

Association Event Attire Policy



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1. Policy Statement

This Policy outlines the requirements for playing attire for competing in Bowls NSW Association events as defined in the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play.

The health and well-being of members is of the utmost importance for Bowls NSW, and in the application of this Policy, Bowls NSW encourage and promote sun-smart attire options for members where possible.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. It is acknowledged that skin cancer is a preventable disease and that a preventative strategy will be promoted by Bowls NSW through this Policy and others.

Players in NSW Association events are required to comply with the Bowls Australia National Logo Policy as in force in New South Wales.

New designs must be submitted to the Association and will be assessed before formal approval. Designs must incorporate the Bowls Australia logo on shirts, jackets and vests as a minimum.

Any NSW Player who competes in a national event shall be required to comply with the National Logo Policy.

1.1. Association Events at Club Level

Clubs may adopt attire policies that apply to Association events played at club level for which that club is the controlling body. Any such club policy shall be required to comply with the RNSWBA Ltd Association Event Attire Policy.

Clubs may restrict the attire permitted for participants in Association events at club level for which they are the controlling body, however the minimum range of acceptable attire should be the current club pennant uniform or white or cream (in compliance with the RNSWBA Ltd attire policy)

2. Upper Body Attire

All players competing in Association events are required to comply with this section.

2.1. Shirt

- Playing shirt must be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design which has been approved by Bowls NSW.
- Playing shirt style may be polo or 'button-up' and must have an attached collar and either long or short sleeves (no singlet).
- Bowls Australia logo to be shown on shirt, in accordance with National Logo Policy and purchased through a licensed manufacturer.
- Additional design features such as sponsor names and/or logos, club/district/zone names and/or logos, player names and/or numbers may be displayed on shirts.
- Note: Shirts shall not be see-through.

2.2. Jacket

- Playing jacket must be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design which has been approved by Bowls NSW.
- Bowls Australia logo to be shown on jacket, in accordance with National Logo Policy and purchased through a licensed manufacturer.
- Additional design features such as sponsor names and/or logos, club/district/zone names and/or logos, player names and/or numbers may be displayed on jackets.

2.3. Vest

- Playing vest must be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design which has been approved by Bowls NSW.
- Bowls Australia logo to be shown on vest, in accordance with National Logo Policy and purchased through a licensed manufacturer.
- Additional design features such as sponsor names and/or logos, club/district/zone names and/or logos, player names and/or numbers may be displayed on vests.

2.4. Supplementary Upper Body Outerwear (other than shirt, jacket or vest such as knitwear, jumpers and rainwear)

- Outerwear such as knitted jumpers and rainwear must be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design which has been approved by Bowls NSW.
- Bowls Australia logo is optional and the National Logo Policy should be considered on replacement of existing garments or when competing in national events sanctioned by Bowls Australia.

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3. Lower Body Attire

3.1. Trousers / Pants/ Shorts

- Playing trousers/pants/shorts must be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design.
- Playing trousers/pants/shorts style may have belt buckles, 'draw string' or elastic waist.
- Bowls Australia logo is optional and the National Logo Policy should be considered on replacement of existing garments or when competing in national events sanctioned by Bowls Australia.
- Additional design features such as sponsor names and/or logos, club/district/zone names and/or logos, player names and/or numbers may be displayed on trousers/pants/shorts.
- If required, belts or braces shall be white, cream or colour-coordinated.

4. Footwear

4.1. Shoes

- Playing shoes shall be predominantly white, brown or colour-coordinated with approved upper/lower body attire.
- Playing shoes style must be Bowls Australia approved footwear, or otherwise be 'non-bowls' shoes which have been 're-soled' to comply with the Laws of the Sport. All playing shoes shall be flat-soled*, heel-less with the minimum width of the sole beneath the heel to be 52mm.
- *The term 'flat soled' does not preclude the sole having a texture on the sole, allowing for some 'grip'. Such texture or ripple should not cause damage to the green's surface, and should be approved by Bowls Australia if a bowls shoe, or by the controlling body if a 'non-bowls' shoe prior to play).

