

## **SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

### **18 Years & Under Bowls Championships**

#### **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

##### **Section A – Championship Overview**

**A - 1.** These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with School Sport Australia Policies, Championship Protocols and the Bowls Championship Organisational Manual.

**A - 2.** The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls as indicated by Bowls Australia Limited unless otherwise stated in section B.

##### **A - 3. Eligibility**

All players must be 18 years of age and under on 31 December of the year of competition unless age dispensation has been granted as per rule A - 4.

##### **A - 4. Age Dispensation**

Age Dispensation may be granted to a State or Territory for these Championships as allowed through the School Sport Australia Sport Participation Policy.

##### **A - 5. Team Size**

Each state/territory team roster shall consist of a ten (10) players. This is 2 sides of five (5) players. Players may be of any gender.

**A – 5.1** Teams are to be listed in the program in their playing positions- using the format provided by the NSA.

##### **A - 6. Attendance at Championships**

All students who participate in the School Sport Australia Bowls Championships must remain at the Championship location throughout the duration of the Championships and be bound by all Championship arrangements, except in exceptional circumstances as per School Sport Australia policy.

##### **Section B – Competition Structure**

##### **B - 1. Program / Schedule**

**B - 1.1** Up to 5 games of a minimum of 50 minutes duration will occur each day.

##### **B - 1.2** Game Schedules

Games will be timed and strictly adhered to.

##### **B - 1.3** Commencement Time for Games

Before the start of the first game of each day, players will be given time for 2 practice ends. 1 practice end will occur in subsequent games.

**B - 1.4** Each state/territory will play each other in both Singles/Fours AND Pairs/Triples

**B - 1.5** Interruption to Games

**B - 1.5.1** Games will continue in any weather conditions except as follows:

- B - 1.5.1.1** The Controlling Body ceases play due to possible damage to the green
- B - 1.5.1.2** The Umpire(s) cease play as per the Laws of Bowls
- B - 1.5.1.3** An approaching thunderstorm
- B - 1.5.1.4** Surface water making play impossible or dangerous

**B - 1.5.2** Where possible, all games will be played to their full timing. However, if this is not possible, the Controlling Body will make decisions in order to reach a conclusion for the event. This may involve any, or all, of the following:

- B - 1.5.2.1** Reducing the time of matches
- B - 1.5.2.2** Abandoning matches (points allocated as for a tie)
- B - 1.5.2.3** Scheduling matches outside the advertised times
- B - 1.5.2.4** Moving matches to other available rinks

**B - 1.6** Cancellation of Games

**B - 1.6.1** If games are cancelled in the Round Robin phase, points will be allocated as for a tied game.

**B - 1.6.2** If games are cancelled in the Finals matches, positions will be determined by the final Round Robin results.

**B - 2. Draw**

**B - 2.1** All states/territories will play each other at least once.

**B - 2.2** The draw will be made by the National Bowls Advisor

**B - 3. Duration of matches**

**B - 3.1** Games will be timed. The amount of time is dependent on the number of competing sides yet shall be no less than 50 minutes. An example would be:

- B - 3.1.1** o Singles – 21 shots up (or 1hr 30 mins)
- B - 3.1.2** o Pairs – 16 ends 3 bowls per player (or 1hr 30 mins)
- B - 3.1.3** o Triples – 16 ends 2 bowls per player (or 1hr 30 mins)
- B - 3.1.4** o Fours – 12 ends (or 1hr 30 mins)

**B - 3.2** The mat shall be placed prior to timing starting.

**B - 3.3** Once time has expired, the end in progress shall be completed. The end is only considered to be started if the mat has been placed and the jack has been rolled.

**B - 3.4** In Finals matches, a tied game will result in a 1-end shootout.

**B - 3.5** In a Sides Final, a tied game will result in a 1-end shootout on each rink. If this is tied, the process is repeated until a result is achieved.

#### **B - 4. Game Protocols / Specific Rules / Results**

**B - 4.1** Each discipline will have the following number of bowls:

**B - 4.1.1** Singles – four (4) bowls each.

**B - 4.1.2** Pairs – three (3) bowls each.

**B - 4.1.3** Triples – two (2) bowls each.

**B - 4.1.4** Fours – two (2) bowls each.

**B - 4.2** There are no dead ends. The jack shall be replaced on the 2m mark. If a bowl is covering the 2m mark, the jack will be placed as close to the 2m mark as possible.

