

UNDER-18 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY 2020-2021



All matches will be played in accordance with the 2019 Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, and the 2019-2020 Bowls Victoria Conditions of Play for State Events with Specific Eligibility Requirements

1. Controlling Body

The Controlling Body for the Under-18 Championships is Bowls Victoria. The Controlling Body has the right to alter the conditions of play if deemed necessary to ensure the satisfactory conduct of the event.

2. Events

- Under-18 Girls Singles
- Under-18 Boys Singles
- Under-18 Girls Pairs
- Under-18 Boys Pairs
- Under-18 Mixed Pairs
- Under-18 Open Triples

3. Age Entry Conditions

The Under-18 state championships are open to all Bowls Victoria affiliated girl and boy bowlers who are Under-18 years of age on Friday April 16, 2021 being the final day of Under-18 Championship Week.

4. Dates

4.1 Entries Close

Entries for the Under-18 Girls & Boys Singles, the Under-18 Girls & Boys Pairs, the Under-18 Mixed Pairs and the Under-18 Open Triples will close on the following dates:

5.00pm, Thursday 28th January 2021

4.2 Sectional Play

Sectional rounds for all disciplines will be determined if necessary once entries to the championships close. The Under-18 Girls & Boys Singles, the Under-18 Girls & Boys Pairs, mixed pairs and the Under-18 Open Triples will be conducted on the following dates:

- TBC Under-18 Girls and Boys Pairs
- TBC Under-18 Open Triples
- TBC Under-18 Mixed Pairs
- TBC Under-18 Boys Singles
- TBC Under-18 Girls Singles

4.3 Post-Sectional Play

Where the sectional draw contains more than 16 sections, post-sectional knockout rounds may be played immediately following the conclusion of the sectional play rounds. The published sectional draw will indicate the host venues where these post-sectional knockout rounds are to be played.

4.4 Finals Held During the Bowls Victoria Under-18 Championship Week

The final rounds of each championship discipline will be conducted during the Under-18 Championship week Tuesday April 13th - Friday April 16th at Bendigo East Bowls Club, except the boys' and girls' singles finals which are to be held from Tuesday May 4th - Sunday May 9th 2021 at the 2021 State Championships.

5. Venues

5.3 Sectional play and some post-sectional play will be conducted at host clubs determined by Bowls Victoria once registrations have closed.

5.4 The knockout rounds of each championship discipline will be conducted during the Under-18 Championship week at Bendigo East Bowls Club from Tuesday April 13th – Friday April 16th, 2021.

6. Starting Times

6.3 Sectional play will commence at 9.45am. All players must be at their host club by 9.15am for registration. Trial ends will commence at 9.30am. Any variation to these starting times will be specified on the published sectional play draw sheets.

6.4 Where a post-sectional knockout round is scheduled to follow the completion of the sectional play rounds and there is sufficient time to play the match on that day, the venue manager shall determine the starting time for the post-sectional knockout round.

6.5 Where a post-sectional knockout round is scheduled to follow the completion of the sectional play rounds and there is insufficient time to play the match on that day, the venue manager in consultation with the players or teams concerned shall determine the venue and starting time for the post-sectional knockout round.

6.6 The registration and commencement times for the final knockout rounds of each championship will be as shown on the published draws for Under-18 Championship Week and on the [Under-18 page](#).

7. Extreme Weather Days – Heat

7.3 On sectional or post-sectional days when extreme weather is forecast, the controlling body (Participation Coordinator Clare Hockey, Participation Coordinator Josh Thornton, Event Manager Jimmy Whitehead) has the right to alter the starting time and/or the number of championships ends for play on that day.

8. Absent Player or Team

A player or team that is not available to commence play within 30 minutes of the appointed time for commencing a match will automatically forfeit the match to their opponent(s).

9. Format of Play

9.3 Under-18 Female & Male Singles

9.3.1 Sectional & post-sectional rounds, except the final - 21 up.

9.3.2 Final - 25 up.

9.3.3 All singles rounds – 4 bowls per player.

9.3.4 Sectional play (where possible) will be conducted with a maximum of 3 players per section.

9.3.5 Each player in a 3-player section will play 2 games and be the marker for the match between the other 2 players. The player having the bye in a round will mark the game between the other two players in the section. The loser of the 1st round must mark the second game.

9.3.2 A player scheduled to mark a round can be replaced by a parent or guardian if this is considered necessary and is approved to do so by the host club's championship manager and the players concerned. Where possible the marker should be suitably attired.

9.3.3 Where there are only two (2) players or four (4) players in a section the marker can be a player from the host club or, with the approval of the players concerned, a parent or guardian who is familiar with the duties of a marker. Where possible the marker should be suitably attired.

