

CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB EVENTS– 2024/25

The **Championship Match Committee [CMC]** will this season stage the following Championship Match events, which are open to Bowls Victoria affiliates who are eligible to play Pennant for Donvale Bowls Club:

Men's Events

- Men's Club Singles Championship, **25 up**. 4 bowls. Dead ends replayed.
- Men's 100 Up Championship, (scoring 4 points for shot, 3 points 2nd shot, 2 points 3rd shot, 1 point 4th shot). **Handicap Event**. Dead ends replayed.
- Men's Minor Singles Championship, **21 up**. *Open to all Men who have not previously won a Minor or any Singles Club Championship event at any Club*. 4 bowls. Dead ends replayed.
- Men's Pairs Championship, 3 bowls, **18 ends**. Dead ends replayed.

Women's Events

- Women's Club Singles Championship, **25 up**. 4 bowls. Dead ends replayed.
- Women's 100 Up Championship, (scoring 4 points for shot, 3 points 2nd shot, 2 points 3rd shot, 1 point 4th shot). **Handicap Event**. Dead ends replayed.
- Women's Minor Singles Championship, **21 up**. *Open to all Women who have not previously won a Minor or any singles Club Championship event at any Club*. 4 bowls. Dead ends replayed.
- Women's Pairs Championship, 3 Bowls, **18 ends**. Dead ends replayed.

Open / Mixed Events

- Mixed Pairs Championship, 3 Bowls, **18 ends**. Dead ends replayed.
- Open Triples Championship, 2 bowls, **18 ends**. Dead ends replayed.

Conditions of Entry

- This year's Club Championship Tournament will again be run as a programmed event with fixed dates.
- When our program is finalised, it is envisaged matches will be scheduled mainly on Sundays, Thursdays, some Wednesdays and Mondays [including under lights], but other week days may also be used.
- Entrants may also be required to perform Marker duties.
All Singles matches:-Those players that have lost a round must be prepared to mark the next round. Also those players that have a bye in the first round may be required to mark in that round.

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- The Controlling Body [which is the CMC] at its discretion may include early or late entries, either before or after the draw has been published. If required late entries will be included in the order received.
- In the event of your actual event being programmed for a Sunday and you have concerns playing on that day, or perhaps faith reasons, you may request a transfer to either a weekday or night.
- Members will be informed when entries open.
- Competition entry fees are \$10 per person per event, to be paid on the day of the first round of each event.
- The CMC will be contacting members to ascertain those members wishing to participate in the “Singles” events. While the Committee will approach members to register entries in these events, they should nevertheless be ready to contact the Committee if they have not been approached prior to the closing date of any event. If online registration is available, they should where possible register online.
- Completed entry forms or online registration are to be lodged with the CMC prior to the closing date of the event.
- Participants are required to complete matches on the listed date for each event [dates are shown on the Club’s noticeboard and on our website]. If a change of date for a round has been requested then approved by the CMC and hasn’t been played by the next round for any reason, at the discretion of the CMC, the player/team or players/teams that requested that change, may be withdrawn from the competition. If you have trouble playing on the listed date the CMC is to be informed BEFORE the listed playing date. This applies to ALL players.
- The draw for all events will be conducted via BowlsLink automated draw. The outcome will be displayed on the Championship Notice Board and on our Web site.
- While this is a fixed date program, if the CMC has authorised a different date and time, participants when arranging matches must be aware of those times that greens are allocated for pennant practice, pennant play and other club events. The synthetic green is available to play matches under lights on all evenings except when night pennant [Tuesday] and Twilight Bowls [Wednesday] and [Thursday night] Intra Club Games are being played. ***Please refer to the organiser of those events, to see if a rink can be allocated to you during those times.***

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Conditions of Play

- Entry in any event will be taken as signifying agreement with any special or general conditions that apply to that event.
- Championship events will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition April 2023.
- All handicaps MUST be played off in full before commencing to score in any match.

- Direction of play shall be North / South for every match wherever possible.
- If players cannot agree on surface to be used [artificial/ grass] then players must toss to decide which green. If fixed dates are being used by the CMC which is the Controlling Body, it may be necessary for it to allocate rinks and greens. It is the responsibility of the CMC to select greens for finals.
- If approved by the CMC, the players nominated in a competition may be changed before their first round of that competition if a player in a team becomes unavailable or incapable of playing. Such a player is regarded as a replacement and can play in any position.
- Once the first game has commenced a substitute may be appointed to take the place of a team member who is unavailable to play at any time, for a reason accepted by the CMC. A substitute may not play as skip and must not have already entered the event.
- When the temperature exceeds 35°C or wet weather intervenes, players are advised that they consider taking a break or even stopping the game and continuing when the weather is more appropriate. A player who becomes ill may be given time to recover and continue or the game may be stopped. When a game is stopped before completion, scoring shall cease at the last end played and a line drawn under the last line played. Scorecards shall be exchanged by both players or teams and presented at the recommencement of the game.
- No Event will be played on ***Code Red Days***.
- It is the responsibility of the winner of all matches to send an SMS to a Committee Member of the CMC preferably the Chairman, with the result and score, on the completion of each match.
- Events with fixed ends and 100 up
In the event of a tie, an additional end [or ends] will be played. Players must toss a coin prior to each additional end to determine who will play first?
- On the day all Championship Matches are being played no practising is allowed on the same green prior to that match.
- Two trial ends will be played just before the start of each Match.
Those trial ends will consist of the number of bowls allocated for that Event for each end e.g. This will be 4 bowls per trial end for 100 up.
- All disputes or matters for clarification shall be promptly referred to the CMC for adjudication and their decision is final.
- All championship games shall be played in a spirit of friendship and good sportsmanship.

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