



# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

## Statement from the British Crown Green Bowling Association

The British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) Board acknowledges the importance and sensitivity of discussions around the inclusion of transgender individuals in sport. We recognise that this is a complex and evolving matter that requires careful consideration, open dialogue, and a commitment to fairness, inclusion, and the integrity of our sport.

Following the recent UK Supreme Court ruling, and in line with actions being taken by other National Governing Bodies, the BCGBA are currently reviewing our policies concerning transgender bowlers. As we undertake this process, we are aware that we are operating within the ongoing 2025 bowling season, and we want to reassure our members and Clubs that we are approaching this matter with both urgency and diligence.

We are actively engaged in cross-code discussions with other Bowls National Governing Bodies to ensure a consistent and coordinated approach across the sport. In addition, we are awaiting further guidance from Sport England, Sport Wales, Isle of Man Sport and the Bowls Development Alliance, all of whom play a vital role in shaping inclusive policies across grassroots and competitive sport in England, Wales and Isle of Man.

The BCGBA is committed to maintaining our sport as welcoming and accessible to all. As part of our review, we will continue to liaise with a wide range of stakeholders, including our transgender community, our membership, and safeguarding experts, to ensure any policy revisions reflect our shared values of inclusivity, fairness, and respect.

Once a new policy document has been finalised, it will be jointly communicated across all affiliated Clubs to ensure clarity and consistency in its implementation.

We understand that this is a topic that may raise questions or concerns for some individuals. We are here to offer support and guidance to anyone who needs it. For further information or to discuss any specific concerns, please contact us at [safeguarding@bcgba.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bcgba.org.uk)

**The BCGBA remains firmly committed to upholding crown green bowls as a sport for everybody.**