



Amy Rose 2027

Information for parents and guardians | Bowls Northumberland
Junior Development Pathway

A national opportunity for young bowlers

The Amy Rose Bowl is Bowls England's national **Under-25 team competition**. It gives young bowlers a supportive introduction to county and national competition and is an important step towards White Rose and senior county representation.

Is my child eligible?

- Players must be **under 25 on 1st April 2027**
- Must be a member of a Bowls England-affiliated club
- Clubs may nominate multiple juniors; final team selection is made by Bowls Northumberland

How the team works

Each county team has **five players**:

- **One Triple (3 players)**
- **One Pair (2 players)**

Reserves are encouraged so that more juniors can gain experience and the team has cover for illness or availability.

Why take part?

- **Competitive match experience** in a structured, friendly environment
- **Talent identification** – county and national selectors attend these events
- **Confidence building** through team play, travel, and match-day routines
- **Progression pathway** into White Rose, senior county squads, and national competitions
- **Social benefits** – meeting juniors from other clubs and counties
- **Playing at major venues**, including Royal Leamington Spa if the team qualifies

What commitment is involved?

These are the main dates and requirements to help your family plan ahead.

1. Squad day

A pre-event meet-and-play session will be arranged; the date is still to be confirmed. This will help players:

- Meet teammates
- Practice the triple/pair combinations
- Build confidence before the Regional Finals

2. Regional Finals

Date: Saturday 4 July 2027

Venue: To be confirmed (likely Yorkshire)

What to expect: This is a full-day event. Travel arrangements will be confirmed closer to the date.

3. National Finals (if the team qualifies)

Provisional date: 15 August 2027 (the 2026 event was held on 16 August)

Venue: Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

What to expect: A prestigious national event at the home of English bowls.

What happens next?

If your child is interested, please let your club know as soon as possible. Clubs must confirm interest by **5 October**. Responses will help Bowls Northumberland decide whether to enter:

- A **standalone Northumberland team**, or
- A **combined team with Yorkshire/Cumbria**, as done previously

What parents and guardians can expect

- Clear communication about dates, travel, and selection
- A supportive environment focused on development
- Fair opportunities for juniors to gain experience
- Qualified county coaches and volunteers supervising all activity

Questions or interested in taking part?

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