



## COUNTY AND PRESIDENTIAL MATCHES FOR 2026

Each year the County play - OUTDOORS - a number of 'Inter County matches' against other Counties and also Presidential matches against clubs and organisations within our County that are often to celebrate the Centenary of the club, the opening of a new clubhouse, etc., etc. The County also play a number of INDOOR matches against indoor clubs in this County - during the Winter Months.

**All players, both County 'badged' and 'unbadged players', may apply to play for the County, but the members of the Selection Committee have indicated that - if 'unbadged players' are to be considered for selection they need to meet the criteria quoted on Page 3.**

The County are seeking applications from players - **who have a genuine desire to play for the County and who are prepared to make a commitment to County matches.** Unfortunately in recent years it has been noticed, that a considerable number of players have submitted a Form F2 - indicating a desire to play for the County - **but then only make themselves available for a few local matches - and several do not make themselves available for away matches.**

It is fully understood that for some players there are good reasons for lack of availability and inability to travel any distance - workers, people who need to care for others, but the biggest headache and disappointment is caused by players - who have made themselves available for a match - have been selected - and then have been selected to play in a County match - **but then subsequently withdraw to play in an alternative event.** That should not happen and shows a lack of commitment to the County.

When selecting players for County Friendly matches, the selectors are required to predominantly select - County Badged players - but are permitted to select one or two - highly recommended - unbadged players. (It should be noted that the Women's Section will not select any player who does not hold a County Badge).

Each year, several players indicate they wish to play for the County, but for one reason or another are not chosen by the selectors to play in any of the 'County Friendly' matches. The opportunity now - to indicate a wish to be also considered to play - in the internal County 'Presidential matches' - will if selected, give these players the opportunity to be seen, which may enhance their chances of being selected for the County Friendly matches.

**If you are interested in representing the County and wish to be considered - whether you are a badged player or not the Forms F2B1 & F2B2 - MUST BE COMPLETED BY you the PLAYER - and sent in - to the Hon. County Secretary - prior to 1st February, 2026.**

**To ensure fairness to all, late applications will not be accepted.**

BY COMPLETING THIS FORM, A PLAYER GIVES IMPLICIT CONSENT FOR HIS CONTACT DETAILS AS SUPPLIED, TO BE STORED AND MADE AVAILABLE AND USED FOR LEGITIMATE REASONS.

ALL applications received will be passed to the Selection Committee for both County Friendly matches and now also for 'Presidential matches'. About March time, your selector will send you an email asking for your availability for the first few matches County matches, of the season - and then similarly at intervals during the season, for other matches. **Players who fail to have the courtesy to respond - will be removed from the list.**

**Rod McBeth**

Hon. Secretary - Sussex County Bowls - Men's Section



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# F2B1

### COUNTY AND PRESIDENTIAL MATCH SELECTION FOR 2026

THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED - BY THE PLAYER - ONLY.

THIS FORM IS NOT APPLICABLE FOR MIDDLETON CUP OR HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE MATCHES WHERE THE TEAM MANAGER 'INVITES PLAYERS TO PLAY'.

Please Return by email or mail - to:	Rod McBeth, Hon. Secretary, Sussex County Bowls - Men's Section, 30 Manor Road, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, BN44 3TJ		
Telephone:	01903 879870 or 07884 005413	email:	sussexcb@gmail.com

prior to 1st February, 2026

**ALL AREAS IN YELLOW 'MUST BE' COMPLETED**

Please print - IN CAPITALS SO IT IS READABLE - WE KNOW EMAILS ARE IN LOWER CASE.

Name of Club:	Area: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4		
Forename	Surname	Mobile Number	Home Number

email address:

Email Address - IT IS ESSENTIAL AN EMAIL ADDRESS IS SUPPLIED as Selectors deal with players by email.  
if you DO NOT have an email address please arrange with a buddy to use his.

Have you been awarded - an OUTDOOR - SUSSEX County Badge?

\*YES

or

\*NO

OR - do you hold an OUTDOOR County Badge in another County - if so - which County?

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW - WHICH OF THESE MATCHES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN!

OUTDOOR COUNTY FRIENDLY MATCHES	OUTDOOR PRESIDENTIAL MATCHES	INDOOR PRESIDENTIAL MATCHES
*YES or *NO	*YES or *NO	*YES or *NO

FOR OUTDOOR MATCHES:

PLEASE INDICATE THE 'PREFERRED POSITIONS' YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE 'CAPABLE OF PLAYING IN' FOR THE COUNTY! Please be realistic - as it is likely to increase your chances of being selected - please annotate a - MAXIMUM of TWO - positions.

\*Ld

\*2

\*3

\*S

FOR INDOOR MATCHES:

ANYONE CAN PLAY IN THE INDOOR MATCHES - IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY NORMALLY PLAY INDOORS OR NOT, BUT TO ASSIST THE SELECTORS TO SELECT A REASONABLE TEAM FOR THESE MATCHES, THEY DO NEED TO KNOW IF YOU NORMALLY PLAY INDOORS OR NOT.

if you have indicated above - that you wish to be considered to play in the friendly indoor matches then - PLEASE INDICATE BELOW, WHETHER OR NOT YOU NORMALLY PLAY INDOORS - AND WHAT POSITION YOU WOULD PREFER TO PLAY IN:

I DO\*

I DO NOT\*

Normally play indoors

My Pref Pos. is:

\*Ld

\*2

\*3

\*S

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Players Signature:

THE FOLLOWING PAGE - F2B2 - MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL 'UNBADGED PLAYERS' AND RETURNED WITH THIS PAGE



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# F2B2

**THIS PAGE F2B2 MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL 'UNBADGED PLAYERS' AND  
RETURNED WITH PAGE F2B1**

**ANY 'UNBADGED PLAYER' WHO WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED TO PLAY IN COUNTY FRIENDLY OR PRESIDENTIAL MATCHES - MUST ENSURE THIS AREA IS FULLY COMPLETED - TO ASSIST THE SELECTORS.**

**For players WHO DO NOT CURRENTLY HOLD A COUNTY BADGE, yet wish to be considered for selection to play for the County - it is extremely important that they:**

**Have already earned a reasonable number of County 'badge points' and are attempting to obtain such points by entering County Competitions - particularly the Unbadged Singles. The selectors would also expect that they are playing for their Area VPs where their ability can be seen by selectors from all areas and are making themselves available for Presidential matches as well as County matches. If such actions are not being taken the selectors need to know why not!!**

**EXPERIENCE (Please supply data from 2025) - to be completed by ALL 'Unbadged' Applicants**

COUNTY Competition Achievements during 2025.

CLUB Competition Achievements during 2025.

**PLEASE INDICATE - how many Friendly VP matches you made yourself available for?**

**PLEASE INDICATE - how many Billingham League/Pullen Cup matches you were selected for?**

**If you did not play in VP Matches, Please clearly indicate - WHY NOT - as you are now applying to get considered for selection for the County.**

**If you did not or are not intending to enter the Unbadged Singles Competition, Please clearly indicate WHY NOT - as you are now applying to get considered for selection for the County.**