

Lawn Bowls



Bowls or lawn bowls is a low impact, precision sport in which the objective is to roll biased balls so that they stop close to a smaller ball called a "jack" or "kitty". It is played on a bowling green which may be flat (for "flat-green bowls") or convex or uneven (for "crown green bowls"). It is normally played outdoors (although there are many indoor venues) and the outdoor surface is either natural grass, artificial turf, or cotula.

Games can be singles (one player per team), pairs (two players per team), triples (three players per team) or fours (four players per team).

The Sport is governed by International Bowls for the Disabled (IBD).

Eligibility:

Vision Impairments	Physical Impairments
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Classification:

Each Lawn Bowls player is classified based on their disability. Athletes with a vision impairment undergo a vision test. Athletes with a physical impairment undergo a bench test and functional skills test. A bowler must have lost at least 10 points in testing to be eligible for classification. There are eight sections within the Lawn Bowls classification system and specific requirements are applied to the type of wheelchairs athletes can use. B1-B4 are classes of bowlers with a visual impairment. B5-B8 are classes for bowlers with Physical Disability.

B1	No light perception in either eye up to light perception but no recognition of hand movements at any distance or any direction.
B2	From the ability to recognise hand movements up to a visual acuity of 2/60 (Snellen).
B3	From a visual acuity of better than 2/60 (Snellen) up to a visual acuity of 6/60.
B4	A visual acuity of better than 6/60 (Snellen) up to a visual acuity of worse than 6.24 (Snellen) and/or a visual field of less than 20 degrees.
B5	Wheelchair bowlers who can only use a very small bowl (size 00) due to limitation of upper limb function. Ambulant and wheelchair bowlers with restricted grip and upper body limb function, poor balance and co-ordination, unable to bowl a full length end or needing a splinting device to do so (Not including the bowling arm as used in Australia).
B6	Ambulant and wheelchair bowlers with reduced balance function (loss of 5 points or more) but able to bowl a full length end.
B7	Ambulant and wheelchair bowlers with minor balance problems (loss of less than 5 points).
B8	Ambulant bowlers, who have a permanent and irreversible disability, have lost 10 points on the bench test, but have no noticeable impairment of function.