



Disability Policy - Wheelchair Bowlers

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Oxford Club Bowls, welcomes all disabled people. The club is fully wheelchair accessible and has excellent facilities that cover a range of disabilities. The following wheelchair regulations are in place, which have been approved by the committee of the New Zealand Disabled Lawn Bowlers Association Inc, and The IBD (International Bowls for the Disabled).

To avoid possible damage to OUR lawn bowling green, these regulations must be adhered to without exception.

Front Wheels

The small front wheels or castors must be a minimum size of: 200mm high x 50mm wide. The tyres should be a slick pneumatic tyre. The tyres must be covered with either duct tape or preferably an inner tube cut in half and glued over the top of the tyre. This ensures the tyres are as slick and smooth as possible.

Rear Wheels

The large rear wheels must be a minimum width of 45mm. The tyres should be a slick pneumatic tyre. The tyres must be covered with either duct tape or preferably an inner tube cut in half and glued over the top of the tyre. This ensures the tyres are as slick and smooth as possible.

Wheelchairs on-the-Green

You must ensure you do not make any tight turns. Always take a wide circle when turning on the green.

On the Mat

If you have the mat, move it up an extra metre or so to give everyone more space to move. When it's your turn to bowl, ensure you wheel in a straight line directly onto and off the mat.

Changing Ends

At change of ends you must ensure you wheel up the centre of your rink. If you are playing on the outer rinks, I.E. rink 1 or 8, wheel around the outside edge of the green.

On the Head

Do not move around whilst other people are bowling and make sure you are a minimum of two metres behind the jack. We suggest you place yourself to one side of the head. (Always be ready to move in a hurry)

Wet Conditions

In the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common sense approach between the wheelchair user and the club administrator or greenkeeper is essential.