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Working with Disabled Bowlers Module

As part of the Bowls Development Alliance's commitment to developing the Coach Bowls scheme, January 2015 saw the introduction of the "Working with Disabled Bowlers Module" which was aimed at volunteers and coaches alike. This 4 hour module, one of which was delivered during this year's Bowls England National Championships, includes both practical and theory aspects to working with bowlers who may have a disability.



The theory elements of the workshop look predominantly at inclusive coaching regardless of the disability of the individual and covers the basics of working with a variety of different types of disability.

By the end of the workshop coaches and club volunteers will be able to:

- Reflect on past experiences and recognise and share best practice
- Make appropriate modifications, adaptations and progressions to a planned session to include all participants
- Explore the participant pathway for disabled participants within bowls

The workshop focuses on looking at why people with a disability play bowls; what our coaching should look like; what makes an inclusive coach; how to adapt and personalise our coaching sessions; how to communicate effectively.

Using real case studies from bowlers with various disabilities and impairments including social bowlers, club members and even Commonwealth Games medallists.

For more information or to book your place on a course please visit <https://online.playbowls.org/bookonline> or contact the BDA office on 01664 777001 or email: courses@playbowls.org

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