

LAWN BOWLS (open)

2017

AUS Lawn Bowls competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Bowls Australia](#) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 5
- Maximum registered players – 8
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 5

2. Competition format

- 2.1. The match shall consist of 3 games: 1 singles & 2 pairs.
- 2.2. Singles
 - First to 21 shots or to a time limit of 90 minutes
 - Played between 2 players, with each playing 4 bowls singly and alternately
- 2.3. Pairs
 - Played to 11 ends or to a time limit of 90 minutes
 - Played between 4 players with 3 bowls each
 - The leads shall play their bowls alternately, followed by each pair of players in order
- 2.4. For both pairs and single games, if the jack is bowled before the bell then complete that end.
- 2.5. The 3 games will run concurrently on 3 rinks side by side.
- 2.6. The winning team will be the team with the most number of game wins.
- 2.7. No dead ends will be played. Re-spot the jack on the T and continue end.

3. Point score

- 3.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;
 - Winning team: 3 points
 - Drawn match: 2 points per team
 - Losing team: 1 point
 - Forfeited team: 0 points
- 3.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:
 - a) Highest total shots in all preliminary matches
 - b) The percentage of shots for versus against in all preliminary matches
 - c) If still equal, the result of the game/s in which they played one another

4. Drawn matches

- 4.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded 2 points as per section 3.1.
- 4.2. If progression or medal matches are drawn at the end of normal time, a tie break end will be played:
 - Each team can nominate 1 bowler from the current match to compete in the end
 - A coin toss will decide who bowls first
 - The single end will consist of 4 bowls from each bowler

5. Forfeits

- 5.1. Lawn Bowls is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 5.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 5.3. The forfeit score is 25 points to nil (0).
- 5.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by competition management or AUS), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.
- 5.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

6. Uniform requirements

- 6.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 6.2. The specific uniform requirements for Lawn Bowls are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Teams need to be properly attired in matching uniforms displaying the universities colours
 - No costume type uniforms allowed
 - Appropriate flat soled footwear must be worn at all times and teams will forfeit the match if found playing in bare-feet
- 6.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally, the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

7. Team duties

- 7.1. Team duty requirements for Lawn Bowls are:
 - One person from each team competing in the current match will be required to assist with scoring and one person from each team will be required to act as marker for the singles game
- 7.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.
- 7.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

8. Award ceremonies

- 8.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.



8.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition.

8.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:

- For regional university games events
 - Open champion
- For the Australian University Games
 - Overall open champion
 - Open champion division 2

8.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion team at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):

- Open Overall Champions – AUS Lawn Bowls Champions trophy

Previous rule amendments

August 2006 | April 2008 | March 2010 | April 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017