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## WOMEN'S BOWLS NSW UNIFORM (DRESS) POLICY

All members of affiliated clubs shall wear registered club uniform when playing on any green in Women's Bowls NSW controlled matches and competitions. This policy does not apply to competitions and tournaments that are not controlled by Women's Bowls NSW.

### Policy Statement

When playing in any other Club game or competition, smart casual attire is recommended to be worn, in accordance with each club's Smart Casual Dress Policy. We encourage clubs to apply casual attire on social days to encourage new bowlers to the game and to allow players to save wear and tear on uniforms that need to be worn for official competitions. This also means that players who only wish to play social bowls, have the option to purchase a club uniform.

**The BA LOGO is not essential on apparel worn for social bowls.** Women's Bowls NSW has no authority over attire worn when playing in events run by other bowling organisations.

#### **For Pennants and Association Championships at Club, District, Regional and State levels, including all Playoffs and the Australian Championships:**

- Affiliated players must wear approved coloured above and below waist garments as *registered* by their club with the Association.
- Some clubs have chosen only to register above waist garments with the Association and in that case, their registered shirt, jacket, vest and/or hoodie may be worn with white or navy below waist apparel. All garments must have the BA logo, whether registered with the Association or not. In this situation, all players in a team must wear the same colour below waist apparel.
- All team/side members are to be dressed in the same uniform. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE VESTS, JACKETS, HOODIES, SHOES, RAINJACKETS, HEADWEAR, OR COMPRESSION GARMENTS.** If clubs have a registered club jacket or vest, that is the only outer garment that can be worn, except for rainwear.
- Any player competing at the State Carnival may wear registered club uniform or any clothing with the BA logo. The attire of players in the same team does not have to be identical.
- The BA Logo is compulsory on all attire

As per BA Policy, team wear is recognised under two categories, upper body attire and lower body attire <https://www.bowls.com.au/get-involved/attire-equipment/logo-policy/>

#### Upper body attire includes:

- shirts
- tops
- blouses
- jackets
- vests
- cardigans
- hoodies

#### Lower body attire includes:

- pants/ trousers (belt, elastic or draw string waist)
- pedal pushers / culottes
- shorts
- skirts
- skorts
- dresses
- tights

#### Socks

Socks may be white or colour co-ordinated or have the BA logo on them.

#### Headwear

Headwear is optional. However, Women's Bowls NSW recommends that it be worn as protection from the sun. Headwear will not form part of the registered uniform for any club.

#### Approval Process

- To change or add a new item to a registered club uniform, the attached form must be completed and forwarded to Women's Bowls NSW
- The manufacturer's details must be included, along with artwork or photos of the garment
- Approval will be provided via email to the club secretary and district secretary by Women's Bowls NSW
- A member of a club cannot wear the item until approval is given by Women's Bowls NSW

#### Women's Bowls NSW Dress Regulations

##### District Uniforms

Only District Committee Members can wear District Uniforms, if one has been approved.

##### Garment Length

Length of skorts, shorts, skirts, culottes and dresses **is as supplied by BA approved manufacturers.**

##### Logos/Monograms

Sponsor's, manufacturer's and club logos may be used on all garments.

##### Shoes

Bowls Australia approved footwear – see the Bowls Australia website for details.

##### Wind or wet weather jackets

Wet weather jackets must have the BA Logo by January 2020

##### Undergarments

Undergarments (including compression) should be white, navy or colour co-ordinated with the approved and registered club uniform.

### Special Requests

Special requests should be referred to Women's Bowls NSW. Wherever possible, Women's Bowls NSW will adhere to the Bowls Australia Dress Policy (available from the BA website).

### State Uniform

State uniforms are supplied to players who are representing Women's Bowls NSW and may only be worn when officially representing the State. This applies to ALL items issued.

### Accredited National Umpires

An Umpire shirt as approved by Women's Bowls NSW must be worn by accredited umpires when officiating at District, Regional or State Events.

