



2023 BPL Cup Competition Manual

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Format

The BPL Cup brings the format of the highly successful Bowls Premier League directly to grassroots clubs in the form of a nationwide pathway competition. The competition progresses

from Preliminary Rounds to Regional Finals and State/Territory Finals, and culminates with the National Finals, this year to be staged during the Bowls Premier League at Club Pine Rivers in November 2023. In 2022, there were 817 teams (some 2,500 players) who competed across over 110+ host clubs all over the country.

Matches will again be played in a two bowl triples format. Matches consist of two sets of five ends with a one end tie-breaker if required. There is also be one optional trial end per match.

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

BPL Cup is a open gender competition. Teams can consist of all male, all female or mixed teams. All players within a team must be from the same club which is affiliated to your State and/or Territory Association (i.e. the club which players are a paid member and play their club championships with.

All host venues will be sent the Conditions of Play document upon registering to run an event and they can also be accessed through the Bowls Australia website [here](#).

Dates

- Preliminary Rounds from February through to Sunday 6 August 2023.
- Regional Finals (venues TBC) are to be played by Sunday 10 September 2023.
- State/Territory Finals (venues TBC) will be played by Sunday 24 September 2023.
- National Finals (Club Pine Rivers) will be played from Sunday 12 – 16 November 2023

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.

National Finals

Winning teams from State/Territory BPL Cup Finals will be flown and accommodated in Brisbane to play at Club Pine Rivers in parallel with BPL18 – played from Sunday 12 -16 November 2023 in the BPL Cup National Finals.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many bowlers, with the final match at the National Finals 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.

States and Territories will be allocated the following number of National Finalists spots For 2023, allocations are as follows:

ACT	1 team	NT	1 team	TAS	1 team	SA	1 teams
QLD	2 teams	NSW	2 teams	WA	2 teams	VIC	2 teams

Information relating to the National Finals will be sent directly to the successful teams.

Uniform

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

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 be required to allocate an umpire for each round of the BPL Cup. If a host venue is unable to provide an umpire, the host club must approach another Club/Association within the region to try and appoint an umpire. If the region is unable to provide an umpire, the club must contact their Regional Bowls Manager for assistance.

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 in BowlsLink. Instructions for entering results will be emailed to host clubs in the lead up to your event.

Results (and draws) will be made available [here](#).

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 (4th players included at own cost) from Sunday through to Thursday.

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

- Winners medallions
- Finalists medallions
- Player of the National Final medallion
- Perpetual BPL Cup Trophy

The total value of awards, airfares and accommodation exceeds \$60,000.

Overview of the roles and responsibilities for BPL Cup events

Preliminary BPL Cup Rounds	
<i>What?</i>	<i>Who?</i>
Nomination of host clubs/venues	Clubs self-nominate via Expression of Interest form here .
Confirmation of host clubs/venues	Bowls Australia based on EOIs received.
Selection of round dates/times	Host club to list preferences in EOI, Bowls Australia to confirm final date/s with host club.
Team registration portal	Bowls Australia to set-up and take registrations via BowlsLink; teams to self-register
Promotion of round/recruitment of teams	Host club to lead promotion, Bowls Australia to display on website.

Creation & distribution of draw	Bowls Australia
Rink allocation & scorecards	Bowls Australia to provide cards, host club to allocate rinks and write cards
Umpire(s)	Host club
Player equipment	Players to provide own
Mats, jacks, etc.	Host club
*Catering	Host club may choose to cater free of charge, provide food for sale, or ask teams to BYO lunch.
Entering of results	Host club
Club financial return per entry:	\$12 per team entry
* 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.	
Regional & State BPL Cup Finals	
<i>What?</i>	<i>Who?</i>
Nomination of host clubs/venues	Clubs self-nominate and/or Bowls Australia to approach appropriate clubs.
Confirmation of host clubs/venues	Bowls Australia
Determining dates & times	Bowls Australia (with host club)
Creation & distribution of draw	Bowls Australia
Rink allocation & scorecards	Bowls Australia to provide cards, host club to allocate rinks and write cards
Umpire(s)	Host club
Player equipment	Players to provide own
Mats, jacks, etc.	Host club
Catering	Host club may choose to cater free of charge or must provide food for sale
Entering of results	Host club
National BPL Cup Finals	
<i>What?</i>	<i>Who?</i>
Confirmation of dates, times and host clubs/venues	Bowls Australia
Creation & distribution of draw	Bowls Australia
Rink allocation & scorecards	Bowls Australia
Umpire(s)/ITOs/Officials	Bowls Australia
Player equipment	Players to provide own
Mats, jacks, etc.	Host club
Catering	Host club
Entering of results	Bowls Australia
Awards and prize money	Bowls Australia