

**Bowls England Regulation: No. 56**  
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**National Senior Singles and Senior Pairs Competition (Women)**

**This regulation should be read in conjunction with Regulation 52 – National Competitions.**

1. The competition shall be open to all members of clubs affiliated to Bowls England.
2. Each player shall have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1<sup>st</sup> April in the year of the competition.
3. The two players in the Senior Pairs shall be members of an affiliated club within the same County.
4. Players shall play from the same county in which they play their National Championships and shall represent the same county in the Senior Singles and Senior Pairs. Players entering National Championships in another country are eligible to participate.
5. Senior Singles matches shall be 21 shots (four bowls each player). The Senior Pairs shall be 18 ends (four bowls each player). In the Senior Pairs, in the event of the scores being equal when all ends have been played an extra end or ends shall be played until a decision is reached.
6. In the event of a substitute being required in the Senior Pairs, one and the same player may come from any club, in the same county, providing they have not already played in the same competition, however, one of the original players shall play in all rounds. The substitute may play in any position.
7. The final game before the final stages must be played on a neutral green as near half way between the two clubs as possible unless otherwise mutually agreed.
- 8. Final Stages**
  - 8.1 The final stages consisting of the 35 County Winners for both the Senior Singles and Senior Pairs shall be played on a knockout basis at a time set by Bowls England during the National Championships. The draws for these shall be made by Bowls England.
  - 8.2 Each Team qualifying for the final stage shall supply to Bowls England the name of their partner (Senior Pairs only) no later than the Monday of Week 30. The players involved at the National Championships shall receive a National Competition Badge.
  - 8.3 Bowls England shall provide bowls stickers for the final stages of this event
  - 8.4 The Winners shall be presented with a medal and fleece for the singles or two medals and two fleeces for the pairs at the Annual Dinner with one or two medals respectively for the Runners-Up.