

## **Rules and playing conditions Barefoot Bowls State Championship Season 2019/20**

1. General Conditions
  - a. The Laws of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3), as adopted by Bowls Australia except as varied hereunder, shall apply.
  - b. The Barefoot Bowls State Championship Committee shall be responsible for the management and operation of the event. The Barefoot Bowls State Championship Committee shall hereafter be known as the controlling body.
2. Entry Conditions & Player Eligibility
  - a. The Barefoot Bowls State Championships is open to all bowlers who are or were not registered full members of a club affiliated to Bowls Victoria in season 17/18,18/19 or 19/20.
  - b. The Barefoot Bowls State Championship is an open gender competition. That is, teams can consist of all one gender or a combination of.
  - c. Teams can register a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 players, but only 2 players can participate at any one time. Teams can substitute players during matches , following the completion of an end. All players must be registered through the online registration form before the start of round 1 of the club based qualifier. The registration cost for each team is \$40 regardless of the number of players that comprise the team.
  - d. Any player serving a suspension from a BA affiliated club or other related association at the time of the competition is ineligible to participate.
  - e. Players participating in the State final must have played at least one end in the club based qualifier round and must be a registered player of the team.
  - f. Details of host venues, dates/times of play can be found on the Bowls Victoria website.
3. Playing Conditions
  - a. The matches will be played in a two bowl pairs format to be played alternatively. The matches will consist of one set of five ends with a one bowl Mega Bowl, delivered by any member of the team, if the scores are even at the completion of 5 ends. One optional trial end, of two bowls per player (for all players registered in a team) is permitted, prior to each game.
  - b. To start a match, teams will toss a coin and the winner of the toss can choose whether to place the mat + jack + deliver the first bowl or request their opponent to place the mat and jack and deliver the first bowl. The opposing team cannot refuse.
  - c. First to Play. The mat must be placed on the centre line and the jack placed on the centre line between the "T" and 21m from the centre of the mat line.
  - d. In the event of a Mega Bowl, teams will toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options as described in 3c above.
  - e. The team who wins the end will place the mat and jack and deliver the first bowls as per 3c above.
  - f. If the jack goes out of bounds it will be re-spotted on the two metre mark at the "T"
  - g. All matches are to be played in accordance with the relevant BA policies as referenced on the webpage, <http://bowls.com.au/About-BA/Documents/Constitution-Policies>
  - h. The Controlling body reserves the right to alter the Conditions of Play if circumstances necessitate alterations.
4. Contrived Results
  - a. Bowls Victoria shall have power to investigate a game or the actions of the clubs or any players involved in a match if it suspects the assistance or collusion of any person or club have colluded to contrive the result of a match. If BV decides to carry out an investigation, it will conduct inquiries as it sees fit and invite submissions about the match or conduct of players and will give any involved person the opportunity to be heard.

- b. If BV finds that clubs or players have colluded to contrive the outcome of a match BV may in its absolute discretion do one or more of the following: (a) suspend a team or player from future participation; (b) take any other action that it deems appropriate.

### **Dates**

Preliminary Club Based rounds are to be played prior to March 30 2020. The State final will be held on April 5 2020.

### **Venues**

Venues are as listed below and the final will be held at Middle Park BC

### **Uniforms**

The only rules for Uniform are as follows;

- Flat soled shoes or Barefoot
- No Offensive images or terms to be displayed on any item of clothing. Should any item be deemed to be offensive, teams will be given the opportunity to change, if this is refused they can be withdrawn with no refund.

### **Umpires**

Each venue will appoint at least one appointed accredited/or suitable person to umpire. BV will appoint an umpire for the State Final.

### **Venue Results**

Host venues are required to submit results to Bowls Victoria within 24 hours of the completion of events. The results must be submitted via email to the controlling body. Results will be made available on the BV website.

### **Awards & Prize Money**

The winning team at regional based finals will be provided with a fuel card up to \$100 (where appropriate) to attend the state finals.

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the state finals.

- Winners medallions (x3) + prize money (\$1000)
- Finalists medallions (x3) + sponsors prize
- Perpetual Barefoot Bowls State Championship Trophy