



WELLERS HILL BOWLS CLUB

Uniform & Attire Policy

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Purpose

This Policy provides clear guidance to members of Wellers Hill Bowls Club Inc. [WHBC] regarding acceptable attire for social bowls, club activities, competition play and representative bowls.

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- present a professional and consistent image of the Club;
- ensure members are appropriately attired when representing Wellers Hill Bowls Club;
- comply with the requirements of Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and Gateway District Bowls Association where applicable;
- support member comfort, safety and sun protection; and
- apply attire requirements in a fair, practical and inclusive manner.

This Policy applies to WHBC members, visitors representing the Club, pennant players, club officials and any other person participating in bowls activities under the control or representation of Wellers Hill Bowls Club.

Guiding Principles

Wellers Hill Bowls Club will apply this Policy in a practical, fair and inclusive manner.

The Club recognises that members may have medical, cultural, religious, accessibility, financial or other reasonable needs relating to attire. Where appropriate, reasonable adjustments may be considered, provided they do not conflict with the requirements of the relevant Controlling Body.

Where there is any inconsistency between this Policy and the requirements of Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland, Gateway District Bowls Association or the relevant Conditions of Play, the requirements of the relevant Controlling Body will apply.

Approved WHBC Uniform

The approved Wellers Hill Bowls Club playing uniform is the uniform approved by the WHBC Board and registered or accepted where required by Gateway District Bowls Association and Bowls Queensland.

Club playing shirts may change from time to time. Any change to the approved club uniform will be approved by the Board, following consultation with the Bowls Committee and members where appropriate, and must meet Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and Gateway District requirements.

Images or examples of the current approved uniform are attached to this Policy as an appendix and updated as required.



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Upper Body Attire

For Pennant, District Championship, State, National and other formal competition events where WHBC is represented, players must wear the current approved Wellers Hill Bowls Club playing shirt.

This may include:

- the approved short-sleeve playing shirt;
- the approved long-sleeve playing shirt; or
- another approved WHBC upper-body garment where permitted by the relevant Controlling Body.

Upper-body garments worn in competitions covered by the Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program must comply with current Bowls Australia NMP requirements, including manufacturer and logo placement requirements.

Members should not wear altered, modified or unofficial versions of the WHBC playing shirt in formal competition unless approved by the Bowls Committee, Board or relevant Controlling Body.

Lower Body Attire

The WHBC representative lower-body colour is royal blue, unless otherwise approved or required by the relevant Controlling Body.

Permitted lower-body garments may include:

- tailored bowls shorts;
- bowls trousers;
- skirts;
- skorts;
- culottes;
- pedal pushers;
- leggings or similar garments where permitted under applicable competition requirements; and
- other suitable bowls attire approved by the Bowls Committee or relevant Controlling Body.

For side and team events, all members of a side or team must wear the same colour lower-body attire, unless otherwise approved by the relevant Controlling Body or Competition Manager.

For competitions covered by the Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program, lower-body attire must comply with current Bowls Australia NMP requirements where applicable.



Outerwear

Approved Club jackets, vests, jumpers, knitwear and rainwear may be worn when weather conditions require.

Outerwear worn in formal competition must comply with Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and relevant Conditions of Play where applicable.

Not all club-branded outerwear is necessarily approved for Pennant, Championship Events or other formal tournaments. Members should confirm whether outerwear is competition-compliant before wearing it in formal competition.

Footwear

All players must wear footwear that is suitable for bowling greens and compliant with the requirements of the relevant Controlling Body.

For competition play, footwear must be flat-soled and suitable for use on bowling greens.

Thongs are not permitted during competition play.

For approved barefoot bowls or social barefoot activities, bare feet may be permitted where approved by the Club and where safe for the activity.

Headwear

Members are encouraged to wear appropriate sun-protective headwear during all outdoor bowls activities.

Headwear worn in Pennant, Championship Events and other tournaments must comply with current Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program requirements where applicable.

Headwear may include:

- broad-brimmed hats;
- caps;
- bucket hats;
- visors;
- knitted hats; or
- other suitable sun-safe or weather-appropriate headwear.

Where there is uncertainty about whether headwear is compliant for competition play, the member should check with the Bowls Secretary, Team Manager, Competition Manager or bowls committee before the event.



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Team Uniformity

For all side and team events:

- members of the same team or side must be similarly attired;
- WHBC playing shirts must be consistent across the side or team;
- lower-body garments must be of the same colour;
- outerwear should be consistent where practical; and
- any variation must be approved by the relevant Controlling Body, Competition Manager or other authorised official.

These requirements support team presentation and compliance with competition rules.

Pennant, District, State and National Competition Requirements

For Pennant and above competitions, members must wear the approved Wellers Hill Bowls Club playing uniform unless otherwise directed by the relevant Controlling Body.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Gateway District Pennant competitions;
- Gateway District Championship events;
- Bowls Queensland events;
- Bowls Australia events; and
- any representative event where members are selected to represent Wellers Hill Bowls Club.

Bowls Queensland requires clubs to determine their approved club uniform for side events, including Pennant and above, with approval through the relevant District Association and registration with Bowls Queensland where required.

Members are responsible for checking any event-specific Conditions of Play before participating.



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Representative Attire

Members selected to represent Gateway District, Bowls Queensland or Bowls Australia must wear the uniform prescribed by the respective Controlling Body.

Where a member is representing another body rather than WHBC directly, the uniform requirements of that body will apply.

