

Approved Equipment and Aids for people playing Bowls

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The Flat/Level Green Laws of the Sport currently cater for “Disabilities” as follows:

41 - Players with disabilities

41.1 - *WHEELCHAIRS* must be of a type approved by both WB and the Governing Body for wheelchair bowlers in the country in which the player is playing.

41.2 - *WHEELCHAIR BOWLERS* can use any form of assistance necessary (including having an assistant with them) to allow them to take part in the sport of bowls, as long as the assistance is approved by the Governing Body for wheelchair bowlers in the country in which the player is playing.

41.3 - Players who are classified *PARTIALLY SIGHTED OR BLIND* by their National Governing Body for partially sighted and blind bowlers can use any form of assistance necessary (including having an assistant with them, and having a white, breakable string placed on the surface of the green, along the centre line of the rink) to allow them to take part in the sport of bowls, as long as the assistance is approved by the Governing Body for partially sighted and blind bowlers in the country in which the player is playing.

41.4 - The person assisting a *PARTIALLY SIGHTED OR BLIND BOWLER* will not be breaking **law 13.2** or **law 45.3** if the assistant:

41.4.1 - repeats the skip’s instructions to the player;

41.4.2 - helps to direct the player; or

41.4.3 - tells the player where the jack or a bowl came to rest.

41.5 - A player who has a *PHYSICAL DISABILITY* will be allowed to use a support or an artificial device (or both) when delivering the jack or a bowl, or when walking on the green. The support must have a base covered with rubber or a similar material. This base must measure at least 76 millimetres across, and it can be placed on or next to the mat.

41.6 - A player who has a *PHYSICAL DISABILITY* will be allowed to kneel on the green to deliver the jack or their bowls. One or both knees must be positioned either in front of the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat, or on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the green behind the mat.

41.7 - Players with a *HEARING DISABILITY* can use electronic devices to communicate with each other while on the rink of play. Electronic devices must be used in line with the regulations set out in the Conditions of Play by the Controlling Body.

41.8 - For domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve the use of **ARTIFICIAL DEVICES** for delivering the jack or a bowl.

Law 13.2 13 Possession of the rink

13.1 Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played.

13.2 As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest

Law 45.3 45 Spectators

45.1 Spectators and anyone else not directly taking part in the game must stay outside the boundaries of the green and clear of the players.

45.2 If part of the green is being used for spectators, they must stay outside the boundaries of the rinks of play and clear of the players.

45.3 They must not disturb or advise the players in any way

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National Comps

Winter National Championships Rules 2021-2022 pdf

<http://www.eiba.co.uk/competition-dates/winter-national-championship-rules-2021-22-season.pdf>

Disability Extract:




8. PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES

- 8.1 Please refer to The Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Third Edition Law 41 Players with disabilities.
- 8.2 Details of specific Equipment and Aids that have been approved by EIBA as the “Controlling Body for EIBA National Competitions” can be found on the EIBA website at www.eiba.co.uk/club-development/disability.php .
- 8.3 **Artificial devices** be used by players with disabilities for delivering the jack or bowl (Law 41.8) – The player using the device shall decide before a game starts if they are going to use an aid. If they so decide, then they shall use it for the entire duration of that game.
- 8.4 **Players with a Hearing Disability** (Law 41.7) – players can use electronic devices to communicate with each other while on the rink of play. They must be used in line with the regulations set out in the Conditions of Play by the Controlling Body.

WHEELCHAIR BOWLERS




Approved Wheelchairs							
	World Bowls BWBA	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***
<u>Approved and currently available to purchase</u>							
<i>Chairiot</i>	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved
<i>Parahandy</i>	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved
<i>Bowls Royce</i>	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved

***Comment: EIBA has also consulted with the Playing Surface Contractors (Greengauge & Dales Sports Surfaces) as they offer a "Guarantee" for the Playing Surface – approval for the use of Wheelchairs, Artificial Aids and Walking Frames have been provided on the condition that they are "used in an approved manner"

	
Chairiot	Para- Handy
https://whiteheadbowls.co.uk/product/chairiot-bowls-wheelchair/	www.para-handybowlingwheelchair.com
Comments: Manual only	Comments: Manual only. Seeking update on electrification. Para-handy website shows an electrified version undertaken by a Dorset firm for Dolphin IBC.
	
