

BDA Statement - Coach Bowls 301118

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As agreed in 2016 with Sport England and the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) the transition of coaching to the member National Governing Bodies will be effective from April 1st 2019. This transition forms part of a long-term sustainability plan to ensure that coaching is embedded into the sport.

From 1st April 2019 responsibility will move across to English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) and Bowls England (BE) who have made a joint commitment to continue to support and develop coaching for the benefit of the sport.

Both British Crown Green Bowling Association and English Short Mat Bowling Association will continue to support Coach Bowls and to encourage all their coaches to move across to the nationally recognised qualifications.

The BDA and the member National Governing Bodies have been working towards a smooth managed transition over the past twelve months and will continue to do so over the remaining four months.

“Coach Bowls” remains under the direct management of the BDA until 31st March 2019.

The BDA will continue to deliver its’ “Play Bowls Strategy” through to March 31st, 2021.

Early next year information will become available from Sport England regarding applications for further funding to take the BDA through to March 31st, 2025.

Finally, as per the joint statement issued by BDA, EIBA, and BE on 1st August 2015, Coach Bowls is and continues to be the only recognised bowls qualification for flat green indoor and outdoor bowls.

Further details about the progress of the transition will be released in early January 2019.

Statement 1st August 2015: www.eiba.co.uk/news/2015/coachingstatement010815.pdf



Joint Coaching Statement

Issued by: Bowls Development Alliance, Bowls England & English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd
On: 1st August 2015

As from 1st January 2016 individuals new to bowls coaching must have a Coach Bowls recognised qualification in order for their training to be recognised by Bowls England and the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd.

No other form of accredited training will be recognised by either body for those **new** to the coaching workforce after the aforementioned date.

The Coach Bowls qualifications are in line with the standards laid out by the awarding body 1st4Sport, the Qualifications and Credit Framework and National Occupational Standards.

Bowls England and the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd **will continue to recognise the accreditation of current coaches who may have undertaken coach education through other bodies before 2016.**