AFGRI WA
MEN'S COUNTRY WEEK
CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Controlling Body

Bowls WA

Eligibility

Only players affiliated with a Western Australian Country Club and do not play in the Metropolitan Open Gender Saturday Pennant Competition under a "Multiple Club Pennant Application Form" are eligible to take part in Bowls WA Men's Country Week

Composite Entries

If a Composite Entry is required, players must receive approval via their home club on the appropriate form before submitting that form to Bowls WA

Composite Entries are available under the following conditions:

- Every effort must first be made to partner with players from their own Home Club for Pairs and Fours disciplines then;
- Immediate Family who are members of different clubs will be permitted to form a Composite team. E.g. father-son; brother-brother
- A player may seek a partner from their own League if no player within their club is available. If this also proves impossible due to a lack of numbers, then;
- The player/s will be entered into a "pool of excess players" where Bowls WA will conduct a random draw to form teams as required.

Please Note: Only under the noted conditions will Composite Entries be accepted

Competition Dates

Friday 27th February 2026 – Singles Sectional Play plus knockout (x2)
Saturday 28th February 2026 – Pairs Sectional Play
Sunday 1st & Monday 2nd March 2026 – Fours Sectional Play plus knockout (x1)
Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th March 2026 – 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

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, Semi Finals and Final play shall be 15 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 38°C at the start of play, therefore play will commence with the first game of the days play.
- If the temperature reaches 38°C, the Umpire of the Day shall call the players off the green at the completion of each rinks specific end for a designated 10-minute rest period. The rest period will not begin until the last rink has left the green.
- After 10 minutes, play will recommence for a further 30 minutes.
- If the temperature is still above 38°C, then the Umpire of the Day will continue the process of 10 minutes rest and 30 minutes play until the temperature drops below 38°C
- 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.

Livestreaming

It is anticipated that the Finals of all three disciplines will be livestreamed under the direction of Bowls WA.

To achieve this, it will be required that each final will be played as a lone fixture on finals day.

Bowls WA will determine in what order each of the three finals will play and communicate this to all players involved the day prior to the final day.

If the competition is held up for weather or players in multiple disciplines making it impossible to livestream all three finals, Bowls WA will determine which finals and semi-finals will be livestreamed.

It is expected that three games will be livestreamed during finals day.

Bowls WA has the right to require a player to remove any item of clothing believed to be not appropriate on a livestreamed broadcast

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.

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

Bowls WA reserve the right to alter the conditions of play at anytime.