4.2. Socks

- Playing socks must be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design.
- Playing socks style may range from knee-high length to 'anklet' sock, and all styles may be worn with trousers, pants and shorts.
- Bowls Australia logo is optional and the National Logo Policy should be considered on replacement of existing garments or when competing in national events sanctioned by Bowls Australia.

4.3. Other Footwear (thongs, slippers, medical cast/boot)

- Players must gain approval from the controlling body to wear footwear other than an approved shoe for any Association events and must provide a medical certificate or other evidence/documentation to justify any non-compliance.
- Players are not permitted to play in an Association event at any level unless footwear is worn.

5. Headwear

5.1. Hats (inc. wide-brim, bucket-hat), caps (inc legionnaire style), visors/eye-shades, beanies

- Headwear worn during play may be white or cream or otherwise feature a colour-coordinated design.
- Bowls Australia logo is optional and the National Logo Policy should be considered on replacement of existing garments or when competing in National Events sanctioned by Bowls Australia.
- Additional design features such as sponsor names and/or logos, club/district/zone names and/or logos, player names and/or numbers may be displayed on head wear.

5.2. Hatbands

- On wide-brimmed headwear, hatbands are optional, but if worn;
 1. By a player who has/is not holding official office with Bowls NSW - shall be bowler's blue in colour with the player's club name embroidered in gold uppercase lettering or colour-coordinated.

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2. By an official currently holding office or who has held office after 1st January 2012 with Bowls NSW - may be sky-blue in co-lour with the letters RNSWBA or BOWLS NSW embroidered in white uppercase lettering;
3. By an official who has previously held office with Bowls NSW prior to 1st January 2012 (but not after) - may be sky-blue in colour with the letters RNSWBA embroidered in white uppercase lettering only.

6. Other Accessories (optional)

6.1. Bowls Cloths, Towels, Chamois

- Bowls cloths/towels are optional for Association events and may be any colour.
- Design features such as sponsor names and/or logos, club/district/zone names and/or logos, player names and/or numbers may be displayed on cloth/towel.

6.2. Name Bar

- Name bars are optional for Association events, however are encouraged. Bowls NSW representative sides may be required to wear name bars.
- If worn, name bars must display the player's first name or preferred nickname (non-offensive)
- Name bars may also include a club/ district/ zone logo and/or name of the player's club and or their official title if an official office is held.

6.3. Sunglasses

- Wearing of sunglasses or other sun-protective eye-wear whilst playing in Association events is encouraged in accordance with the Bowls NSW Sun-Smart Policy.
- Sunglasses may be of any style and/or colour, however it is suggested that a Category 2 or 3 sun protection lens is used.

6.4. Gloves / Mittens

- Gloves/mittens may be worn where required, and may be white, cream or colour-coordinated.
- Purpose made 'bowling gloves' may be worn if so approved by the Laws of the Sport.

7. Teams and Sides

- In an Association event played in a team or side format, all members of the team or side must be similarly attired.
- 'Similarly attired' does not require all players to be identically dressed, however all items from within a category must be of similar design and colour scheme.
- Members of a team/side may wear shorts or trousers, however shorts and trousers must be of the same colour scheme and design.
- Members of a team/side may wear different items of headwear, however
 1. all caps worn shall be of the same design and colour scheme,
 2. all hats with hat bands shall be of the same colour scheme,
 3. all bucket hats shall be of the same design and colour scheme.
- Substitute: In the event of a last minute substitute being necessary, and similar coloured team or side attire not being available, the substitute may wear approved white or cream attire.

8. Penalty

- Penalty for non-compliance with this Association Event Attire Policy is disqualification.

9. Additional Information

- Bowls Australia National Logo Policy
- Bowls NSW Sun Smart Policy
- Bowls NSW Officials Attire Policy
- Bowls NSW Conditions of Play

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