

Code of Conduct



This code of conduct applies to anyone who takes part in any of the following lawn bowls events at Windang Bowling Club.

- Barefoot Bowls
- Roll Up or practice
- Social Bowls
- Club Championships
- Pennants
- Zone and State Championships

OBJECTIVES

- To state plainly the way in which all players who play at, or represent Windang Bowling Club in bowls events are expected to conduct themselves, and the consequences of any breach of the expected standards of behaviour.
- To ensure that all players are fully aware of the standards expected and the consequences of breaching those Standards.

GENERAL

This Code of Conduct is to be followed on all occasions and in all places when playing the game of lawn bowls at Windang Bowling Club, or where the player can be seen to be a member of Windang Bowling Club and includes the venue of play which means the green, surrounds and clubhouse of the place where the player is about to, or is competing, or has competed.

BAREFOOT BOWLS

- a) Attire – Neat and casual.
- b) Foot wear – Bare Feet, thongs or shoes with flat soles only.
- c) Children must be supervised at all times.
- d) Footwear must always be worn when entering the club.
- e) Strictly no driving (Bowling at full speed).
- f) Avoid “dumping” or bouncing the bowls.
- g) No shot putting or over arm bowling.

- h) No standing or playing in the sand ditches.
- i) No sitting on the edge of the bank.
- j) No standing on the plinth (edge of the green).
- k) No eating, drinking on the green.
- l) No running, jumping or any behaviour that may harm others or the bowling greens.

The Bowls Coordinator and/or organisers are to ensure that all Barefoot Bowlers are aware of this Code of Conduct prior to any Barefoot Bowls games taking place.

ROLL UP OR PRACTICE

- a) Attire – Neat and Tidy - Refer to Attire Policy.
- b) Prior to roll up - check with the green keeper or bowls coordinator on green/rink availability and direction of rollup.
- c) No roll ups or practice on greens with “**GREEN CLOSED**” signs installed.
- d) Avoid “dumping” of bowls.
- e) No eating or drinking on the green.
- f) Ensure all mats and jacks are returned to the storage box.

SOCIAL BOWLS

- Players and or teams are to place their names on the nomination sheets provided.
- Social bowls nomination sheets may have a spares list for single name entries.
- Nominations close 9:00am and 12:30pm respectively. The Bowls Coordinator reserves the right to accept or reject entries as deemed appropriate.
- Depending on player numbers it may be necessary for players to move teams or withdraw. The Bowls Coordinator reserves the right to change teams/players as deemed appropriate.
- Players should contact the Bowls Coordinator as soon as practicable if they cannot attend.
- Failure to attend without sufficient notice on multiple occasions may result in disciplinary action.
- Avoid “dumping” of bowls.
- No eating or drinking on the green.
- No smoking on green or surrounds as per Club Smoke Free Policy
- Ensure jack markers are in a safe place.
- Ensure all scoreboards are reset to zero at the end of the game.
- Ensure all shade cloths are retracted.
- Ensure all mats and jacks are returned to the storage box.
- Ensure any sand is removed from the edge of the green surface.
- Only approved artificial devices shall be used on the green.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Attire – Club Uniform – Refer to Attire Policy
- All bowlers in a team must be dressed the same. This does not apply to Mixed Championships.
- Green fees are waived for club championships.
- Prize Money is allocated as per Schedule 6 of the “Incentives and other payments scheme”.
- No smoking on green or surrounds as per Club Smoke Free Policy.

All club championships will be run in accordance with the current RNSWBA Conditions of Play (COP), the Laws of the Game of Bowls and Local Conditions of Play

Team nomination sheets will be posted as early as possible and will align with the current yearly program for the club. In the case of unforeseen circumstances, the match committee reserves the right to alter the dates if necessary (in accordance with current COP) to have the competition come to a successful conclusion.

PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

- Check dates prior to entering events.
- Check draws, taking note of opposition and play-by dates.
- Organise games on or before the play-by date and enter events on the “club championship” list. Ensuring any games outside the **“normal play days and times”** are approved.
- Organise markers in singles. In the event of “double header” games, losing singles players will mark the next round.
- Ensure score cards are filled out correctly, confirming score, entering finish time and signed.
- Ensure jack markers are returned to a safe place.
- Ensure all scoreboards are reset to zero.
- Ensure all mats and jacks are returned to the storage box.
- Return scorecards and player name signs to the controlling body.

Normal play days and times are:

- Wednesday 9:30am
- Friday 9:30am
- Saturday 9:30am and 1:00pm
- Sunday 9:30am and 1:00pm

Any games scheduled outside these days and times must be approved by a member of the match committee at least 48 hours in advance.

RESCHEDULING OF MATCHES

If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so, a forfeit will apply unless:

A Substitute and/or Replacement Player is used in accordance with the laws.

The opponents, by mutual arrangement, and with the consent of the Controlling Body, agree to and do play the match prior to the scheduled date. Rescheduled games are to be noted on the sheet provided at the club.

If the Controlling Body gives its consent and the match is then not able to be completed before the next scheduled round, the player(s)/team(s) that were originally unable to play on the scheduled date shall be deemed to forfeit that match.

Players are encouraged to play their games whenever possible.

REPRESENTING WINDANG BOWLING CLUB

PLAYER'S OBLIGATIONS

Zone Championships

Players are responsible for:

- Entering their names on the nomination sheets provided, prior to closing dates.
- Confirming all play dates, start times and venues.
- Organising their own transport to/from venues.

State Championships

Travel and Accommodation for State Championships is covered under the current Men's Incentive and Payments Scheme. Players are required to comply with any travel and accommodation requirements made by the club. Any request for variation requires Board approval.

*Accommodation may be arranged for partners as per Windang Bowling Club's Men's Incentive and Payments Scheme.

Pennants

Players are responsible for:

- Ensuring they abide by the Windang Bowling Club Selection Policy.
- Attending training sessions and trial games whenever possible.

- Confirming their selection in pennants each week by checking the pennant notice board.
- Confirming their availability on the team sheet. If players are unavailable they should contact the Bowls Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Electing a team captain.
- Confirming their transport requirements on the team sheet and organising their own transport to/from venues.
- Ensuring transport for team managers has been arranged and that managers arrive at the venue no later than 40 minutes prior to start times.
- Meeting at Windang Bowling Club at the designated time prior to departing to the venue club.

COMPETITION

During any competition, players are expected to maintain at all times a high standard of sportsmanship and fair play. This will of necessity include:

- Always playing to the best of their ability and where appropriate to perform as part of a team.
- Abiding by the Laws of the Game, its Regulations and Conditions of Play as specified by the Controlling Body.
- Respecting and accepting without question any ruling given by the Umpire (Subject to the right of appeal given by the Laws).
- Not to take any general illicit substances and in particular to comply with any Regulations adopted by Windang Bowling Club in regard there to.
- Present themselves for competition in an acceptable physical and mental condition and standard of appearance.
- Maintain towards opponents an attitude of respect and politeness.
- Understand the consumption of alcohol is a matter of personnel choice, but ensure that such does not adversely affect team performance
- Abiding by the Dress Codes as in Conditions of Play
- Be aware of the itinerary, the event and arrive on time for all games, practice session and other commitments
- Be responsible for all expenses other than those covered by Windang Bowling Club under the "Incentive and Other Payments Policy".

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by Windang Bowling Club and requires every player who intends to play in any club championship event at Windang Bowling Club or intends to represent Windang Bowling Club in a pennant competition or Zone and State championship accept these conditions as a means of entry to that event.

Players placing their name on any nomination sheet agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.