



A NON-BOWLERS GUIDE TO BUYING FOR BOWLERS

If you're considering buying bowls, or bowling products, as a gift, especially if you're a non-bowler, here are a few of the things it's good to know before you buy...

BOWLS

First and most important thing you'll need to know, **do you need Crown Green bowls or lawn / indoor bowls** (the same bowls are used for both lawn and indoor bowling)? Crown Green bowls are sold in pairs, lawn / indoor bowls are sold as a set of four.

For Crown Green bowls, you'll need to know:

- * The make – mainly Thomas Taylor or Drakes Pride (but also Tornado, Piranha, Stevens).
- * The model
 - Thomas Taylor...De-Luxe, Elite, Grippa
 - Drakes Pride... Deluxe, Richmond, RX, Special
- * The size - this is expressed in pounds and ounces and is usually stamped on a bowl as 2-00 up to 2-12.
- * The density – Standard is the norm, but you can also get low density (LD) or high density (HD).
- * The bias – the standard is 2 Full Bias, very rarely this is different (and would need to be manufactured to order).
- * The colour – usually black, but sometimes brown, coloured or multi-coloured. Lignum Vitae wooden bowls are no longer manufactured but you can buy refurbished wood bowls.

For lawn / indoor bowls, you'll need to know:

- * The make – mainly Thomas Taylor, Almark or Henselite.
- * The Size - sizes are from 000 to 5 and sometimes have H (heavy), M (medium) or HM beside the size also.

Although we hold a small stock of coloured Crown Green bowls, these generally need to be made to order and could not be guaranteed to be ready before Christmas.

Similarly, we hold a small stock of indoor / lawn bowls and if they are available to order from the supplier we can get them within a couple of days. However, if the bowls you need have not yet been manufactured then they can take a few months to be made and wouldn't be available before Christmas.

BAGS

If you're considering buying a bowling bag, these range from bags which only fit 2 bowls, to bags on wheels and bags you could fit a weeks' worth of holiday packing into.

Some people are happy to have a bag that just holds their 2 or 4 bowls. Others like to have room to include cloths, polishes, score card holders, pen and notebook. You can also get bags that have room for extra clothing, raincoats and spare shoes.

WE ALSO STOCK...

Crown Green bowling jacks, mats, cloths, polish, score card holders, pocket scorers, tape measures. We have indoor bowling shoes, caps and beanies and some bowling related mugs and socks.

GIFT VOUCHERS

If you really have no idea, we sell Gift Vouchers in any denomination.

***We're happy to offer advice, call in to see us, give us a call,
email us or send us a message.***