Bowls Royce	
www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/bowls-royce-bowls-wheelchair/ and https://www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/shop/	
Comments: Manual or Electric	


<u>Wheelchairs approved by:</u>							
	World Bowls BWBA	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***
<u>Approved BUT at present not being produced</u>							
<i>Bradshaw Buggie</i>	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved
<u>Approved BUT no longer available to purchase</u>							
<i>Clippie</i>	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved
<i>Mark Cooper</i>	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved

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Bradshaw Buggie	Clippie
http://www.bbbugs.co.uk/	
Comments: Electrification - http://www.guiseleymobility.com/powerchairs/bradshaw-bowls-buggies AND Whitehead Bowls? (details awaited)	
	
	Mark Cooper

PARTIALLY SIGHTED BOWLERS

Laws of the Sport - Approved Aids					
	World Bowls/VIBE	BE National Comps	BE Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Domestic
White breakable string	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport

	
White Breakable String	

BOWLERS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Approved Aids – in accordance with Laws of the Sport (Law 41.5)						
	BE National Comps	BE Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***
Bowlers Arm	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
696 DHB Hacksaw Bowling Arm	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
Thruster	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
UBI Launcher	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
Bowls Buddy	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
Rollators	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
Bowls Royce Walker	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved
Walking Stick Ferrule	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport		
Folding Walking Stick	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport		

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Bowlers Arm

[www.drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/bowling-arm-\(b6514\).aspx#product](http://www.drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/bowling-arm-(b6514).aspx#product) AND
<https://whiteheadbowls.co.uk/product/bowling-arm/>
 AND <https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/bowling-arm/>



E DHB Hacksaw Bowling Arm

<https://www.hunterbowls.com.au/shop/product/dhb-hacksaw-bowling-arm-4719#attr=10512,13500> AND
<https://www.hunterbowls.co.nz/696-dhb-hacksaw-bowling-arm>

June 2022 – now available in the UK

<https://www.hunterbowls.co.uk/shop/product/e-dhb-hacksaw-bowling-arm-42299#attr=22839,22844>



Thruster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=961BSAN8daA>
<https://www.ebay.co.uk/>
 EIBA can forward enquiries to the Inventor



UBI Launcher

www.taylorbowls.com/item/173/Taylor/Ubi---Launcher-.html
 AND
<https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/ubi-launcher/>



Bowls Buddy

<https://whiteheadbowls.co.uk/product/bowls-buddy/> AND
www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/bowls-buddy-walking-frame/



Rollators



Bowls Royce Walker

<https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/bowls-royce-walker/>



Walking Stick Ferrule

<https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/walking-stick-green-protector/> AND
[https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/walking-stick-ferrule-\(b6502\).aspx#product](https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/walking-stick-ferrule-(b6502).aspx#product)








Folding Walking Stick

<https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/folding-walking-stick/> AND
[https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/folding-walking-stick-\(b6503\).aspx#product](https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/folding-walking-stick-(b6503).aspx#product)

Other Aids – not covered by the Laws of the Sport

	BE National Comps	BE Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***
Telescopic Bowls and Jack Lifter	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Foldaway Bowls and Jack Lifter	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Three-part Bowls and Jack Lifter	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Bowls Mate	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Jack Set	approved	approved	approved	approved		

	
Telescopic Bowls and Jack Lifter	Foldaway Bowls and Jack Lifter
https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/telescopic-bowls-lifter/ AND https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/booster-bowls-lifter-(b6521).aspx#product	https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/foldaway-bowls-and-jack-lifter/ AND https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/collapsible-bowl-jack-lifter-(b6513).aspx#product
	
Three part Bowls and Jack Lifter	Bowls Mate
https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/three-part-bowl-jack-lifter-(b6519).aspx#product	https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/bowls-mate/
	
Jack Set	
https://drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/jack-set.aspx#product	