**B - 4.3** Side and team names and positions must be provided prior to the Championships. Players cannot change sides, however they can change positions within a side between games. This can only be done in preliminary rounds. Player positions cannot be changed before a finals game.

#### **B - 5. Points Allocation**

**B - 5.1** For the Sides point score, each match is worth 4 points:

**B - 5.1.1** 1 point for each rink win (0.5 for a tie, 0 for a loss).

**B - 5.1.2** 2 points for the overall combined total between the rinks.

**B - 5.1.3** The sides point score will be finalised after the preliminary rounds, where the overall winning state will be decided.

#### **B - 6. Method of Determining Final Standings**

**B - 6.1** Final standings will be determined by the following means in order:

**B - 6.1.1** The total number of points;

**B - 6.1.2** The State/Territory with the greatest total shots differential (total shots scored minus shots conceded);

**B - 6.1.3** The State/Territory with the least number of shots conceded;

**B - 6.1.4** The State/Territory with the best overall head-to-head result;

**B - 6.1.5** The Side with the best head-to-head result in their first meeting.

## **Section C – Facilities / Equipment**

### **C - 1. Venue**

**C - 1.1** Two rinks are required per entered state/territory. A green usually has 7-8 rinks, so 1 or 2 greens will be required.

**C - 1.2** The host Club should:

**C - 1.2.1** Provide high quality greens.

**C - 1.2.2** Include enough exclusive space for conducting an opening and presentation with all players, officials and spectators present.

**C - 1.2.3** Have facilities to cater for meals for all participants.

**C - 1.2.4** Preferably have lights available to allow night play if required.

**C - 1.2.5** Provide access to chalk for players.

### **C - 2. Equipment**

**C - 2.1** All participants shall provide their own equipment.

**C - 2.2** Each participating state needs to supply bowls discs with their state colour and/or logo on it. They will need 40 bowls discs. States should also supply 3 scoreboard name plates for each team (6 in total).

## **Section D – Uniform**

**D - 1.** During the Bowls Championship matches, players must wear the designated State / Territory uniform.

## **Section E – Injury Management**

Refer to School Sport Australia Championship Protocols and Policy for the management of injuries. This policy will override any sport specific injury management Protocols.

[School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf \(schoolsportaustralia.edu.au\)](https://schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf)

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## **Section F – Officials**

**F – 1.** The host Club should supply one qualified umpire per green.

**F – 2.** The host club should supply enough markers for each singles game. The exact number will be provided by the convenor and NSA in advance of the championships.

## **Section G – Protests**

**G - 1.** Any in-game issues will be dealt with by the appointed umpire.

**G - 2.** Any dispute with point scores and standings must be made to the National Bowls Adviser prior to the start of any Finals play. This will be referred to the Disputes Committee.

## **Section H – Tribunal / Judiciary**

- H - 1.** The Disputes Committee will consist of the National Bowls Advisor, Championship Umpire and the Championship Convener.

## **Section I – Trophies / Awards / Medals**

### **I - 1. Major Trophy**

- I - 1.1** The winning state/territory will be presented with the School Sport Australia Bowls Championship trophy.
- I - 1.2** The winning state/territory will be responsible for engraving the trophy after each championship.

### **I - 2. Winning Teams - Awards**

- I - 2.1** Medallions are to be presented as per School Sport Australia policy.
- I - 2.2** Medallions are to be engraved –
  - 18/U Bowls Championship
  - “Venue”
  - “Year”
- I - 2.3** Medallions will be presented to up to two (2) team officials nominated by the School Sport Australia member bodies.

### **I - 3. Side and Individual Discipline Awards**

- I - 3.1** Players coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Sides Finals will receive medals
- I - 3.2** Players coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each Individual Discipline will receive medals

### **I - 4. All Australian Merit Team**

- I - 4.1** Up to ten (10) players will be selected in the All Australian Bowls Merit Team.
- I - 4.2** The Merit Team will include the most outstanding players regardless of position.
- I - 4.3** Selectors
  - I - 4.3.1** The Selection panel shall include the National Bowls Adviser (as Chairperson) and one official from each attending State/Territory.
  - I - 4.3.2** Meetings to be called by the Chairperson as required.
  - I - 4.3.3** If any decision is a tie, the Chairperson will make the final decision.
  - I - 4.3.4** Selected players will receive a School Sport Australia plaque.