



## British Wheelchair Bowls Association

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### ETIQUETTE FOR WHEELCHAIR BOWLS

Wheelchair bowlers are fully accepted into the bowls scene and we expect all of our members to respect all the general protocols that this incorporates, for example, dress codes and rink manners.

#### LAWS of the GAME

In their turn the World Bowls Council, Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls, First Edition, includes the following rules

64 (i) Wheelchairs must be of a type approved by both World Indoor Bowls Council and the recognised governing body for wheelchair bowls in the participating country in which the player is playing. A wheelchair bowler must use an approved Purpose Designed Bowls Wheelchair (PDBW)

64 (ii) The wheelchair shall be recognised as being an integral part of the wheelchair player in all instances when a jack or bowl is displaced or interfered with by the wheelchair.

64 (iii) At the point of delivery of the jack or bowl, wheelchair players using an approved wheelchair must have one wheel of the approved wheelchair on or over the confines of the mat. Failure to observe his Law constitutes foot-faulting.

See also rules 21 and 32 C which replicate these definitions.

For outdoors similar rules appear in World Bowls, Laws of the Sport.

#### GUIDELINES for PUSHERS

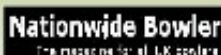
The pusher of a wheelchair during a match should be part of the furniture i.e. he/she should not speak or move apart from pushing the player. Any speaking or patting to say 'well done' etc. can be construed as coaching.

Where possible the pusher should retire to the bank. They must remember they are an intrusion to the opposition's concentration.

The marker on the rink is responsible for the head being undisturbed until the shots have been decided. Unnecessary movement can cause a leaning wood to fall.

During Training Weekends these guidelines still apply but in a more relaxed manner. The players under training must be allowed to call the shots and to decide which hand they wish to play.

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