9.4 Under-18 Female & Male Pairs

9.4.1 Sectional & post-sectional rounds, except the final - 15 ends.

9.4.2 Final - 18 ends.

9.4.3 All Pairs rounds - 3 bowls per player. The lead plays 3 bowls then the skip plays 3 bowls.

9.4.4 Sectional play will be conducted with a maximum of 4 pair's teams per section.

9.5 Under-18 Open Triples

9.5.1 Sectional & post-sectional rounds, except the final - 15 ends.

9.5.2 Final - 18 ends.

9.5.3 All Triples rounds - 2 bowls per player. The lead plays 2 bowls, the second plays 2 bowls, then the skip plays 2 bowls.

9.5.4 Sectional play will be conducted with a maximum of 4 triples teams per section.

9.5.5 Triples teams shall comprise any combination of female and male players.

9.6 Under-18 Mixed Pairs

9.6.1 Sectional & post-sectional rounds, except the final - 15 ends.

9.6.2 Final - 18 ends.

9.6.3 All Pairs rounds - 3 bowls per player. The lead plays 3 bowls then the skip plays 3 bowls.

9.6.4 Sectional play will be conducted with a maximum of 4 pair's teams per section.

10. Sectional and Post-Sectional Draws

10.3.1 The draws for the sectional and post-sectional rounds will be conducted Bowl Victoria.

10.4 No late entries will be accepted.

10.5 Bowls Victoria has the right, where required to alter the draw if deemed necessary.

11. Trial Ends

11.3 One trial end in each direction may be permitted prior to the commencement time of the initial round each day in accordance with Law 5.1. and must be completed before the designated commencement time.

11.4 During the sectional play rounds of the singles championships, a player drawn as the marker for the first match shall be permitted to play their trial ends prior to the commencement of the second match and not on the rink they are about to play on.

12. Re-spotting the Jack

- 12.3** If the Jack becomes dead it will be re-spotted.
- 12.4** Where a jack passes outside the boundaries of the rink, passes over the face of the bank or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the jack should be placed on the centre line at the 2 metre mark.
- 12.5** If the 2 metre mark spot is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack must be placed on the centre line as close as possible and forward of the covered spot, in line with the spot & the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink without touching a bowl.

13. Restricting the Movement of Players

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.

- 13.3 Singles** (each player playing four bowls).
 - 13.3.1** the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- 13.4 Pairs** (each player playing three bowls).
 - 13.4.1** the leads: after delivery of their third bowl.
 - 13.4.2** the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.
- 13.5 Triples** (each player playing two bowls).
 - 13.5.1** the leads: after delivery of their second bowl.
 - 13.5.2** the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
 - 13.5.3** the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- 13.6 Mixed Pairs** (each player playing three bowls).
 - 13.6.1** the leads: after delivery of their third bowl.
 - 13.4.2** the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.
- 13.7** In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip or a player in singles can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, Law 13, "Possession of the rink", will apply.

14. Slow Play – Delaying Play

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one on the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is unnecessarily delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- 14.3** On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
 - 14.3.1** If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- 14.4** If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

15. Drawn Game

- 15.3** In the sectional play rounds, if the team scores are equal when all ends have been played the game remains a tie.
- 15.4** In the post-sectional play rounds, if the team scores are equal when all ends have been played an extra end shall be played to decide the winner (Law 28.1).

16. Coaching

- 16.3** Either the coach of a player, team or side or, in their absence the coach's delegated deputy, can give advice to a player during the course of play as long as;
- 16.4** The umpire is given the names of the coach or the coach's delegated deputy as appropriate before the games starts;
- 16.5** Only one person is present at the rink to give advice at any one time;
- 16.6** The person giving the advice does so when their team or side is in possession of the rink; and
- 16.7** The person giving the advice does so from outside the boundaries of the green
- 16.8** If, in the umpire's opinion, this law has been broken, the umpire must ask the coach or delegated deputy concerned to stay within the law. If they do not stay within the law, the umpire must ask the Controlling Body to take immediate action to make sure that the offender stops breaking the law.

17. Spectators

Spectators and anyone not directly taking part in the game should not disturb or advise players or teams in any way. Law 45 shall apply to spectators.

18. Heat Regulation

- 18.3** Play in Under-18 Championship matches shall cease immediately if the temperature reaches 36° centigrade or higher. The official BOM (Bureau of Meteorology) app must be used and the relevant BOM weather station location as listed in schedule three. The BOM app can be found here: bom.gov.au/app
- 18.4** Where a match has been suspended due to the heat rule, play shall commence when the temperature falls below 36° centigrade.

