



County Drop-In Wednesday 29th January 2025 Notes and Action Points

Welcome (Jon Cockcroft)

- If you are a County Administrator who has recently taken on the role or are planning to retire, please inform us by emailing Katherine.miller@bowlsengland.com. This will enable us to welcome you appropriately and update our records accordingly.

World Championships

- Following an invitation from World Bowls to host the event in 2024, the Bowls England Board is now confident in progressing its expression of interest into a formal bid to host the 2027 World Championships. This is a fantastic opportunity not only for Leamington but for the entire country and the wider bowls community.
- We would appreciate input from counties on ways to increase engagement and build excitement in the lead-up to the championships. If you have any suggestions, please email laura.blatherwick@bowlsengland.com

People Updates

- As you may be aware, Adam Tanner has stepped down from his role on the Board for personal reasons. Having served for several years, he will be greatly missed, and we extend our sincere gratitude for his contributions.
- Anna Molony has also decided not to stand for re-election as an Independent Director after serving on the Board for seven years.

Performance Update (Mo Monkton)

- The following Performance Team Managers have been appointed: Sandy Hazell, Kirk Smith, Nicola Bowe, and Mal Evans.
- Once appointed, Scouts will be in contact with County Team Managers to assist in identifying emerging talent and supporting current internationals.
- We extend our sincere thanks to the host clubs of the regional Balcomb, Walker, Amy Rose, and White Rose events. These competitions provide Performance Team representatives and Area Scouts with the opportunity to observe your county's top players in action.
- Regional U18 Talent Days will take place at eight venues across England in June, where selected players will be invited to attend the National Development Day in Leamington this July.
- Further details on the Junior Development Day, as well as the U18 and U25 nomination processes, can be found on our website.
- We welcome feedback from counties regarding any challenges they may be facing in establishing County Academies. Please share your insights with Mo Monkton at Mo.monkton@bowlsengland.com



Presidential Review (Vikki Underwood)

- As you are aware, we are currently operating in a transitional phase, with two Vice Presidents and no sitting President following Sheila's resignation due to health reasons.
- The proposed new structure includes one National President and six Regional Vice Presidents, designed to address challenges related to recruitment, budget constraints, and overall impact.
- We invite County Administrators to provide input on the potential responsibilities of the Regional Vice Presidents to ensure the new structure effectively meets local needs.

Aviva National Bowls Finals (Laura Blatherwick)

- Planning is well underway for this year's Aviva National Bowls Finals, and we are looking forward to hosting our biggest and most exciting event to date.
- We encourage all counties to attend our County Consultation Days, which will take place during the 19-day event on:

Saturday, 16th August

Sunday, 17th August

Friday, 22nd August

- Volunteer registration will open later this month — please keep an eye on the volunteer page of the Bowls England website for updates. We encourage clubs and members to consider volunteering as a meaningful way to contribute to this prestigious event.
- County President Days will be held on Tuesday, 19th August, and Tuesday, 26th August, during the finals.
- More details including registration and booking links will be shared in due course.

Disciplinary – Regulation 9 (Vikki Underwood)

- As discussed in the County Call, Regulation 9 (R.9) resources have now been distributed to County Administrators. We kindly request that you review these materials and provide any feedback or suggestions for improvements by 19th May.