



Western Province Bowls

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WP Bowls Open, Veteran and Invitational Masters Championships 2025/2026 Information Sheet

To: All club officials responsible for the Open, Veteran and Invitational WP Masters, and all Players

The start of the competition is Saturday, 25th April 2026.

Please take careful note of the following. There have been changes to the Conditions of Play for this season, and it is essential to be aware of these points. The updated General Conditions of Play and Competition Specific Conditions of Play are available on the WP Bowls website [here](#).

Times

- The introductions and handing out of the cards must be done 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time so games can start promptly.

Structure:

- The players shall be allocated into two Sections, at the discretion of the relevant Selection Committees and Executive.
- Play within each Section shall be on a league basis.
- The winners of each Section shall play each other to determine the winner and runner-up for the championship.
- The Executive shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds and to determine the Section winners and runners-up on a lesser number of rounds in the event of inclement weather or any other valid reason.

Player Movement:

- As there are three sessions played per day, play must be sped up. To this end, players may only go to the head after the player's own third bowl has been delivered, unless permission has been requested and given by the marker. **(As per Bowls SA Masters 2026 – Conditions of Play)**

Format of Play

- The format of play in each game will be 4-bowl Singles.
- Bowls in a set of four must have distinctive and similar markings on each side. Players will be allocated coloured stickers for use during the tournament.

Scoring and Section Winners

- In the Open, Veteran and Development events the winner of each match shall be the player first scoring 21 shots. No shots in excess will be recorded.
- One game point will be awarded for each game won.
- The winners of the Section shall be decided as follows:
 - a. Highest number of game points scored
 - b. Shot Aggregate (Total shots for minus total shots against)
 - c. Shot percentage (Total shots for divided by total shots against).

- d. If game points, shot aggregate and shot percentage are equal, the winner of the game between the two players during Sectional play.
- e. If there are 3 or more players with equal number of points, shot aggregate, shot percentage then there will be a 1 end tie break end between the players involved. Toss to decide who plays first, second, third. (1 trial end, 2 bowls each)
- The Section winners will play-off to determine the Gold and Silver medal winners. The Section runners-up will each receive a Bronze medal.

Coaches

- Players may nominate a coach at the commencement of the tournament. This nomination must be made before the start of the tournament.
- The coach needs to be suitably attired and may communicate with the player off the green when the player is in possession of the mat. **(As per BSA Masters 2026 – Conditions of Play)**

Dress Code:

- All competitors must appear on the green dressed in compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- Competitors are expected to wear their highest honours.

Trial Ends:

- One trial end in each direction may be played at the commencement of each game.

Burnt Ends

- Should the end or jack be declared dead then the end must be replayed. Refer Law 20.2 in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 4th Edition.

If you require any assistance, please contact the WP Office on 021 531 1541. On competition days you may contact the Competition Secretary, Paulina Dockendorff on 082 491 5049.

Yours sincerely,

Paulina Dockendorff

WP Bowls Competition Secretary