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The Flat/Level Green Laws of the Sport currently cater for "Disabilities" as follows:

41 - Players with disabilities

- **41.1** *WHEELCHAIRS* must be of a type approved by both WB and the Governing Body for wheelchair bowlers in the country in which the player is playing.
- **41.2** *WHEELCHAIR BOWLERS* can use any form of assistance necessary (including having an assistant with them) to allow them to take part in the sport of bowls, as long as the assistance is approved by the Governing Body for wheelchair bowlers in the country in which the player is playing.

See below - Law 7.2 "Position on the Mat".

- **41.3** Players who are classified *PARTIALLY SIGHTED OR BLIND* by their National Governing Body for partially sighted and blind bowlers can use any form of assistance necessary (including having an assistant with them, and having a white, breakable string placed on the surface of the green, along the centre line of the rink) to allow them to take part in the sport of bowls, as long as the assistance is approved by the Governing Body for partially sighted and blind bowlers in the country in which the player is playing.
- 41.4 The person assisting a *PARTIALLY SIGHTED OR BLIND BOWLER* will not be breaking **law 13.2** or **law 45.3** if the assistant:
- 41.4.1 repeats the skip's instructions to the player;
- 41.4.2 helps to direct the player; or
- 41.4.3 tells the player where the jack or a bowl came to rest.
- 41.5 A player who has a *PHYSICAL DISABILITY* will be allowed to use a support or an artificial device (or both) when delivering the jack or a bowl, or when walking on the green. The support must have a base covered with rubber or a similar material. This base must measure at least 76 millimetres across, and it can be placed on or next to the mat.
- 41.6 A player who has a *PHYSICAL DISABILITY* will be allowed to kneel on the green to deliver the jack or their bowls. One or both knees must be positioned either in front of the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat, or on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the green behind the mat.
- **41.7** Players with a *HEARING DISABILITY* can use electronic devices to communicate with each other while on the rink of play. Electronic devices must be used in line with the regulations set out in the Conditions of Play by the Controlling Body.
- **41.8** For domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve the use of **ARTIFICIAL DEVICES** for delivering the jack or a bowl.





Law 7 Position on the mat

7.1

Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

7.2

Before delivery a player using an approved wheelchair must have one wheel on the mat and, at the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one wheel on or above the mat.

7.3

Any player not meeting the terms of this law is committing a foot-fault, and law 8 will apply

Law 13 Possession of the rink

13.1

Possession of the rink will belong to the player or team whose bowl is being played.

13.2

As soon as each bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink will transfer to the opposing player or team after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest

Law 45 Spectators

45.1

Spectators and anyone else not directly taking part in the game must stay outside the boundaries of the green and clear of the players.

45.2

If part of the green is being used for spectators, they must stay outside the boundaries of the rinks of play and clear of the players.

45.3

They must not disturb or advise the players in any way





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National Comps

Winter National Championships Rules 2023-2024 pdf

http://www.eiba.co.uk/competitions-2024/Winter-National-Championship-Rules-for-2023-24-Season-June.pdf Disability Extract:

8. PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES

- 8.1 Please refer to The Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition Law 41 Players with disabilities.
- 8.2 Details of specific Equipment and Aids that have been approved by EIBA as the "Controlling Body for EIBA National Competitions" can be found on the EIBA website at www.eiba.co.uk/club-development/disability.php.
- 8.3 **Artificial devices** be used by players with disabilities for delivering the jack or bowl (Law 41.8) The player using the device shall decide before a game starts if they are going to use an aid. If they so decide, then they shall use it for the entire duration of that game.
- 8.4 **Players with a Hearing Disability** (Law 41.7) players can use electronic devices to communicate with each other while on the rink of play. They must be used in line with the regulations set out in the Conditions of Play by the Controlling Body.





