



KINGFISHER BOWLING ASSOCIATION

KBA Dress Code according to our By Laws, Bowls SA and Laws of the Sport of Bowls

Dress

Men

1. Headwear, if worn, may have approved insignia or hatbands. Caps can be worn with peak facing backwards.
2. Shirts shall have conventional collars and be adequately buttoned.
3. Full length trousers or tailored shorts, (knee length) with side pockets. Under no circumstances shall Cargo, Combat, Denim trousers or Rugby shorts be permitted.
4. String tied trousers (cricket trousers), tracksuit trousers or tracksuit shorts, without a front zip, are also acceptable.
5. Ankle socks, secret socks or golf hose must be worn with shorts.

Ladies

1. Headwear, if worn, may have approved insignia and/or hatbands. Caps/Peaks may be worn.
2. Long white, cream or club registered coloured long trousers, shorts, skirts, "skorts" or pedal pushers can be worn. The approval of the "skort" is subject to the "skort" being a branded garment. The homemade and tennis "skort" remains unacceptable.
3. String tied trousers (cricket trousers) or tracksuit trousers are also acceptable.
4. No long trousers, shorts, skirts "skorts" or pedal pushers manufactured from Lycra or any other body clinging material will be permitted.
5. Blouse or shirt must have a collar. No blouses or shirts manufactured from Lycra or any other body clinging material will be permitted.

Shoes

Players, Umpires and markers shall wear conventional shoes or sport shoes which have a continuous smooth sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the shoe.

To assist in traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2 mm (thickness of a matchstick), but no protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

Conventional sandals are acceptable providing they have a back strap.

No CROCS or imitation Crocs may be worn

Bowls SA and KBA reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear. (Circular 40/2010)

General

The wearing of any bowls shirt in the round-robin stages is permissible with the proviso that all members of the side/team are dressed in the same shirt. Club colours or white shirts must be worn for semis and finals.

White or cream belts

All players representing KBA at Inter-District must be dressed in the uniform stipulated by the Executive.

Explanation of why CROCS or imitation Crocs may not be worn:

Crocs are generally not allowed in Lawn Bowls due to safety concerns and potential damage to the green. They lack the necessary support and traction for playing on the green, and their design can also damage the playing surface.

Elaboration:

Lack of support and traction:

Crocs are known for their lack of ankle and heel support, which is crucial for stability and balance when walking on a bowling green. The soft, flexible sole also offers minimal traction compared to dedicated bowling shoes or trainers.

Potential Damage to the Green:

The open-toe design and flexible sole of Crocs can cause damage to the lawn by allowing the player's foot to sink into the grass more deeply than more supportive footwear.

Safety Concerns:

Crocs can also be a tripping hazard, especially for players with reduced mobility or balance. They can become snagged on the green or on equipment, increasing the risk of falls and injuries.