



2021 BPL Cup Competition Manual

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Format

The BPL Cup was established to bring the format of the highly successful Bowls Premier League event directly to Clubs in the form of a nationwide pathway competition for grass roots player. The competition progresses through Preliminary Rounds, Regional Finals and State/Territory Finals culminating with the National Finals, staged during the Bowls Premier League at Club Pine Rivers in November 2021.

In 2020, there were 649 teams who played at 81 host venues with over 2000 participants.

The matches will be played in a two bowl triples format. The matches will consist of two sets of five ends with a one end tie-breaker if the sets are evenly split. One optional roll up end per match (for all players registered in a team).

To ensure quick play, there are to be no jack rolls – jacks are to be placed by the team that controls the mat. Ideally, there will be two jacks for each rink of play (one jack at each end).

Teams can consist of all male, all female or mixed teams, which makes the BPL Cup a purely open gender competition. All players within one team must be from the same club which is affiliated to your State and/or Territory Association.

All host venues will be sent the Conditions of Play document upon registering to run an event. Alternatively the Conditions of Play can be accessed through the Bowls Australia website at <https://www.bowls.com.au/events-page/national-events/bpl-cup/>

Dates

Preliminary Rounds are to be played prior to August 15, 2021.

Regional Finals (venues to be determined by Bowls Australia) are to be played prior to September 19, 2021.

State/Territory Finals (venues to be determined by Bowls Australia) will be played prior to October 10, 2021.

Winning teams from State/Territory BPL Cup Finals will be flown to Club Pine Rivers in Brisbane to play in parallel with BPL14 – played November 9-12, 2021.

Venues

Venues for Regional and State/Territory Finals venues are to be determined by the BPL Cup Committee, in consultation with the Regional Bowls Managers, from the list of venues that have expressed interest.

Finals

The National BPL Cup Finals will be staged in parallel with BPL14 at Club Pine Rivers on November 7-11, 2021. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most bowlers, with the final showcasing all the elements of a BPL match including the use of the electronic scoreboard, ground announcer, and use of the TV show-rink inside the grandstands. Information relating to the Finals will be sent to the eligible teams in advance of the matches being played.

Uniform

Competing clubs teams are required to wear their regular club uniforms in all BPL Cup matches.

These uniforms and their included sponsor brand marks must be in line with the Bowls Australia's Logo Policy.

Umpires

Each match of the BPL Cup will have at least one appointed umpire.

The respective host venues will have the opportunity to allocate an umpire for each round of the BPL Cup. If a host venue is unable to provide an umpire, another Club/Association within

the region will have the opportunity to appoint an umpire. If the region is unable to provide an umpire, the Regional Bowls Manager will appoint or act as an umpire.

Venue Results

Host venues are required to submit results to Bowls Australia within two hours of the completion of events. The results must be uploaded via the BPL Cup competition management portal. Instructions for entering results will be emailed to Clubs in the lead up to your event.

Results will be made available via a link at www.bowls.com.au/events/BPL-Cup.

Awards & Prize Money

Winners of each State/Territory BPL Cup final will be provided with airfares and accommodation for up to 3 players (where appropriate) to attend the National BPL Cup Finals and a free Jack Attack licence for their Club.

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the National BPL Cup Finals.

- Winners medallions (x3) + prize money
- Finalists medallions (x3) + prize money
- Player of the National Final medallion
- Perpetual BPL Cup Trophy

The total value of awards, airfares and accommodation will exceed \$20,000.

Rules and playing conditions

The Conditions of Play for the BPL Cup has been sent to all host venues. To access this document please go to <https://www.bowls.com.au/events-page/national-events/bpl-cup/> or alternatively contact Bowls Australia who will happily send out the document ahead of your competition.

Overview of the roles and responsibilities for BPL Cup events

Preliminary BPL Cup Rounds	
Selection of participating clubs	Clubs can self-nominate via Expression of Interest form
Confirming host venues	Bowls Australia
Selection of event dates/times	Host club (within parameters set by Bowls Aust.)
Team Registration Portal	Bowls Australia
Promotion of date for participants	Host club & date featured on Bowls Aust. website
Umpire(s)	Host club
Player equipment	Players
Catering*	Host club
Submitting scores from events	Host club
Event details/results on BA website	Bowls Australia
Regional & State BPL Cup Finals	
Selection of participating clubs	Bowls Australia (BPL Cup Committee)
Confirming finals dates & times	Bowls Australia (with host club)
Umpire(s)/ITO	Host club
Player equipment	Players
Catering	Host club
Submitting scores from events	Host club

Event details/results on BA website	Bowls Australia
National BPL Cup Finals	
Confirming match date & venue	Bowls Australia
Umpires/ITOs	Bowls Australia
Match Referee	Bowls Australia
Equipment	Bowls Australia
Player equipment	Players
MC	Bowls Australia
Player of the match award	Awarded by the Umpires/ITOs/Markers
Event details/results on BA website	Bowls Australia
Promotion	Bowls Australia
Photographer	Bowls Australia
Awards and prize money	Bowls Australia

* Catering is not compulsory, however if Clubs wish to provide catering, that is at the cost of the Club. Bowls Australia will not pay for any catering at Clubs for rounds or finals.