

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Here we are again, its a new outdoor season! I hope that you are all ready and are looking forward to it as much as I am. I have had a lot of queries regarding the new laws. I hope that what I have included below will make the changes easier to understand. If you need a new Law Book then you can buy them online or directly from me. I hope to see you out and about on the greens. Charlotte

New Laws or Changes to Laws that affect us all.

Game Decisions - 26.3 There must be no further play in a knockout competition if at any point it becomes impossible for a player, team or side to win the game, given the number of ends left.

Playing out or Turn - 29.1.4 If a bowl has been played by each team or player in Singles before the players discover that one of them has played out of turn, play in that end must continue in that order.

Duties of a Marker - 42.2.1 check the mat is placed on the centre line of the rink.

Displacement - 37.1.3 If a bowl in its original course is deliberately displaced or stopped by a member of the team that delivered the bowl, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.

37.1.5.3 If a player lifts a bowl at rest on their rink to allow their team's bowl in its original course to pass, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.

These 2 laws DO NOT apply to any player stopping a bowl from going into the ditch.

These new displacement laws have been brought in to stop CHEATING. Read them carefully. These do not cover picking up a bowl on a rink next door (usually indoors) if a delivered bowl is going to hit it. If you are worried about these laws ask yourself this question:- **Was there a clear intent to gain an advantage?**

There are many displacement laws. I shall attach some displacement cards to the email so that you can print them out in your club.

For further clarification please watch/listen to the EBUA webinar

<https://www.ebua.co.uk/post/laws-of-the-sport-crystal-mark-4-webinar>

This is 1 hour long however half of that is Allan Thornhill discussing all the changes and the other half is a Q&A session. Just listen to it one day while you have having a cup of tea and a biscuit!

WE HAVE A NEW CLUB :-)

Lets welcome Dulwich Park BC who have reaffiliated to Surrey and to Bowls England this month.

Volunteering at the National Finals

Applications for volunteers for the 2023 Bowls England

National Finals are open and can be accessed via:

<https://www.bowlsengland.com/volunteering2023/> There will be a number of posts going out on BE social channels over the coming weeks. Any questions about volunteering can be sent to varsha.ragoobarsing@bowlsengland.com

Have you signed up for Bowls' Big Weekend Details are on the BE Website. Friday 26th to Monday 29th May. This year they are hoping that local clubs will work together to cover each day in order to offer the best coverage for prospective new bowlers.