

# BAREFOOT BOWLS RULES

The Active Melbourne City Sports Barefoot Bowls competition operates at City of Melbourne Bowls Club, located within Flagstaff Gardens.

Players must choose two matching bowls prior to commencing play (same symbol or number). The side with the smaller picture is the weighted side or biased side & therefore the side that the ball will favour and curve towards – don't get fooled and roll a wrong-bias!

Each team should have four players. Each player is allocated a number a position within their team (1, 2, 3 & 4).

Players must always bowl in the same order, for example:

- Player 1 from Team A bowls their first bowl
- Player 1 from Team B bowls their first bowl
- Player 1 from Team A bowls their second bowl
- Player 1 from Team B bowls their second bowl
- Player 2 from Team A bowls their first bowl, and so on until all four players have had two bowls each

If a team has only three players for a particular round, bowlers one and two are permitted to have three bowls each per end and bowler three retains the standard two rolls per end. Please note a team with three players will have 25% of their score deducted at the conclusion of the match (For example, a score of 12 would be reduced to a final score of 9 points),

The team who has the closest bowl to the jack (little white ball) wins the end. The number of bowls that a particular team has nearest the jack before the opposition's closest bowl will dictate the score for the end. If for example Team A has the three closest bowls to the jack then Team A will score 3 points, if Team A has the closest and Team B has the second closest then only one point will be recorded for Team A.

Bowls must always stay within the confines of the rink, if any bowls go out of the rink, it is out of play and must be removed immediately. This is also the case if a bowl goes into the ditch/sand.

If both teams finish the seven end game on the same number of points an eighth tie-break end will be played to determine the winning team.

The only time a bowl remains alive in the ditch/sand is if it hits the jack on the way through, this bowl should be marked with chalk in this instance.

If the jack goes in the sand it remains alive if however if it goes out of the rink it must be bought back to the start of the bowling line. The jack is positioned on the line 1 metre from the centre line, to the left or right (depending on which side it went out).