

RULES FOR COMMUNITY BOWLS – FOURS COMPETITION

In the interests of friendly and fair competition, the organisers may adjust rules to suit changing or unexpected circumstances.

1. Teams are welcome from groups of friends, workmates, clubs, extended family and other similar groups. From that base, there is a **Playing Team** of four for each of the playing evenings of the competition. Entry is \$40 a team (\$10 per person) per night.
2. Each week's **Playing Team** may have one registered bowler. **They may play in the position of lead or two only.** (1st year bowlers are exempt)
3. The **Playing Team** may change each week, and the organisers may approve a **casual stand-in player** in the event that a team would otherwise have to default.
4. If a team is short one player and no suitable **casual stand-in** is available, the team may play with three players. A team with less than three players is defaulted.
5. The competition runs over eight evenings, with two evenings in reserve for play postponed by inclement weather.
6. There are two games of 40 minutes each evening followed by raffles, lucky team prizes and burgers for supper. The games are played according to the general rules of lawn bowls. Additional conditions for this competition are:
 - Games are played bell-to-bell.
 - The last end has begun before the bell, and is to be completed, when the jack has been legally delivered (i.e. not short, in the ditch, or out of the rink).
 - If the bell rings after the jack has been delivered illegally, the game is over.
 - When the jack is knocked out of the rink (not a toucher in the ditch) commonly known as a killed jack, it is replaced on the two metre mark and play continues until the end is completed. No penalty is incurred.
 - If an end is killed with the last bowl, the jack is placed on the two metre mark for shot measurements.

Scoring

- 8 points for a win • 4 points for a draw
- 1 point for each end won
- A win by default is 8 points plus the average of ends won by winning teams on the night.