



Appropriate Footwear for Lawn Bowling

Our artificial greens are a significant investment and the heart of our club. The right footwear protects the surface and keeps it in top condition for everyone. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with what is and isn't acceptable before stepping onto the green.

✗ Not Allowed: Heavy Tread Soles & Deep Tight Grooves



Why these shoes are not permitted:

- Tight grooves that open across the ball of the foot as you step forward and close again when the foot is flat, causes pinching and tears the fibres away from the green's surface.
- Deep tread patterns can tear the artificial turf fibres.
- Grooves and channels trap dirt, grit and debris, bringing it onto the green.
- Protuberances that extend out from the sole can cause direct surface damage.
- Heavy heel-to-toe height differences are not allowed.

✓ Approved Footwear: Flat, Smooth Soles



What to look for in an approved shoe:

- Flat sole with no significant height difference between toe and heel.
- Shallow tread or smooth surface only — no deep grooves or raised protuberances.
- All edges around the sole and any grooves must be rounded.
- Clean and free of dirt, grit and debris before stepping onto the green.
- Sandals are acceptable if they have a firmly fitted heel strap.

Club Footwear Policy — Artificial Greens (March 2021)

Footwear worn on the Club's artificial greens must meet all of the following requirements:

- **Dedicated to bowling only.** Bowling shoes must not be worn for street use. They are to be changed into at the green — not worn to travel to the club or changed in the parking lot.
- **Clean and debris-free.** Footwear must be completely free of all dirt and debris before stepping onto the green.
- **Flat-soled.** Shoes must be flat from toe to heel with no separation or height difference between the heel and front sole. Flat-soled wedge shoes that increase in height from toe to heel are not acceptable.
- **Shallow tread only.** A shallow tread pattern or indented grooves to improve traction are acceptable, provided they do not damage the green. A channel in the centre of the sole is acceptable. Protuberances that extend out from the sole are not acceptable. All edges around the sole and any channel must be rounded.
- **Sandals.** Sandals with a heel strap are acceptable, provided the back strap is firmly fitted when worn.

If you are unsure whether your footwear is suitable, please speak with a rentals coordinator, club convenor or coach before stepping onto the green.