WHEELCHAIR BOWLERS

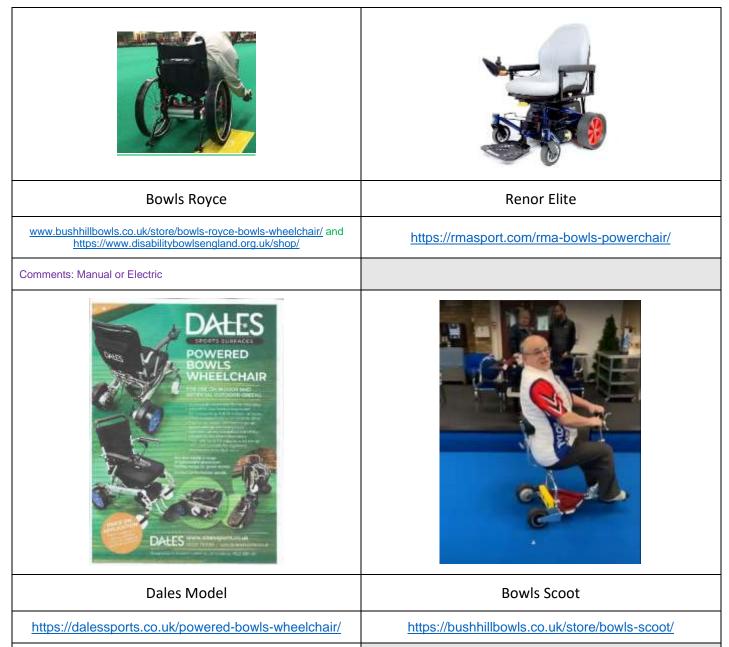
Approved Wheelchairs									
	World Bowls BWBA	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***		
Approved and currently available to purchase									
Chairiot	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Parahandy	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Bowls Royce	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Renor Elite	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Dales Model	BWBA approved	Artificial Outdoor only	Artificial Outdoor only	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Bowls Scoot	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		

^{***}Comment: EIBA has also consulted with the Playing Surface Contractors (Greengauge & Dales Sports Surfaces) as they offer a "Guarantee" for the Playing Surface – approval for the use of Wheelchairs, Artificial Aids and Walking Frames have been provided on the condition that they are "used in an approved manner"









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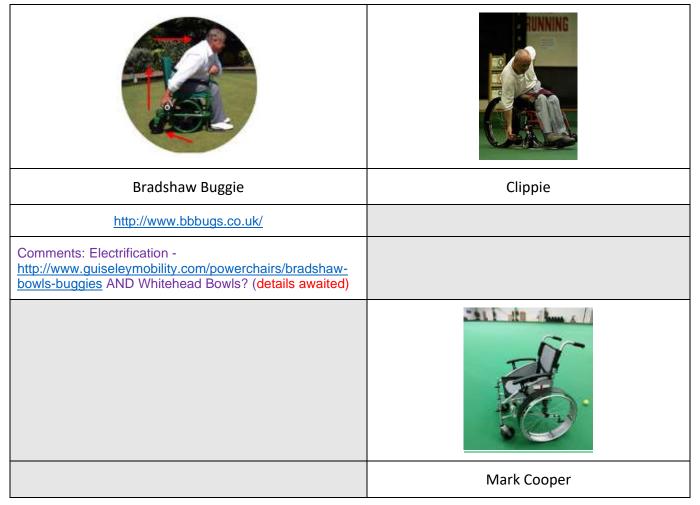
Comments: Approved for use on Indoor and Artificial Outdoor only.





Wheelchairs approved by:									
	World Bowls BWBA	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***		
Approved BUT at present not being produced									
Bradshaw Buggie	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Approved BUT no longer available to purchase									
Clippie	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		
Mark Cooper	BWBA approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved		

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PARTIALLY SIGHTED BOWLERS

Laws of the Sport - Approved Aids							
	World Bowls/VIBE	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic		
White breakable string	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport		



