The Code of Conduct in Bowls

The BDA have, in conjunction with the National Governing Bodies of Bowls, set these standards that apply to everyone involved in the sport including staff, club officials, coaches volunteers, players and spectators. This Code of Conduct has been produced to protect everyone in the sport and to ensure that everyone can enjoy the sport of bowls in a safe and inclusive environment.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Respect all participants and decisions

Encourage everyone

Sportsmanship

Play for enjoyment

Educate and be knowledgeable

Conduct yourself courteously

Treat everyone fairly

Key Principles of Respectful Behaviour

Do	Don't
Respect all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators	Participate under the influence of illegal drugs or excessive alcohol
Participate in the right spirit – the sport should be fun at all levels	Use foul, abusive, threatening or discriminatory language or gestures
Take reasonable measures to keep yourself and others safe	Show dissent towards officials and their decisions
Promote the sport in the best possible light through your actions and behaviour	Discriminate on the grounds of any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010
Abide by the rules/regulations of the sport, and any additional competition rules	Publicly criticise or engage in demeaning descriptions of others, including online
Abide by the policies of the sport and its National Governing Bodies	Engage in any behaviour that constitutes abuse as identified in the Safeguarding in Bowls Policies
Speak to someone if you are concerned that any of this code is being broken	Keep your concerns about abuse or poor practice secret

I agree to abide by this code of conduct - Name .....

Signed.....Date.....