



# ERBR NOVICE MEN'S and WOMEN'S SINGLES

## ERBR NOVICE SINGLES 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 Novice Singles Championship (sectional / knockout format).
- 3. Dates:** Entries Close and Subsequent Play: As determined by ERBR Championship Committee.
- 4. Entry Conditions:** **Eligibility is restricted to players who have not previously been affiliated with any bowling club PRIOR to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.**

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 Bowslink database.

Players must not currently be under disqualification or suspension by their Club, Region, STA or National authority.

  - Men's Singles – male
  - Women's Singles – female

Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- 5. Venue:** As determined by ERBR Championship Committee.
- 6. Starting Times:** ERBR Championship Committees will set start times for events.

A player 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 rounds played at the club. This person cannot be the Controlling Body appointed for the day.



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- 8. Format of Play:** Four bowls (4) per player. Singles, Sectional/Knockout Play. All games are **21** shots up. Shots in excess do not count. 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:**
- After delivering their first bowl players will only be allowed to walk to the head after delivery of their third and fourth bowl.
- In exceptional and limited circumstances, a player may ask the marker for permission 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. Sectional Play:** Sectional play will be conducted in sections of 3 players and the order of play will be:
- **Round 1** – Player 1 v Player 2. Player 3 marks this game.
  - **Round 2** – Loser R1 v Player 3. Winner R1 marks this game.
  - **Round 3** – Winner R1 v Player 3. Loser R1 marks this game.

**It is mandatory that all players mark their required game.**

**Players who do not fulfill this requirement may face disciplinary action as described in Clause 19.**

Sectional Play Game points will be awarded as follows:

- **Win** – 3 points
- **Tie** – 1 point
- **Loss** – no points
- **Bye** – no points. Note if a player withdraws from a section prior to the commencement of play in Round 1 it will be treated as a bye.
- **Forfeit** – 3 points and net total shots equal to the average net shots scored by the winners of the other games played in all sections in the same round at the same venue.



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### 9. Sectional Play (cont'd):

The **section winner** will be the player with the most game points. If game points are equal, they will be ranked by:

- **Highest net** total shots (shots for minus shots against).
- **If net shots** are equal, then the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against to calculate a percentage.
- **The player** with the highest percentage will be ranked higher, Law 27.4
- **If the percentage** is equal, then the player that won the game between the players is the winner of the section.

### 10. Knockout Play:

Subsequent play will be in knockout format.

### 11. Markers:

It is expected that the host club will supply markers for the first round of knockout play.

A losing player is expected to mark in the next scheduled round on the same day. Failure to offer to mark may result in a player facing disciplinary action as described in Clause 19.

### 12. Trial Ends:

#### Sectional Play

One trial end of four bowls in each direction (2 ends) is permitted prior to the start of the first game for players in that game.

The player who was the Marker in the previous game may have two trial ends prior to the start of their next game.

#### Knockout Play

Two (2) trial ends are permitted prior to the commencement of a player's 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, may practice in accordance with Law 4.

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

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



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- 13. Draws:** The draw for this event will be conducted by the ERBR Championship Committee.
- 14. Mobile Phones:** The use of mobile phones on the green is not permitted – see BV State Championship Conditions of Play Clause 13.
- 15. Slow/Delaying Play:** If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from a player, 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- Adhesive discs on bowls must be the same for the full set of a player's bowls.
- 18. 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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**19. BV – No Show Policy:** The Region in conducting a Region 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 ERBR 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 ERBR 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.**