



**Bowls Australia – Sporting Schools Program**  
**Frequently Asked Questions - Schools**

**1. What is Rookie Rollers?**

Rookie Rollers was created by Bowls Australia (BA) to enable children to participate in an engaging and fun, games-based format of lawn bowls. This can be conducted on a range of surfaces (greens, carpet, concrete, wooden floors). There is a growing number of children with an interest in bowls and the Rookie Rollers format eliminates the need for a bowling green and allows children of all abilities to enjoy the emerging sport of bowls.

**2. How do I register my school?**

Rookie Rollers can be accessed by your school via the Australian Government's Sporting Schools Initiative. This initiative provides funding directly to schools to allow children the opportunity to play, learn and experience sports they may not otherwise be exposed to.

You can register your school at [www.sportingschools.gov.au](http://www.sportingschools.gov.au).

**3. How does my school get Rookie Rollers Bowls to be conducted?**

When your school has registered and received approval from Sporting Schools, you are able to login to the Sporting School portal and book the Rookie Rollers option appropriate to your schools' needs.

<https://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/sports/bowls>

**4. Does my school need a Rookie Rollers Kit?**

All schools **must** purchase a kit in order to run the Rookie Rollers program.

When your school places their booking within the Sporting Schools portal the kit will be ordered and despatched by Bowls Australia (BA).

Once purchased the kit belongs to your school and can be used repeatedly for subsequent sessions. Included in the kit;

- Carry bag
- 32 light weight rubber bowls (16 orange and 16 blue)
- 8 jacks
- 50 cones
- 8 small hurdles
- A target score mat
- 8 stepping mats
- Activity Resource kit – including lesson plans and 30 activity cards.

\*\* A scoring wedge can also be purchased separately for additional fun and games or is complimentary upon the purchase of two Rookie Rollers Kits.

## 5. What are the costs associated with the Rookie Rollers program?

Rookie Rollers offers eight different packages:

Package	Costs
Coordinator Led Sessions: Kit + Coordinator	\$1,511 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kit = \$1,031</li> <li>• Coordinator = \$480*</li> </ul>
Coordinator Led Sessions: Kit + Scoring Wedge + Coordinator	\$1,616 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kit = \$1,031</li> <li>• Scoring Wedge = \$105</li> <li>• Coordinator = \$480*</li> </ul>
Coordinator Led Sessions: Coordinator Only (MUST ALREADY HAVE KIT)	\$480.00*
Coordinator Led Sessions: All Abilities Program	\$1,614.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kit = \$1134</li> <li>• Coordinator = \$480*</li> </ul>
Teacher Led Sessions: Kit	\$1,031.00
Teacher Led Sessions: Kit & Wedge	\$1,136.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kit = \$1,031</li> <li>• Scoring Wedge = \$105</li> </ul>
Teacher Led Sessions: No Cost (MUST ALREADY HAVE KIT)	0.00
Teacher Led Sessions: All Abilities Program	\$1,134.00

\* Cost of 4 sessions @ \$120 per hour – schools can advise during the booking process if they wish to have additional sessions.

## 6. What if I need additional equipment?

You can order multiple kits or a scoring wedge in the “add on” section in the portal when placing your booking. Alternatively, you can email [rookie.rollers@bowls.com.au](mailto:rookie.rollers@bowls.com.au).

## 7. How long will it take for the Kit to arrive at our school?

- VIC 2-3 business days
- NSW/SA/QLD/ACT 3-4 business days
- WA/TAS 5-7 business days
- NT 7-8 business days

## 8. What are Teacher Led sessions?

It is extremely easy for all teachers to lead the bowls sessions for ALL or PART of the programme.

All registered school teachers will need to complete the BA Sporting Schools Coach Registration form on the Sporting School portal whereby evidence of teacher registration will be required.

Teachers are provided a curriculum plan and we recommend the learning module which can be emailed directly to you.

**9. How is a coordinator assigned to our school?**

Bowls Australia (BA) will connect schools and coordinators. We ensure the coordinators have the necessary bowls experience and knowledge, Working with Children Check (WWCC) and insurance. We will supply another coordinator in an emergency where changes in dates or time occur or if you require additional sessions.

The coordinator will be selected for your school based on their location and availability. If you have a coordinator that your school would prefer to engage - just tell us and we will connect you.

**10. What insurance is necessary for coaches?**

All coordinators are covered by public liability insurance (min. \$10 million) and professional indemnity insurance (min. \$2 million).

**11. Do we have to hold our sessions at school?**

A bowls club may be able to host students at their club and provide a coach, however, any funded Sporting Schools sessions held at a bowling club must be confirmed with Bowls Australia (BA) to ensure the funding parameters are met. In addition, any bowls club coaches that are engaged MUST have valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) to be able to take on the sessions.

**12. How do I provide feedback on the Bowls Sporting Schools Program?**

You can come directly to the Bowls Australia Sporting School Team:

[rookie.rollers@bowls.com.au](mailto:rookie.rollers@bowls.com.au)

Rookie Rollers feedback from schools

*"The program was a huge success! Our PE Teacher is now taking the rest of the school for the Bowls sessions. All students loved the sessions, and the girls in particular indicated they enjoyed being able to compete against the boys on a level playing field."*

Beechboro Primary School

*"Fantastic program delivered by our coach with great equipment.  
Will be a fantastic sport to do in wet weather."*

Christmas Hills Primary School, VIC

*"Our coach did an excellent job & the children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons.  
All children were engaged throughout & their skills developed well."*

Hargreaves Public School, NSW

***School bookings & general enquiries:***

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