAY NOT wear any shorts other than White TAILORED shorts.

(iii) Trousers if worn shall NOT be rolled up in any way.

(iii) **Penalty:** Any player/team who participate in a match incorrectly dressed - will on the first occasion that it happens, be warned that if such a situation arises again in a later round - or in the following season - then they will be disqualified from the competition – unless the Emergency Committee consider that there are exceptional circumstances – or that the offence is so serious it merits an immediate disqualification.

NB: Reference to 'TAILORED' shorts - means that the shorts will have a crease down the front.

(iv) Finals Day(s):

a) Shirts and trousers as per (i) and (ii) above - except that Trousers/shorts - must be White and no other colour.

b) All players shall remain in 'whites' until after the last match of the relevant session has been completed and the trophies presented and the photographs taken.

(v) Penalties - Quarter Final Stages onwards and 1 Day Competitions:

Any player/team who attempts to participate in a match incorrectly dressed - will be required to change into the correct dress and if they fail to do so will be disqualified from the Competition – unless the Senior Officers present - consider that there are exceptional circumstances.

(vi) Bowls and stickers:

a) All bowls must bear the same stickers or none at all.

b) The 1985 Regulation is fine for all rounds up to and including Finals Day, but all bowls must be dated with the current year or beyond - for anyone qualified for the Nationals.

b. County Matches

(i) **HCL & MC Matches:**

Players are expected to arrive for matches in Blazer and Grey flannel trousers, with either a white shirt and tie or County Shirt. Players will normally play in County Shirt, White Trousers - or White TAILORED shorts - and White shoes unless the dress is notified otherwise on the team sheet for a match being played in a morning.

(ii) **Under 25 Matches:**

Players are expected to arrive for matches in County shirt and Grey flannel trousers, with either a white shirt and tie or County Shirt. Players will normally play in County Shirt, White Trousers - or White TAILORED shorts - and White shoes unless the dress is notified otherwise on the team sheet for a match being played in a morning.

(iii) **County Matches:**

Players are expected to arrive for matches in Blazer and Grey flannel trousers, with either a white shirt and tie or County Shirt. Players will normally play in County Shirt, White Trousers - or White TAILORED shorts - and White shoes unless the dress is notified otherwise on the team sheet for a match being played in a morning.

(iv) **Executive Matches:**

Players are expected to arrive for matches in Blazer and Grey flannel trousers, with either a white shirt and tie or County Shirt. Players will normally play in County Shirt, White Trousers - or White TAILORED shorts - and White shoes.

(v) **Vice Patron Matches:**

Players will normally play in either County Shirts or plain white shirts dependant on the divisional agreement, with white trousers and bowls shoes. Tailored white shorts ARE permitted to be worn.

c. Meetings

- (i) **Executive Committee and AGM:** - as agreed by the delegates themselves the dress for these meetings will be County Blazer, Ties and Greys.
- (ii) **All other Committee Meetings:** Members should attend in smart casual clothing.