

Warwickshire Youth Academy 2023

Warwickshire Bowls Association will continue with the Under 25 Youth Academy following its success in 2022 to help identify, nurture and develop young bowlers within the county. It is open to both female and male players who are 25 or under. They don't need to have lots of experience, just enthusiasm and a desire to learn more about the sport. We know that many parents and grandparents already encourage their children to become interested in bowling and we are keen to further that initial enthusiasm. There will be four morning sessions through the summer as outlined below and we know they would find this a valuable opportunity to improve their playing knowledge.

It would be appreciated if you could bring this to the attention of any young players in your Club - your enthusiasm and encouragement will help to ensure the future of our sport.

As a County we are delighted that Kirsty Richards, Warwickshire's England International, has agreed to Manage our Amy Rose Team this year and we will be looking out for any young female players under 31 who qualify to be part of this two rink competition. Please let us know if anyone in your club fits this criteria and is interested in being part of the team.

The rationale behind the academy is to provide high quality coaching over a number of Sunday mornings during the summer season and build on the excellent base level coaching they may already have received within their clubs. In addition it will create a pathway for these players to both the White Rose and Amy Rose National competitions as well as hopefully providing future talent for both the Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy teams.

This coaching will not cut across any sessions that Neil Hancock and Kirsty Richards (respective team managers for White Rose and Amy Rose teams) have already planned. As well as this, it will open an avenue to those who are Under 18 to the Bowls England Academy selection event where up to 2 players may be nominated to represent the County and receive further high level coaching and if successful to attend the Bowls England Academy training weekend which opens up a route to potential Under 18 International honours.

This year the Academy is based at Lillington Bowls Club South Warwickshire between 10am and 12.00pm on the following Sundays – May 7, June 11, July 2 and 6 Aug. In order to continue and maintain this venture we need to be able to identify all bowlers in the county who are aged 25 and under.

It would therefore help enormously if you know of any such players who may be interested. Initial contact will be made via their parents/guardians. In order to register an interest please contact Malcolm Evans, Warwickshire BA County Coach and Director of Coaching Bowls England by email - malevans84@sky.com or by phone - 07910216117. Existing players who attended last year will be contacted directly.