Umpires Shirt are manufactured by Drakes Pride, however; if umpires have shirts purchased from previous manufacturers or suppliers, these are still acceptable to wear.

Below waist garments must be either **navy or white**. Headwear may be navy, white or pink. If umpires do not have an umpire's shirt they may wear white (BA logo) or Club uniform.

### Controlling Body

The Controlling Body for all Club, District, State Championships and Pennants is acting on behalf of the State and therefore WBNSW sets the Dress Code. In these events, the controlling body will wear their registered club uniform except if they are a member of a District or State Committee, when they will wear the appropriate uniform.

For any Club Carnival, Gala Day or Tournament, the Controlling Body of the event (**usually the Match Committee**) should indicate dress requirements on the entry forms to avoid confusion.

### Penalty for Breaches

The penalty for any player or team not adhering to this policy if they are participating in Association Championships at Club, District, Regional, State or Australian Championship levels, will be as follows:

1. Player or team will be given a verbal warning by the Controlling Body, in the presence of the Umpire as a witness, on the day of the breach. This should be done in a private and confidential manner rather than at a general gathering of the players for the event.
2. If the player or team disregards the warning on subsequent days of play, the player or team will be disqualified from the event by the Controlling Body.
3. If the player or team is playing at different venues on subsequent days, then the Controlling Body has a responsibility to inform the Controlling Bodies at other venues of the player or team's warning prior to the commencement of play.
4. If a player has a medical certificate or letter of exemption from Women's Bowls NSW or Bowls Australia, the document must be able to be produced by the player and taken into account, during the event.
5. The Controlling Body must have an up-to-date copy of the current Women's Bowls NSW Uniform (Dress) Policy.

**STATE DRESS POLICY TABLE 2018-** <http://womensbowlsnsw.org/Club & Members-Resources/Policies & Procedures>

This table is intended as a quick guide only and MUST be read in conjunction with the **STATE DRESS POLICY**

Item	Length	White	Navy	Colour as Approved		Sleeveless	Sleeve Short	Sleeve <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Sleeve Long	Additional Requirements
PANTS/TROUSERS	Instep	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SKIRTS/ SHORTS/ SKORTS	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CULOTTES	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
PEDAL PUSHERS	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
TIGHTS	N/A	NO	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	BA approved only
DRESSES	N/A	YES	NO	NO		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SHIRTS	N/A	YES	NO	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	
SKIVVY	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Worn under shirt
JACKETS/HOODIES	N/A	YES	YES	YES		YES	NO	NO	YES	With or without collar.
VESTS	N/A	YES	YES	YES		YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	With or without collar
SCARVES/ NECKPIECES/ MITTENS/ COOLING COLLARS	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
FOOTWEAR	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Must be BA approved - See BA policy. No restrictions on colour (including shoe laces)
STOCKINGS	N/A	NO	NO	Mini-Beige		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SOCKS & SOCKETTES	Any	YES	NO	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RAINWEAR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Must have BA Logo by January 2020
COMPRESSION GARMENTS	N/A	YES	YES	YES		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

## LOGO & MONOGRAM

Item	State Monogram	BA Logo	Club Logo & Club Name	Sponsor Logo (on sleeve), back of shirt, on the back or left hand side of caps or bucket hats	Manufacturer Logo on back of the neck of shirt, sleeve or on the back of caps or bucket hats.	Comments
SHIRTS	NO	YES	Optional	Optional	Optional	
VESTS (fleece)	NO	YES	Optional	Optional	Optional	
CARDIGANS	Optional	YES	Optional	NO	Optional	
SHORTS / SLACKS / PEDAL PUSHERS / SKIRTS / SKORTS / TIGHTS	NO	YES	Optional	N/A	N/A	
SOCKS	NO	Optional	Optional	N/A	N/A	
RAINWEAR	NO	Preferred	Optional	Optional	Optional	Must have the BA Logo by January 2020
HEADWEAR	NO	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	

### Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually unless changes occur that require a revision of the policy within that period.