

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS – MENS SECTION RULES

6. 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 flat soled bowling 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. **(Amended SGM 2019).**
- 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: (Amended AGM 2019).

i) **Shirts:**

All players entering County Competitions shall - in all matches right through until Finals Day - be dressed the same - either in club colours as registered with the County Association - or in plain white shirts with a collar. Where in any 'team or side' game, shirts are worn that are 'predominately white' - then all the shirts MUST BE IDENTICAL IN STYLE, COLOUR AND DESIGN, i.e. same manufacturer, same design and same colours. 'Predominately white' shirts that are not identical ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. T-shirts are not permitted nor are other coloured shirts.

(ii) **Trousers/Shorts:**

All players must be dressed in the same colour, but a combination of trousers and shorts is perfectly acceptable in all events. Trousers if worn shall NOT be rolled up in any way.

a) **For all rounds - prior to the Quarter Finals:**

- i) Players shall be dress in grey, white or coloured clothing below the waist, either trousers - or shorts - but all members of a team MUST BE dressed in the same colour clothing.
- ii) Trousers or Shorts - other than White or Grey - 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 trousers or shorts.

b) **For Qtr, Semi and Finals Day matches - on neutral greens:**

- i) Players shall be dressed as per para a) i) and ii) above, except that grey trousers/shorts are no longer permitted to be worn at any stage, even though Qtr and Semi Final matches are played in the evening.

c) **Finals Day(s):**

- i) All players shall remain in their playing colours - until after the last match of the relevant session has been completed and the trophies presented and the photographs taken.

(iii) Shoes and Socks:

- a) White or coloured shoes may be worn with white socks.

(iv) Penalties for all rounds Prior to the Quarter Finals:

- a) 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.
- b) Any player who during a season, participates in more than one Competition incorrectly dressed will be disqualified from entering ALL County and National Competitions organised by the County, in the following season.

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

- a) 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.
- b) Any player/team who fails to observe the dress code throughout the match - will be disqualified from entering the Competition in the following year – unless the Emergency Committee - consider that there were exceptional circumstances.
- c) Any player/Team that fails to remain for the presentation and photographs will be disqualified from entering the Competition in the following year – unless the Emergency Committee - consider that there were 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

All bowls must bear the correct County stickers for all matches, other than VP matches when the bowls of all members of the team must bear the same stickers or none at all.

(i) HCL & MC Matches:

Players are expected to arrive for matches in Zipper Jacket 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 **BE Approved** shorts - and White socks and shoes unless the dress is notified otherwise on the team sheet for a match being played in a morning. Players will change back into Grey flannel trousers after the match.

(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 shorts - and White socks and shoes unless the dress is notified otherwise on the team sheet for a match being played in a morning. Players will change back into Grey flannel trousers after the match.

(iii) County and Presidential Matches:

The dress code for all County and Presidential matches will be as shown on the match team selection sheet as sent out and published on the website and may be subject to later amendment depending on weather conditions. ([Amended AGM 2022](#)).

(iv) Vice Patron Matches:

Players will normally play in either County Shirts or plain white shirts dependant on the area agreement but all players must be dressed in the same shirts, with white trousers or shorts, white socks and bowls shoes.

c. Meetings and Annual Luncheon.

- (i) **Executive Meetings & AGM** - as agreed by the delegates for Executive Meetings, the dress for the AGM will now be smart casual clothing.
- (ii) **Annual Luncheon:** The Dress will be Blazer or jacket, shirt and tie and smart trousers.