



CLUB TOCUMWAL

2026

Bowls Syllabus



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HOUSE AND GENERAL RULES

DRESS:

Men and Ladies are requested to take pride in the club and maintain a responsible standard in respect to their attire in the club house and on the greens. All members are requested to read the dress regulations displayed in the club house foyer.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions are due by 1st September. Any member whose subscription is in arrears shall be debarred from all club privileges.

COMPLAINTS:

All complaints shall be made to the General Bowls Committee. The complaint must be in writing so as to avoid misinterpretation.

PLAYING ETIQUETTE

During Gameplay:

- **At the mat end:** When not delivering a bowl, stand at least 2 metres behind the mat and within the confines of the rink.
- **Distractions:** Avoid actions that could distract the bowler, like chatting or moving in their peripheral vision. Be mindful of players on adjacent rinks as well.
- **Delivery:** Watch your bowl until it stops, then promptly return behind the mat.
- **Good Bowls:** Acknowledge and commend both your teammates' good shots and your opponents' exceptional ones.
- **"Fluke" Shots:** Be honest and admit when you play a lucky shot, and remember this when your opponent has a similar stroke of luck.
- **Unlucky Shots:** Never applaud a "lucky" shot, as it's essentially a poor bowl with a good result.
- **Riding Opponent's Bowls:** Do not encourage an opponent's bowl to move towards a better position for your team, or applaud such an outcome.
- **Excuses:** Avoid making excuses for poor play based on green conditions or weather, as these affect all players equally.
- **Moving to the Head:** Follow the last player to play, stay within your rink, and walk close to the centre to avoid disturbing other players.

General Conduct:

- **Sportsmanship:** Players must adhere to the rules, avoid actions that bring the game into disrepute, and maintain a sporting manner towards everyone involved.
- **Respect:** Be respectful of officials, coaches, other players, and spectators.
- **No Contact:** Avoid inappropriate or physical contact with players or officials.
- **Club Etiquette:**
 - The proposer of a new member should act as a mentor.
 - Members should be silent during official announcements.
 - Show respect for the club's administrators.
- **Returning Items:** Return borrowed personal items to their owners.
- **Silence:** Be silent when officials are making announcements.
- **Starting Positions:** The third player can be at the head with the skip until their turn to play, while the lead and second players must start at the mat end.
- **Moving to the Head (Conditions of Play):** Leads can move after the second player's second bowl, seconds and thirds after their second bowl, and skips after each of their bowls.

SOME BASIC RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW

- **Mat Placement:** The first to play places the mat on the centre line at least 2 metres from the ditch and up to the desired length as dictated by the skip.
- **Foot Faulting:** Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or at least part of one foot on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.
- **Jack / Bowl Length:** A jack must travel 21 metres to be legal while a bowl must travel 14 metres to be in play.
- **Jack Delivery:** If the jack is improperly delivered the opposition may reposition the mat and deliver the jack but not play first. If the jack is delivered improperly by both leads the jack is placed at the 2 metre mark and the first to play may reposition the mat.
- **Position on Rink:** Players at the mat end who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 1 metre behind the mat. Players at the head end who are not controlling play should stand behind the jack.
- **Playing Wrong Bowl:** Replace with correct bowl.
- **Playing out of Turn:** Opposition skip has choice: a) may stop the bowl; b) leave it and have two bowls played to restore proper sequence; c) reset disturbed head and restore proper sequence; d) leave disturbed head and play two bowls or; e) declare dead end.
- **Rink Possession:** Possession of the rink belongs to the player or team whose bowl is being played.
- **Determining score:** Bowls should not be moved until the number of shots has been agreed upon by the vice or skip.
- **Objects on the green:** No objects should be placed on the bank, the green or in the ditch to help a player.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY MAJOR EVENTS 2025/2026

- Events will be played under the laws of the Game of Bowls.
- All entries will close at 4pm 8 days before the scheduled date for the first round.
- Event entry fees **MUST be paid** at time of entering.
- Matches will be played on/from the start date in the Syllabus. Club Championship Men's and Ladies' Singles and Pairs must be completed before entries close for the Region Champion of Champion Pairs on 9 February 2026 and State Champion of Champion singles on 23 February 2026.
- Full bowls uniform is optional for events but both players and markers to wear full bowls uniform for finals.
- Any dispute should be promptly referred to the Match Committee.
- Dead ends will be replayed.
- All events are a knockout competition where winners proceed to the next round.
- Multiple rounds of competition may be played on the same day.
- A two end roll up will be allowed provided it is completed prior to the scheduled start time.
- Any player/team arriving after the scheduled start time will lose the right to a roll up.
- Any player/team arriving more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time will forfeit the match.
- The Match Committee reserves the right to change conditions of play.