19. Section Winners

- 19.3** Three points shall be awarded for a win, forfeit, walkover or bye and one point for each tie.
- 19.4** The winner of the section will be the player or team with the highest number of points at the completion of sectional play. If players or teams are equal on points, the winner will be the player or team with the greatest margin of net shots. If players or team are equal on points and shot up, the winner will be the player or team with the highest result when the total shots scored for the player or team is divided by the total shots scored against the player or team (Law 27).
- 19.5** Section winners will progress to the post-sectional rounds of the competition.

20. Player Protection

- 20.3** Should a player be involved in a World Bowls, Bowls Australia, Bowls Victoria, Region Division or Club Championship, an Interstate Match, a State, Region or Division trial, a BV Development Squad activity, an Under-18 game or trial, they will not be penalised should they be absent because of their involvement in a higher level event on the same day. Except for World Bowls and Bowls Australia events this protection is limited to one occasion per season.
- 20.4** If the event cannot be rescheduled the player or official will decide which event, to compete in or officiate at.

21. Stamp on Bowls

All bowls used during the event must carry a registered World Bowls Stamp.

22. Bowls Discs

22.3 The discs used by each player in a pairs, mixed pairs or triples team playing in rounds of the pairs, mixed pairs and triples championships must bear the same bowls disc inscription, otherwise the players in the team shall use bowls without discs.

23. Footwear and Attire

23.3 Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire will apply to all rounds. Rules for attire can be found on the Bowls Victoria website under Manage your event tab.

23.4 It is preferable for players to wear Club or Junior Development Squad shirts.

23.5 Composite teams may wear alternative apparel providing it adheres to the Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire.

24. Other Laws, Regulations & Policies

The championships will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the Domestic Regulations for Australia, and the COP State Events Specific Eligibility Requirements.

25. Jury of Appeal

In the event of an appeal by a player or players during the Bowls Victoria Under-18 championships, the appeal shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the Domestic Regulations for Australia and the COP State Events specific Eligibility, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal.

26. Special Circumstances

Any matters not covered in the above conditions of play can be referred to the event organizers from Bowls Victoria (Clare Hockey, Josh Thornton or Jimmy Whitehead).

27. Media, Photography and Video

Bowls Victoria reserves the right to use any photographs or video taken during this event for promotional requirements. Some rounds may be broadcasted through Bowls Victoria's various communication channels and at the discretion of the controlling body. All media requests are to be directed to Bowls Victoria's Media and Communication Manager in the first instance.

27. Smoking

All Under-18 championships must comply with Bowls Victoria's [Smoke Free Policy](#).

29. Player Conduct and Behaviour

29.1 All players are required to conduct themselves in a polite and sportsman like manner when participating in BV Championship Events and not in any of the following behaviors:

- Act in an abusive, threatening, or intimidating manner
- Use obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening, or intimidating language.
- Act in an unsportsmanlike manner
- Threaten any person with physical violence or assault
- Assault any person
- Act in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute; or
- Act in a manner likely to bring BV into disrepute

29.2 A failure to comply can result in the umpire applying an instantaneous penalty.

30. Disciplinary Breaches

30.1 A player, team, side or club are subject to rule 10 of the BV constitution, Discipline of Members. Where a matter is referred to a BV Disciplinary Committee then a player, team, side or club is subject to the determinations of that Committee. The BV Disciplinary penalty of a monetary fine (not exceeding \$1,000) and /or disqualification, and/or match points penalty and/or a replay or such other penalty as they see fit.

31. Personal Electronic / Communication Devices

31.1 The use of personal electronic / communication devices on the green by a player is not permitted.

31.2 Should a player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical emergency services personnel) to answer a mobile phone or similar they must have permission from the controlling body and notify the umpire of the day prior to playing. If approved the device can be carried on the player but must be on silent/vibrating (only) and responded on the bank away from play.

31.3 A failure to comply can result in the umpire applying an instantaneous penalty.

32. Instantaneous Penalties

32.1 If an umpire, by observation or on an appeal by the controlling body, a side manager, a skip or an opponent decides that a player is non-compliant then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponents.

32.2 If the umpire forms the opinion on a second occasion that the same player is non-compliant, the player will be excluded from taking any further part in the game. A substitute will not be permitted.

32.3 An Instantaneous penalty applied to one player in a team shall be considered as an instantaneous penalty to all players in that team.

32.4 Any of the above umpire-imposed sanctions are final and cannot be contested, disregarded, or appealed.

32.5 The umpire shall also complete a BA instantaneous penalty report and forward it to the BV within five days of the incident.

The Controlling body has the right to alter the conditions of play if deemed necessary.