

# HARROGATE BOWLING CLUB

## DRESS CODE

### Effective from the 2026 Season

#### 1. Purpose

This Dress Code sets out the standards of clothing required for all bowling activities at Harrogate Bowling Club. It ensures consistency, supports the Club's identity, protects the playing surface, and aligns with Bowls England regulations. This dress code applies to all members and visitors participating in bowling activities on Club premises.

#### 2. Casual Bowling

Casual bowling includes organised roll-ups (including Club Afternoons) and all social bowling sessions.

- Suitable casual clothing may be worn, provided it is appropriate for use on the bowling green
- Bowling shoes must be worn (see Section 5).

#### 3. Formal Bowling

##### Internal Competitions and Leagues

For all Club internal competitions and leagues, players must wear:

Above the waist - A club shirt, a collared white shirt, or a shirt from a recognised bowls manufacturer.

Below the waist – Medium grey or black trousers (formal or sports), skirts or tailored shorts/cropped trousers.

##### External Matches/Competitions/Leagues/Friendlies and Representative Fixtures

Above the waist - When representing the Club in external competitions or leagues, the **new design Club shirt is mandatory**.

Below the waist – medium grey trousers, skirts or tailored shorts/cropped trousers.

##### Team Uniformity Requirement (Bowls England):

During the 2026 transition, **all members of the same team must wear the same colour below the waist** for Club external competitions and leagues - this will be grey.

##### 2027 Season Onwards

- **Black only** trousers (formal or sports), skirts or tailored shorts/cropped trousers are permitted.
- Leggings and cargo shorts are not permitted.

#### 4. Additional Garments

- A V-necked plain pullover/slipover, sweater or cardigan in **white or Club blue** may be worn.
- A bodywarmer/gilet in **white** is permitted.
- A Club bowls badge or manufacturer's logo is acceptable on these garments.

#### Whites for Specified Matches

For certain matches or occasions (e.g. Finals Weekend), **whites** may be required. This includes:

- A **Club Shirt** and
- **White** trousers (formal or sports), skirt or tailored shorts/cropped trousers.

#### Wet-Weather Clothing

Wet-weather clothing should be:

- **White**, preferably from a recognised bowling or sports clothing manufacturer, or
- A shower-proof jacket manufactured for the Club in the old or new design.

#### Headgear

Headgear should be **white/off-white or Club blue**.

#### 5. Footwear

- Bowling shoes must have **completely smooth soles** to prevent damage to the green.
- Players must change into bowling shoes **before stepping onto the green**.
- To minimise contamination, bowling shoes should not be worn away from bowling club premises.

#### 6. Compliance and Discretion

Members must comply with this Dress Code when participating in formal bowling. If a player is not appropriately dressed, they will not be permitted to play in their match.

**Discretion may only be applied in exceptional circumstances and solely by the Gents' Captain or Ladies' Captain.**

#### 7. Review of Dress Code

The Dress Code will be reviewed annually by the Management Committee to ensure continued alignment with Bowls England regulations and Club requirements.