

BOWL4DREAMS – RISK AWARENESS

As the host of a Bowl 4 Dreams event you need to ensure that you and all attendees at your event are of the risks involved in barefoot bowling.

Barefoot Bowling and Lawn Bowls are a “recreational activity”. As a potential participant, you acknowledge and accept that recreational activities linked to Lawn Bowls including but not limited to participating in and watching the activity constitute a recreational activity pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 and that participation in the activity could involve a risk of physical harm or personal injury including permanent disability and/or death. Any such injury may result not only from your actions including physical exertion but also from the action, omission or negligence of others.

Each club will be able to assist with basic safety instructions for participants however there are a number of potential risks or hazards, particularly for people who are unfamiliar with the bowling club and the game itself. Please consider the following:

- Awareness of what is around to avoid tripping or falling on bowls, equipment, the ditch or bank. Bowls should be grouped together a few metres behind the mat, and bowlers should not step backwards, always look where you’re walking.
- Do not attempt to stop a moving bowl with your hands or feet
- If someone is playing a ‘drive’ (bowling with extra pace) they should notify people at the other end so they can step onto the bank
- Always watch where your bowl is going, and warn people if it’s heading in their direction e.g. call out like you would on a golf course
- Stepping onto the green, participants should be careful of ‘the bank’ (the barrier surround the green which is often at a different level to the playing surface) and ‘the ditch’ (similar to a gutter which surrounds the bowling green), most clubs have handrails or steps for support and easy access
- Bags should be placed under seats or in assigned area to remove tripping hazards around the green