



CONDITIONS OF PLAY

2021/22

EVENT/SEASON DATES

The 2022 season commences on January 16 and is played on a Sunday over five weeks plus finals.

Round 1	Sunday, January 16, 2022: 9:30AM
Round 2	Sunday, January 23, 2022: 9:30AM
Round 3	Sunday, January 30, 2022: 9:30AM
Round 4	Sunday, February 6, 2022: 9:30AM
Round 5	Sunday, February 13, 2022: 9:30AM
Semi Finals	Sunday, February 20, 2022: 9:30AM
Grand Final	Sunday, February 20, 2022: 11:00AM

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The controlling body for this competition is Bowls Victoria.

Eligibility of Clubs: Clubs may enter a team or multiple teams in the U18 Sunday morning competition. In 2022 teams must be made up of **at least 2 juniors from the same club. Teams must represent only one club. The competition will be played in the Metropolitan Melbourne, area but is open to any club wanting to participate.**

Entry Conditions: The competition is open to any bowler who is affiliated as a junior with Bowls Victoria, and is under 18 years of age as of January 16, 2022.

Competition Format: Two-bowl triples format (each playing 2 bowls)

2 sets of 7 ends each or 40 minutes (whichever comes first). One (1) end tiebreak if scores are level at 1 set all.

1. Games commence at 9:30am and must conclude by 11:00am. A bell will be rung to indicate the start and finish of each set.
2. There is a time limit of 40 Minutes or 7 ends per set, whichever comes first.
3. Any team not ready to start by 9:45am forfeits the match.
4. No dead ends, Jack is re-spotted on the T if it goes out of bounds.
5. Teams with a player short will play two players vs three players in their rink, the team of two still only plays with 2 bowls each.

Arrangement for re-spot of jack: The Jack is re spotted on the 2m mark if it goes out of bounds. Jack is still live if it goes in the ditch.

Trial Ends: One (1) Trial End in each direction is permitted before the start of play.

Practice: Practice is permitted before the commencement of trial ends.

Controlling Body on the day: The controlling body will be the host club and Bowls Victoria.

Restriction of movement during play:

The leads: after delivery of their second bowl

The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl

The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

Changing of positions: Players are only permitted to change positions at the beginning of each set.

Delaying Play: If an Umpire by his own observation or on appeal by a Side Manager decides a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of their bowl or a Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to delay play, a warning will be issued to a Skip. If an Umpire forms the opinion that the player or Skip has repeated the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed, and their Opponent will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by their Opponent.

Allocation of points: 3 points will be awarded for each match won, 1 point for each match tied and 0 points for each game lost.

Arrangement for deciding winners: Winners are decided by sets won, if sets are equal (1-1 or draw-draw) – a one-end tiebreaker is played to decide the winner.

Walkovers: If a side receives a walkover, they will be awarded 3 points and 8 shots.

Substitutes: Substitutes can be used after the completion of any end. A maximum of one sub is permitted per team (MAX 4 players per team). Teams must first notify the umpire when substituting a player and then display the 'substitution sign'. The substitute must play in the position of the player they replace.

Footwear and Clothing: All players must wear the same club shirt, appropriate shorts, skirts, or pants (Not a requirement to be BA approved) and flat soled shoes.

Inclement weather: In case of inclement weather, results stand if a game has finished one set (7 ends).

Umpires: The host club should appoint an accredited umpire to officiate. If the host club cannot provide an accredited umpire, then a visiting umpire will be appointed to officiate.

Player conduct and behaviour: All players are required to conduct themselves in a polite and a good sporting manner when participating in the U18 Junior League Competition and not in any of the following behaviours:

- 1) act in an abusive, threatening, or intimidating manner
- 2) use obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening, or intimidating language
- 3) act in an unsportsmanlike manner
- 4) threaten any person with physical violence or assault
- 5) assault any person

- 6) act in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
- 7) act in a manner likely to bring Bowls Victoria into disrepute
- 8) a failure to comply can result in the umpire applying an instantaneous penalty

Disciplinary Procedures: Bowls Victoria's Disciplinary Process will be followed if required.

Smoking: All Under 18 Competition Games must comply with Bowls Victoria's Smoke Free Policy.

Alcohol: No alcohol is permitted at the Junior League.

Fees: \$20 up front team registration fee. \$5 Green fee per player each week, max \$15 per team goes to the host club.

Qualification for finals: A player must play three matches to be eligible to play finals.

Finals Format: There will be no time limit for finals. Matches will remain 2 sets of 7 ends, plus a tiebreak (if needed). The layout of finals and the finals host venue will be decided once team entries have been finalized.

Prizes and Awards: Pennant Flag will be awarded for the winning Junior Team, Medallions for Winners & Runners Up of the Final.

Working with Children Checks: The Venue Manager, Team Managers, Umpires and anyone directly involved with the U18 Junior League competition must have a valid Working with Children Check.

Venue Manager: The purpose of the venue manager will be to arrange all the requirements and run the Junior League each Sunday Morning, in conjunction with Bowls Victoria staff at the host club. Ideally, the venue manager will be a member at the host club. Venue manager is to allocate rinks, ensure score cards are handed out at the beginning of play, that score cards are filled out correctly, returned and report results back to Bowls Victoria.

Team Manager: Wherever under a Law, Rule or Regulation gives a Team a right of decision or choice, it will be exercised by the Team Manager who will act on behalf of the Team. The Team Manager should not be the Umpire of the day.

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.

Entries: Entry form can be accessed here: https://bit.ly/BV_Junior_League_EOI

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