



# WOMEN'S STATE FOURS 2023/24

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

ALL Matches will be played in accordance with the  
Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4<sup>th</sup> Edition & BA DR April 2023

- 1. Controlling Body** Geelong Bowls Region Championship Committee
- 2. Event** Women's State Fours
- 3. Dates** 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2023
- 4. Venue** Geelong Cement Bowling Club
- 5. Starting Times**
  - 5.1.** Region Championship Committee will set start times for events.
  - 5.2.** A player or team who is not available to play within 30 minutes of the appointed time for commencing the match will automatically forfeit the match.
- 6. Entry Conditions**
  - 6.1.** Open to all Bowls Victoria affiliated Female bowlers.
  - 6.2.** Composite Teams permitted however players must be from clubs within the same Region.
  - 6.3.** Entries received after the closing date **cannot be accepted.**
- 7. Format of Play**
  - 7.1.** Two Bowls per player.
  - 7.2.** All rounds including final 15 ends.
  - 7.3.** All rounds knockout Play (number of games per day set by Region)
- 8. Draw**
  - 8.1.** A blind draw will be conducted by the Region Championship Committee.
  - 8.2.** Once the draw has been published, no late entries can be accepted and the draw will not be changed.
- 9. Trial Ends**
  - 9.1.** One trial end in each direction may be permitted prior to the commencement time and must be completed before the scheduled start time.
- 10. Restricted Movement of Players (Appendix A4)**
  - 10.1.** After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head:
    - 10.1.1.** Leads – after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl
    - 10.1.2.** Seconds – after delivery of their second bowl
    - 10.1.3.** Thirds – after delivery of their second bowl
    - 10.1.4.** Skips – after delivery of each of their bowls
- 11. Slow Play – Delaying Play**
  - 11.1.** If the umpire, either by observation or on appeal by an opponent or the Controlling Body, decides a player is deliberately delaying play:
    - 11.1.1.** On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
    - 11.1.2.** If the player repeats the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and their opponents will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by their opponents.
    - 11.1.3.** If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.



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### **12. Player Protection**

- 12.1.** Players due to participate in a higher level event on the same day as that scheduled for knockout, sectional and/or post-sectional play can apply to the Controlling Body for protection
- 12.2.** If the event cannot be rescheduled then the participant concerned will have to decide which event to contest.

### **13. Footwear and Attire**

- 13.1.** Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire will apply to all rounds.
- 13.2.** Composite teams may wear alternative apparel provided it adheres to Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire Policy.

### **14. Bowls Identification Discs**

- 14.1.** Players are not required to use bowls discs. If they are used, all players in the Team must use a disc of the same colour/design.

### **15. Other Laws, Regulations & Policies**

- 15.1.** The Championship will be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the BA Domestic Regulations and the 2023/24 BV State Championship Events Conditions of Play.
- 15.2.** GBR Reg 2 Weather Policy applies (incl. **Heat policy 34oC**)
- 15.3.** Bowls Victoria has introduced the following:-
  - 15.3.1.** A Region conducting a State event shall have power to apply a penalty to a player and/or team who has nominated for a State event but fails to appear at the appointed time without advising the Controlling Body at least 24 hours prior to the start of the event.
  - 15.3.2.** The onus is on the player and/or team to provide satisfactory reason for their non-appearance. Such penalty shall be \$50 per player for each occasion, payable within 21 days from the date of the event. Failure to make payment within this time will result in the person/s being ineligible to participate in further State events for a period of 12 months from the date of the offence.

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