

**BOWLS WA
MEN'S COUNTRY WEEK
CONDITIONS OF PLAY**



Controlling Body

Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee

Eligibility

Only players affiliated with a Western Australian Country Club are eligible to take part in Bowls WA Men's Country Week

Composite Entries

- The Bowls WA Country Committee does not encourage Composite Entries.
- If a Composite Entry is required they may be submitted on the Composite Team Entry Form Only. These may be requested from Bowls WA.
- Composite Entries are required to reach Bowls WA by Monday 7th January 2019 for approval from Bowls WA.
- Bowls WA Representatives will evaluate the circumstances of the players in the Composite Team before approval may or may not be given.
- The Composite team contact will be informed of the decision before the closing date of the Non Composite teams in Countryweek

Competition Dates

Friday 1st March 2019 – Singles Sectional Play plus knockout (x2)

Saturday 2nd March 2019 – Pairs Sectional Play

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Fours Sectional Play

Monday 4th March 2019 – Fours Sectional Play cont. plus knockout

Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th March 2019 – All discipline knockout games through to finals

Report and Start Time

- 9.00am – All teams to report to host club
- 9.15am – Trial ends commence
- 9.30am – Trial Ends finish and Games Commence

Entry Fees

Singles - \$20 per player

Pairs - \$40 per team

Fours - \$80 per team

Format of Play

Singles

- 4 bowls per player.
- Sectional Play (3 players per section), followed by knockout.
- Sectional play shall be 17 up.
- Knockout, Semi Finals and Finals shall be 21 up.
- All players are required to mark.

Pairs

- 4 bowls, played 2 x 2 x 2 x 2.
- Sectional Play (4 teams per section), followed by knockout.
- Sectional, Post sectional, Semi Finals and Finals shall be 14 ends.

Fours

- 2 bowls per player.
- Sectional Play (6 teams per section), followed by knockout.
- Sectional and Post sectional play shall be 15 ends.
- Semi-Finals and Final shall be 17 ends.

Allocation of Points in Sectional Play

- Game results will be awarded in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls with the following match points: three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss.

Determination of Section Winner

- If two teams or more have equal game points at the end of sectional play, then the winner will be the team with the highest number of shots up
- If two teams or more are still equal then the winner will be determined by the number of shots for divided by the number of shots against (Percentage%)
- If two teams or more are still equal then the winning team be determined by:
 1. The team that won the match between each other in sectional play
 2. The highest number of ends won by each team during sectional play (does not apply to singles go to 3. Yardstick)
 3. Yardstick competition

Heat Rule

In the best interest of the competition continuing, whilst bearing in mind the risk associated with heat stress, the following principles shall apply:

- It is understood that the temperature will not be 40° at the start of play, therefore play will commence with the first game of the days play.
- Play shall cease when the temperature exceeds 40° as shown by the venues thermometer.
- Play shall re-commence at the discretion of the Umpire of the Day.
- Any player can appeal to the Umpire of the Day at any time. Refer to the Bowls WA Extreme Weather Policy.

Trial Ends

- Two (2) trial ends are permitted before the start of the first game of the day or before continuing an unfinished game on another day
- Two trial ends are permitted if a team must change greens during the day

Practice

If a team or singles player that has not yet played is due to meet a team or singles player that has already played on the same day, the team or singles player can practice as long as:

- The Controlling Body gives approval;
- There is enough time available without delaying the event; and
- Another rink is available apart from that on which the team or singles has been drawn to play later that day.

If a team or singles player has already played on the same green on the same day, that team or singles player can practice in accordance with 6.1 above if they have a Bye.

The Controlling Body should allocate the rink on which a team or singles player can practice. If two teams or two singles players are entitled to practice:

- They can practice together; and
- The format of, and the number of bowls used in, the practice should be decided by the players concerned according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

If the team or singles player chooses to practice on the same green that they are drawn to play, they forfeit their right to have trial ends on their drawn rink before the start of their game.

If the team or singles player practices on a different green that they are drawn to play they may have trial ends on their drawn rink before the start of their game.

Forfeit

- The recipient of a forfeit shall be awarded a win.
- A team that forfeits during any Bowls WA event (Sectional or Knockout) shall be liable for a fine (per player), except that if in the final game of any sectional play the result of the singles players or teams drawn to play against each other will have no effect upon the final sectional winner they may, with the consent of the Controlling Body, elect not to play. If one team wishes to play the final game, then the game must be played.
- The recipient of a forfeit shall be awarded a win except where a team or singles player that forfeits two or more games in sectional play will be considered as never entering the event and all previous scores shall be deleted.

Restricting movement of players during play

Players in Pairs and Fours Competition will be able to follow their bowls up to the head under the following circumstances only:

Leads – after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl

Seconds – After delivery of their second bowl

Thirds – After delivery of their second bowl

Skips – After delivery of each of their bowls

Singles – after the delivery of their third bowl

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier

Footwear and attire

As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, footwear and attire must adhere to the standards as denoted in the Bowls Australia Logo Policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia website

www.bowlsaustralia.com.au

Club Colours to be worn for Continuation, Semi Finals and Finals

Smoking and the Consumption of Alcohol

Any lit or unlit smoking implement, electronic cigarettes and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the greens during any Bowls WA Competition or Event.

Photographs

All photographs that are taken at Bowls WA Association Events by the Official Bowls WA Photographer remain the property of Bowls WA.

Bowls Stickers

In Bowls WA State Events stickers shall be allowed in lead up games provided all bowls within that team have identical stickers.

Stickers may be provided for semi finals and finals by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee.

General Playing Conditions

All players must adhere to the Bowls WA Field of Play Rules.

Please Note: games may be played on grass or synthetic greens..

CLUB ORGANISERS- Please read out the competition rules of the event to all players prior to commencing play

The Fixtures and Events Committee reserve the right to alter the conditions of play at anytime.