



Amigos in Bowls

Know the Game: our basic guide to the game of Lawn Bowls.

Talk the Talk:

The Green

In most parts of the world a natural grass playing surface is used but here in Spain it is normally an artificial playing surface (a carpet), this is a Bowling Clubs pride and joy. A full green is made up of a number of rinks, at Superbowl it can be 6,7 or 8 depending on what is needed.

The Rink

The Green is divided into sections known as rinks. Rinks are marked by a numbered marker in the middle and a boundary marker on either side.

The Ditch

This is the gutter around the edge of the green.

The Bowl

The bowl is made of plastic resin and is nearly round in shape (it's slightly egg shaped). One side is marked by the small grooved rings on the centre. The opposite side is identified by large rings. The bias is shaped so the bowl will turn or curve towards the small side as it slows down.

The Mat

This marks where you must stand and bowl from. You must keep one foot this when you deliver your bowl.

The Jack

The small white ball that you are trying to get your bowls closest to.

The Head

This is where the jack and any bowls have come to rest (within your rink).

An End

Once the jack and all of the bowls have been delivered, the shots are scored. This is an End. Ends are played in turn from opposite directions.

A shot

The bowl or bowls closest to the jack is referred to as a 'shot'.

A Toucher

A bowl that touches the jack is considered a 'toucher'.

Drive

A type of aggressive delivery where the intention is to 'knock' or 'drive' your competitors bowl or the jack from it's current position.

AIB Etiquette

Amigos in Bowls is all about having fun. Here are a few things to keep in mind when you are playing AIB.

On the Green

Wear flat soled shoes e.g. Flip Flops.

Bowls, locally, is played on a level carpet, known as 'the green'. To avoid damaging the playing surface (and upsetting the Green Keeper), make sure that you wear the appropriate footwear!

PS: Bare feet counts as appropriate footwear..

Off the Green

The AIB Volunteers are just that, volunteers. Help them out and make the tidy up at the end of the game easier.