

# Bowls WA Bowling Arm State Championships

## Conditions of Play

To be read in conjunction with the Bowls WA [Field of Play Rules](#)

### Controlling Body

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### Competition Dates

- **Friday 26 April: Sectional Play + Alignment Rounds as required.**
- **Saturday 27 April: Sectional Play + Alignment Rounds as required.**
- **Sunday 28 April:**
  - **Quarter Finals (QF)**
    - **Sunday 28 April 2024 – Quarter Final is the first game of the day**
    - **1 game of 25 Shots Up or 2.5 hours**
  - **Semi Finals (SF)**
    - **Sunday 28 April 2024 – Semi Final is the second game of the day (after Quarter Finals)**
    - **1 game of 25 Shots Up or 2.5 hours**
  - **Finals (F)**
    - **Sunday 28 April 2024 – Finals is the last game of the day (after Semi Finals)**
    - **1 game of 31 Shots Up – NO TIME LIMIT**
- *The detailed format of play for Friday and Saturday will be released after entries are closed, numbers are confirmed, and a schedule has been created. The format will consist of Sectional Play plus possible Alignment and Knockout Rounds depending on numbers.*

### Report and Start Time

Friday 26 April

- 8.45am – 9.00am - All players to report to host club (Warnbro)
- 9.15am – Trial ends commence (up & back)
- 9:30am – Trial Ends finish and Sectional Games Commence

Saturday 27 April

- 8.45am – 9.00am - All players to report to host club (Warnbro)
- 9.15am – Trial ends commence (up & back)
- 9:30am – Trial Ends finish and Sectional Games Commence

Sunday 28 April

- 8.45am – 9.00am - All players to report to host club (Warnbro)
- 9.15am – Trial ends commence (up & back)
- 9:30am – Trial Ends finish and Quarter Final Games Commence

### Format of Play

- Singles – four (4) bowls per player
- Dead ends will be replayed
- Sectional Play (3 players per section – BYE Players will MARK for the other players unless a replacement is requested)
  - First and Second player in a Section play first, Third Player Marks
  - Winner of first Section game will MARK the second game
  - Loser of first Section game will PLAY the second game, Winner of the first Section game marks.
- **Sectional, Alignment and Knockout** Play shall be **21 Shots Up – or 2 hours**
- **Quarter Final** and **Semi Final** play shall be **25 Shots Up – or 2 hours**
- **Final** play shall be **31 Shots Up – no time limit**

### Allocation of Points in Sectional Play

- Game results will be awarded in line with the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' Appendix A1.4.4 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 or more Players have equal game points at the end of sectional play, then the winner will be the Player with the highest number of shots up v shots down (Margin)
- If two or more Players 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 or more Players are still equal, then the winning team will be determined by:
  1. The Player that won the match between the Players that are equal in sectional play (if applicable)
  2. The highest number of ends won during sectional play

## Markers

In a Singles competition, players are required to mark as drawn or provided in the Conditions of Play – FORMAT OF PLAY – for that competition.

1. During Sectional play the non-playing player is required to Mark unless they have requested assistance prior to game commencement.
2. Additionally, defeated players in a Section may be asked to mark in the following round of the same competition.
3. Players should bring appropriate materials such as measures, spray chalk, pen/pencil.

A person with a disability may nominate a person to undertake the duties of marking on his/her behalf, with approval from the Controlling Body.

The duties of a Marker are listed in Bowls Australia Laws of the Sport of Bowls (law 42).

## 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 of Four (4) bowls are permitted before the start of the first game of the day, and when a player changes greens (i.e., sectional play into Alignment Rounds), or before continuing an unfinished game on another day.
- Two (2) trial ends are permitted if a player must change greens during the day.

## Forfeit

- A Player that forfeits during any Bowls WA event (Sectional or Knockout) shall be liable for a fine (per player). However, in the final game of any sectional play, if the result of the singles players or teams drawn to play each other will have no effect upon the final sectional winner, the opposing players or teams 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.
- A singles player that forfeits one 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 will be able to follow their bowls up to the head under the following circumstances only:

- After delivery of a players third and fourth bowls

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a player can ask the marker if they may walk 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](http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au)

## 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.

## CLUB ORGANISERS

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