White Breakable String

BOWLERS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Approved Aids – in accordance with Laws of the Sport (Laws 41.5 & 41.8)								
	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***		
Bowlers Arm	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
696 DHB Hacksaw Bowling Arm	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
Thruster	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
UBI Launcher	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
Bowls Buddy	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
Rollators – see additional guidance below	Artificial Outdoor only	Artificial Outdoor only	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
Bowls Royce Walker	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	approved	approved		
Walking Stick Ferrule	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport				
Folding Walking Stick	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport				
"smartCrutch" with the addition of a "Walking Stick Ferrule"	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport	Laws of the Sport				









Bowlers Arm

DHB Hacksaw Bowling Arm

www.drakespride.co.uk/accessories/bowling-aids/bowling-arm-(b6514).aspx#product AND

https://whiteheadbowls.co.uk/product/bowling-arm/

arm/

AND https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/bowling-

https://www.hunterbowls.com.au/shop/product/dhb-hacksaw-bowling-arm-4719#attr=10512,13500 AND

https://www.hunterbowls.co.nz/696-dhb-hacksawbowling-arm

June 2022 - now available in the UK

https://www.hunterbowls.co.uk/shop/product/e-dhb-hacksaw-bowling-arm-42299#attr=22839,22844





Thruster

UBI Launcher

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=961BSAN8daA

https://www.ebay.co.uk/

EIBA can forward enquiries to the Inventor

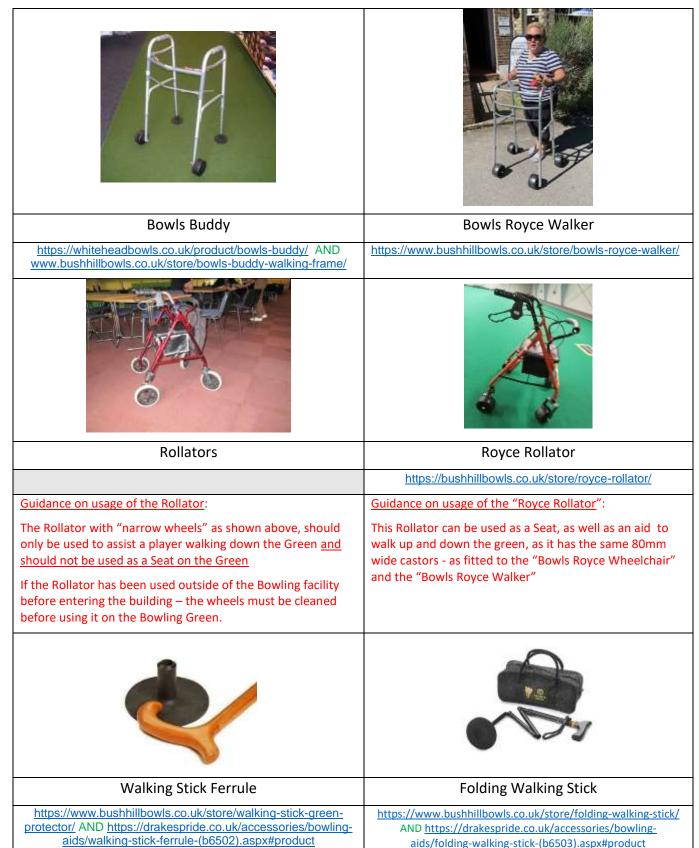
www.taylorbowls.com/item/173/Taylor/Ubi---Launcher-.html AND

https://www.bushhillbowls.co.uk/store/ubi-launcher/

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"smartCrutch" approved with the addition of a	
"Walking Stick Ferrule" to replace the original foot	
https://smartcrutch.uk	





Other Aids – not covered by the Laws of the Sport								
	BE National Comps	BE Clubs Domestic	EIBA National Comps	EIBA Clubs Domestic	Dales ***	Greengauge ***		
Telescopic Bowls and Jack Lifter	approved	approved	approved	approved				
Foldaway Bowls and Jack Lifter	approved	approved	approved	approved				
Three-part Bowls and Jack Lifter	approved	approved	approved	approved				
Bowls Mate	approved	approved	approved	approved				
Jack Set	approved	approved	approved	approved				

