

Lawn Bowl Bias – Quick Reference Guide

? Do bowls have a bias?

Yes. Bias is built into every lawn bowl. It's the reason a bowl curves across the green. The curve happens because one side of the bowl is shaped slightly differently, plus the running surface, not because of hidden weights or tricks by the bowler.

⊘ Common Misconception

Bowls do NOT have weights hidden inside them. The turn is created entirely by the bowl's shape. Manufacturers design each model with a set bias strength, which determines how much and when the bowl curves.

🏠 Types of Bias

Bias Strength	Where Used	Example Models
Narrow	Indoor and synthetic outdoor greens	Henselite Tiger TX, Taylor Lazer, Drakes Pride D-Tec
Mid	Most indoor & outdoor greens	Henselite Tiger II, Taylor ACE, Drakes Pride Professional
Wide	Outdoor greens, long lines	Henselite Tiger Classic, Taylor Lignoid

🔍 How to Identify the Biased Side

- Look for the ****small logo or small circle**** – that is the biased side.
- Usually, the bias side also has the official ****stamp****.
- The other side has a ****larger logo**** with the manufacturer's name and model.
- Tip: If you want your bowl to curve left-to-right, hold the biased side on the right.

🏋️ Practice Drill

Take one bowl and deliver it forehand, then backhand, aiming at the same target. Watch how the curve changes depending on which side the bias is facing. Repeat this on both fast and slow greens to learn how bias strength shows up in different conditions.



Player Tips

- Don't copy your teammate's line unless they have the same model and bias strength.
- Choose bowls suited to the surfaces you play most often.
- When buying bowls, research the bias type (Narrow, Mid, Wide) to match your game.

Key Takeaways

- Bias is built in by shaping, not hidden weights.
- Manufacturers offer bowls with different bias strengths.
- Identify the biased side by looking for the small logo/stamp.
- Knowing and controlling bias is fundamental to accurate play.

