



Welcome to Lawn Bowls

Bowls Victoria welcomes people of all cultures to the game of bowls. Here we will be explaining a bit about the game of bowls and how to play. Bowls is a very welcoming sport and accepts everyone of all ages and abilities. We already have thousands of people playing our great sport. Will you be the next?

Definition of Terms:

- Singles** – A game between two players
- Pairs** – A game with 4 players, 2 on each team
- Triples** – A game with 6 Players, 3 on each team
- Fours** – A game with 8 players, 4 on each team
- Rolling the Jack** – Rolling the white or yellow coloured ball down the green.
- Placing the mat** – Placing the mat on the centre line
- Rink** – The numbered lane in which you play on
- Shot** – The bowl closest to the jack
- Bowl** – A bowl is what you roll down the green. They can be many colours and come in sets of two or four.
- Toucher** – When a bowl touches the jack

Why Play Lawn Bowls?

Bowls is a very easy and enjoyable way to keep fit and healthy. It is also a great stress reliever.





How to Play Lawn Bowls

Start of the end

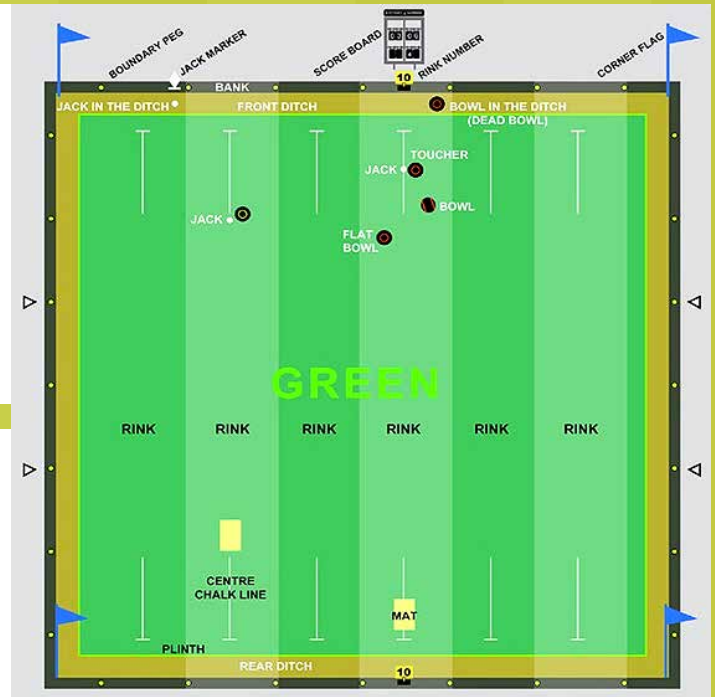
At the start of every end the person closest to the jack in the previous end will place the white mat on the centre line.

From here you will roll the jack down to the other end, once the jack has stopped you place the jack on the centre line.

The completion of the End.

Once all of the bowls have been played from that end, you and the opposition will decide who is the closest to the jack and how many bowls they have closer than the opposition.

If you cannot decide who is the closest, call for an umpire and they will measure the bowls and make the decision (An umpire's decision cannot be overruled).



How do you win?

In a game of Singles, the winner is whoever reaches the score limit first (This is usually first to 21 or 25 shots). In a game of Pairs, Triples and Fours, there is usually a time limit or a number of ends. If you are playing to a number of ends, the aim is to be in front before the last end is played.

Where can you play Bowls?

There are 51 countries in the world that play lawn bowls. Bowls is a sport played in the Commonwealth Games. There are hundreds of Bowls clubs across Victoria. Every year, in a town called Shepparton in Victoria, the Victorian Open is played. Registered players from around the state and sometimes the country, come to compete against each other to be the best in Victoria.

Please visit the Bowls Victoria website for more information and to find your nearest club.

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