



# State Title: **Men's, WOMEN'S and MIXED PAIRS**

## **ERBR STATE PAIRS 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.

- 1. 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 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.
- 2. Event** ERBR Pairs Championship (knockout format).
- 3. Dates:** Entries Close and Subsequent Play:  
As determined by ERBR Championship Committee.
- 4. Entry Conditions**  
All players must be affiliated with Bowls Victoria and be a full financial member of an Eastern Ranges member Club with playing rights recorded on the Club's Bowlslink database.  
  
For team events players may be from different clubs from within the Region.  
  
Players must not currently be under disqualification or suspension by their Club, Region, STA or National authority.  
  
Men's pairs – all male, Women's pairs – all female,  
  
Mixed pairs – one male and one female.  
  
Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- 5. Venue** As determined by the ERBR Championship Committee
- 6. 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.
- 7. Umpires:** Expectancy is for the host club to supply umpires for all knock out rounds. This person cannot be the Controlling Body appointed for the day



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**8. Format of Play:** Four bowls per player. Played 2 x 2 x 2 x 2 Pairs. Knockout Play.  
All games 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:**

- Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head;
- Leads - after delivery of their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bowl
- Skips - after delivery of their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bowl.

In exceptional and limited circumstances a player may request to walk to the head earlier than described above

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

**9. Draws:** The draw for this event will be conducted by the ERBR Championship Committee.

**10. Trial Ends:** 2 x trial ends are permitted prior to the commencement of a team's first scheduled match on each day of competition.

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

A team that practices loses the right to their trial ends before their first game.

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

**11. Mobile Phones:** The use of mobile phones on the green is not permitted - see BV State Championship Conditions of Play Clause 13.



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### **11. 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.

### **12. 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.

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

All attire must comply with the Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program (NMP) Logo Policy as it relates to upper and lower body attire. This policy will apply to all rounds.

Composite teams may wear alternative apparel provided it adheres to the above attire policy.

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

### **14. Other Laws, Regulations & Policies:**

Where any item not covered by these Conditions of Play arises reference should be made to the BV Conditions of Play for State Championship events.



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### **15. BV - No Show policy:**

The Region in conducting a State event shall have power to apply a penalty, solely in the case of a dispute that involves non-appearance by a person or persons who having nominated for a State event fail to appear at the appropriate time and location without prior advice to the Controlling Body at least 24 hours prior with good cause.

In such circumstances the onus is on the person/s to provide satisfactory reason and evidence for nonappearance. Such penalty shall be \$50 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/s being rendered ineligible 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**