BOWLS PROGRAM 2025-2026

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES - MENS & LADIES

Commences Monday, 22 September 2025

Must be completed before 23 February 2026

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS – MENS & LADIES

Commences Monday, 20 October 2025

Must be completed before 9 February 2026

MIXED TRIPLES

Commences Wednesday, 29 October 2025 – Twilight start
4.30pm (4 weeks)

21 UP HANDICAPPED – MENS & LADIES

Commences Monday, 24 November 2025

100 UP HANDICAPPED – MENS & LADIES

Commences Monday, 12 January 2026

B GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP – MENS & LADIES

Commences Monday, 9 February 2026

MIXED FOURS

Commences Tuesday, 10 March 2026 – Twilight start
4.00pm (4 weeks)

2025 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1	2	3	4
8	9 Queens of the Green Tournament	10 Queens of the Green Tournament	11
15	16 Masters of the Murray Tournament	17 Masters of the Murray Tournament	18
22 Club Championship Mens & Ladies State Fours Entries Close	23	24	25
29	30		

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
5	6	7	....................
12	13	14	....................
19	20	21 Bowls Green Open Day 11.00am	....................
26	27	28 State Fours Rd 1	....................
		
		

2025 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1 Region 60 & Over Pairs Entries Close	2
6 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm State Triples Entries Close	7 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 1	8	9
13 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm State Mixed Pairs Entries Close	14 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 2 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 1	15 Region 60 & Over Pairs Region 60 & Over Singles Entries Close	16
20 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	21 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 3 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 2	22 Region 60 & Over Pairs	23
27 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	28 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 4 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 3	29 Mixed Triples (Twilight start 4.30pm) - 4 weeks Region 60 & Over Singles	30

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
3	4	5 State Fours Rd 2	....................
10	11 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 1	12 State Triples	....................
17	18 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 2	19 State Triples	....................
24	25 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 3	26 State Mixed Pairs	....................
31			..... ..... ..... .....
		

2025 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3	4	5	6
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	Melbourne Cup Day	Mixed Triples (Twilight start 4.30pm)	
10	11	12	13
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm State Pairs Entries Close	MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 5 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 4	Mixed Triples (Twilight start 4.30pm) Region 60 & Over Singles	
17	18	19	20
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm State Singles Entries Close	MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 6 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 5	Mixed Triples (Twilight start 4.30pm) Region 60 & Over Singles & Pairs	
24	25	26	27
Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm 21 Up Handicapped Mens & Ladies	MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 7 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 6		

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
	1	2	....................
7	8 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 4	9	....................
14	15 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 5	16 State Mixed Pairs	....................
21	22 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 6	23 State Pairs	....................
28	29 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 7	30 State Singles	....................
		

2025 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1	2 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 8 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 7	3	4
8 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	9 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 9 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 8	10	11
15 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm Region 60 & Over Mixed Pairs Entries Close	16 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 10 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 9	17	18
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
29	30	31	

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
5	6 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 8	7 State Pairs	....................
12	13 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 9	14 State Singles	....................
19	20	21	....................
26 Boxing Day	27	28	....................
		
		

2026 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			1 New Year's Day
5	6	7 Region 60 & Over Mixed Pairs	8
12 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm 100 Up Handicapped Mens & Ladies	13 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 11 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 10	14 Region 60 & Over Mixed Pairs	15
19 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	20 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 12 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 11	21	22
26 Australia Day	27 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 13 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 12	28	29

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
2	3	4	....................
9	10 No Play - Region Championships	11 No Play - Region Championships	....................
16	17 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 10	18 Finals State Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples Region 60 & Over Pairs	....................
23	24 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 11	25	....................
30	31 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 12		..... ..... ..... .....
		

2026 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	3 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 14 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 13	4	5
9 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm B Grade Championship Mens & Ladies	10 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 1 & 2 - ROUND 15 MIDWEEK PENNANT DIV 3 - ROUND 14	11	12
16 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	17 MIDWEEK PENNANT KNOCKOUT & SEMI FINALS	18	19
23 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm State Champion of Champion Singles Entries Close	24 MIDWEEK PENNANT PRELIMINARY FINAL	25	26

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
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6 Twilight Club Tocumwal v Cobram Division 1	7 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 13	8
13	14 SATURDAY PENNANT - ROUND 14	15 Region Champion of Champion Pairs	....................
20	21 SATURDAY KNOCKOUT & SEMI FINALS	22 Region Champion of Champion Pairs	....................
27	28 SATURDAY PRELIMINARY FINAL		..... ..... ..... .....
		

2026 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm Regional Novice Singles Entries Close	3 MIDWEEK PENNANT GRAND FINAL	4	5
9 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	10 Mixed Fours (Twilight start 4.00pm) 4 weeks	11	12
16 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	17 Mixed Fours (Twilight start 4.00pm)	18	19
23 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	24 Mixed Fours (Twilight start 4.00pm)	25	26
30 Barefoot Bowls 6.00pm	31 Mixed Fours (Twilight start 4.00pm)		

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
		1 State Champion of Champion Singles	....................
6	7 SATURDAY GRAND FINAL	8 State Champion of Champion Singles	....................
13	14 Finals State Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs Final Region Champion of Champion Pairs	15 Final State Champion of Champion Singles	....................
20	21 Region Novice Singles	22 Region Novice Singles	....................
27	28	29	....................
		

2026 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1	2
6	7	8	9
Easter Monday			
13	14	15	16
	AGM & Presentation		
20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
3 Good Friday	4 Easter Saturday	5 Easter Sunday	..... ..... ..... .....
10	11 Edinburgh Shield Tournament	12 Edinburgh Shield Tournament
17	18	19
24	25 ANZAC Day	26
		
		

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