Members should contact the Bowls Secretary, President, Team Manager or relevant Controlling Body if they are unsure which representative uniform applies.

Sponsorship, Logos and Uniform Alterations

The placement of sponsor logos, club branding, Bowls Australia logos and manufacturer logos on competition uniforms must comply with Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program requirements, Bowls Queensland attire requirements and any relevant Conditions of Play.

Members must not alter approved uniforms in a way that:

- removes or obscures required logos;
- changes the approved club design;
- adds unauthorised logos or wording;
- creates inconsistency across the side or team; or
- causes the uniform to become non-compliant for competition play.

Any proposed sponsorship logo, additional branding or uniform alteration must be approved by the Club before use.

Special Circumstances and Reasonable Adjustments

Medical, cultural, religious, accessibility, financial or other reasonable attire requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Where necessary, the Club may request supporting information to assist in considering the request.

Any approval given by WHBC is subject to the requirements of Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland, Gateway District Bowls Association and any relevant Conditions of Play.

Where approval from a Controlling Body is required, the member may be required to seek or provide that approval before participating in formal competition.



Bowls Stickers / Adhesive Markings

Bowls stickers or adhesive markings may be used where permitted or required by the relevant Controlling Body or Conditions of Play.

For WHBC team and side events, the approach should be simple and consistent:

Either the whole team or side uses the approved stickers, or the whole team or side does not use stickers.

Individual players should not use different stickers, colours or designs within the same team or side unless this has been approved by the Team Manager, Competition Manager or relevant Controlling Body.

Where stickers or adhesive markings are used in competition:

- they must be fixed to both sides of the bowl;
- only one layer of markings may be fixed to either side of the bowl;
- they must not cover the serial number or World Bowls Stamp on the bias side of the bowl;
- all bowls belonging to a singles player, team or side must use stickers of the same design and colour, except where a different size is required due to the size or markings of the bowl; and
- players must comply with any direction given by the Controlling Body, umpire or Competition Manager.

WHBC may provide or approve club bowls stickers for competition use. Members should check with the Bowls Secretary, Team Manager or Competition Manager if they are unsure whether stickers are required for a particular event.

Social Bowls, Practice and Club Activities

For social bowls, barefoot bowls, coaching sessions, practice, club social events and informal competitions, members and visitors may wear neat casual attire,

Attire for these activities must:

- be neat, clean and presentable;
- be respectful of other members, visitors and guests;
- not contain offensive wording, imagery or symbols;
- be safe and suitable for the activity being undertaken;
- meet any green protection requirements; and
- meet any health and safety requirements of the Club.

The Club encourages sun-safe attire, including hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and suitable protective clothing during outdoor activities.



Responsibility

Members are responsible for ensuring they are correctly attired before participating in competition play.

Team Managers, Selectors, Pennant Managers, Match Committees and other authorised officials may determine that a player is not eligible to participate where their attire does not comply with this Policy, the relevant Conditions of Play or the requirements of the relevant Controlling Body.

Where practical, members should be given a reasonable opportunity to correct attire issues before being removed from a side or team.

Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with this Policy may result in:

- a request to change attire before play commences;
- refusal of participation until suitable attire is worn;
- removal from a team or side line-up if suitable attire is unavailable;
- sanctions imposed by the relevant Controlling Body; or
- referral to the Bowls Committee or Board where the issue is repeated, deliberate or serious.

Repeated or deliberate non-compliance may be managed in accordance with the Club's Constitution, bylaws, policies and any applicable competition rules.

This Policy is intended to promote compliance, consistency and fairness, not to unfairly exclude members from participation.

Approval and Review

This Policy is approved by the WHBC Board.

The Policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier if there are changes to Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland, Gateway District Bowls Association or other relevant requirements.

Minor administrative updates, such as updating reference documents, titles or contact details, may be made without a full policy review.

Material changes to uniform requirements should be considered by the Board, following consultation with the Bowls Committee and members where appropriate.



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Reference Documents

Bowls Australia

- National Merchandise Program: <https://bowls.com.au/get-involved/national-merchandise-program-policy/>
- National Merchandise Logo Policy: <https://bowls.com.au/get-involved/national-merchandise-program-policy/national-merchandise-logo-policy/>
- Bowls Australia Home Page: <https://bowls.com.au/>

Bowls Queensland

- Bowls Queensland Home Page: <https://www.bowlsqld.org/>
- Bowls Queensland Attire By-Law 14 (PDF): <https://www.bowlsqld.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2023/03/Bowls-Queensland-Attire-By-Law-March-2021.pdf>

Gateway District Bowls Association

- Gateway District Home Page: <https://www.gatewaybowls.org.au/>
- Gateway District Conditions of Play: <https://www.gatewaybowls.org.au/conditions-of-play/>

Members should refer to the latest version of these documents, as amendments may occur from time to time.



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Activity	Attire Requirement
Social Bowls	Neat casual attire
Barefoot Bowls	Neat casual attire – subject to safety and Club requirements
Practice	Neat casual attire
Coaching Sessions	Neat casual attire unless otherwise advised
Club Social Events	Neat casual attire
Club Championships	As directed by the Club or Conditions of Play
Pennants	Approved WHBC uniform required
District Championships	Approved WHBC uniform required unless otherwise directed
Gateway District Representation	District uniform required
State Events	Club, District or State uniform as directed
National Events	Must comply with Bowls Australia requirements

Simple rule:

- Social bowls = neat casual attire allowed.
- Pennants, District, State and National events = approved uniform required.