



State Title: **Men's & WOMEN'S FOURS** Regional Championship of Victoria 2023/24

ERBR STATE FOURS 2023/24 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All Matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 4th Edition April 2023, including Australian Domestic Regulations (DR) and Bowls Victoria State Championship Events Conditions of Play 2023/24

Controlling Body: ERBR Championship Committee (ERBR) is the Controlling Body for all Championship events. ERBR will nominate a person for this position during all finals of ERBR events.

ERBR delegates the function of the Controlling Body to the host clubs conducting the preliminary rounds of all ERBR events.

The person appointed to be the Controlling Body cannot be the Umpire for the day.

Event: ERBR Fours Championship (knockout format)

Dates: Entries Close & Subsequent Play: As determined by ERBR Championship Committee

Venues: As determined by ERBR Championship Committee

Starting Times: ERBR Championship Committees will set start times for events. 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.

Entry Conditions: Open to all Eastern Ranges and Bowls Victoria affiliated bowlers who may be from different clubs within the Region. i.e., Men's fours – all male and women's fours – all females.

Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.

Umpires: Expectancy is for the host clubs to supply umpires for all knock out rounds. This person cannot be the Controlling Body appointed for the day.

2 Bowl / player - Fours. Knockout Play. All matches are **15** Live Ends. The number of games per day will be set by the Controlling Body.

Dead Ends: A dead end is not counted as a completed end and shall be replayed. (Law 20)

Restricting the Movement of Players: The leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.

The seconds; after the delivery of their second bowl.

The thirds; after delivery of their second bowl.

The Skips; after delivery of each of their bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walk to the head earlier than described above.

If a player does not meet the terms of this restriction, then Law 13 will apply.

The Draw: The draw for this event will be conducted by the ERBR Championship Committee & no late entries will accepted.

Trial Ends: Two (2) trial ends, one (1) in each direction, are permitted prior to the commencement of the players first scheduled match on each day of competition.

If a player with a Bye in the first round is to play a player who is playing in the first round, they may see the umpire and if a rink is available, practice in accordance with Law 4.

If players playing each other in the second round have both had a Bye in the first round the players may only have two trial ends prior to the commencement of their game.

Mobile Phones: The use of mobile phones on the green is not permitted.

See BV State Championship Events Conditions of Play Clause 13.

Slow/Delaying Play:

The umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from either of the skips decides that a player is unnecessarily delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- On the first occasion, the umpire will warn the player.
- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

Player Protection:

Players due to participate in a higher-level event on the same day as that scheduled for this event can apply to the Controlling Body for protection.

If the event cannot be rescheduled, then the participant concerned will have to decide which event to contest.

Footwear and Attire:

Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire will apply to all rounds.

Composite teams may wear alternative apparel provided it adheres to Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program (NMP) logo policy as it relates to upper and lower body attire.

Bowls Discs:

Adhesive discs on bowls for all players in a team must be the same.

BV No Show Policy:

A region has the 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.

In such circumstances the onus is on the player and or team to provide satisfactory reason and evidence for nonappearance.

Such penalty shall be \$50 per player for each occasion, payable within 21 days from the date of the scheduled event.

Failure to make payment within the prescribed time will result in the person being rendered 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