

BE Statement re the wearing of Shorts – February 2016

The BE Guidance notes (issued July 2015) says...

The following guidance is issued to update players, clubs and county associations on the policy that should be adhered to by players wishing to wear licensed/approved shorts in **events under the jurisdiction of Bowls England**.

In issuing this guidance the following applies in all circumstances and are referenced within the chart below:

1. Only shorts bearing the Bowls England logo will be allowed in our events;
2. In team (Pairs/Triples/Fours) and/or side games (i.e. Top Club/Middleton Cup/Johns Trophy) all players must wear the same colour below the waist;
3. The dress code in all rounds of County Championships leading to the Final Stages of National Championships shall be stipulated by the County Association;
4. County Association registered colours must be worn during the National Championship Final Stages;
5. Some clubs do not allow the wearing of shorts and if so the local ruling must be adhered to – please check before play starts.

<i>Description of Event</i>	<i>White Shorts</i>	<i>Grey Shorts</i>	<i>Other Coloured Shorts</i>
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEADING TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS) Regulation 50	Permitted subject to points 1, 2, 3 & 5	Permitted subject to points 1, 2, 3 & 5	Permitted subject to points 1, 2, 3 & 5
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (FINAL STAGES) Regulation 51 (Men) and Regulation 52 (Women)	Permitted subject to points 1,2 & 4	Permitted subject to points 1,2 & 4	Permitted subject to points 1,2 & 4
NATIONAL COMPETITIONS (QUALIFYING STAGES) Regulation 53	Permitted subject to points 1,2 & 5	Permitted subject to points 1,2 & 5	Permitted subject to points 1,2 & 5
NATIONAL COMPETITIONS (FINAL STAGES) Regulation 53	Permitted subject to points 1 & 2	Permitted subject to points 1 & 2	Permitted subject to points 1 & 2

The dress code for all other activities that players participate in, for example club and county friendly matches, leagues and county competitions that do not lead to Bowls England National Finals may be determined by the relevant organising body.

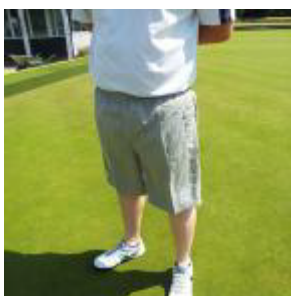
In connection with this BW has issued the following statement....

1. BW allows the wearing of **BE licensed/approved shorts** as part of the **County uniform** for all CountyMatches/Championships/Competitions/Johns/Walker/Middleton/Balcombe/White Rose/Amy Rose
2. BW allows the wearing of **BE licensed/approved shorts or tailored shorts** for County League games ie 4 Rink and 3 Rink
3. BW allows all leagues within BW to adopt **BE licensed/approved shorts or tailored shorts** as a part of their accepted and registered dress code.
4. Ref Point 5 of the BE Guidance – individual clubs have the right to make the decision on whether their members are allowed to wear shorts as part of the Club uniform when playing for /as a member of the Club. This decision would over - ride points 2 & 3 above for members of those clubs that decide against shorts.
5. **So, ultimately, the Club decides except when a player is playing for the County.**
6. Also Ref Point 5 of the BE Guidance – **some Clubs may not allow the wearing of shorts on their green so it is advisable to check whether this is the case before a game.**

Some photos to show acceptable shorts



White Tailored BE Shorts available



Grey BE Shorts



Tailored shorts - Various suppliers



Photos taken from BE Website.



This logo must feature for all matches under BE jurisdiction

NB It is not necessary for ALL members of a side to wear shorts but the usual rules re colour still apply.

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