



Bowlers Handbook

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Welcome

Welcome to the official handbook of the St Kilda Bowling Club.

This handbook contains all the information needed for new and old bowlers alike, packed full of great information, Club championships social activities, general advice and tips.

Download the smartphone app for all pennant and social updates.

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St Kilda Bowls Club



Club history

The St Kilda Bowling Club was formed in 1865 and has the oldest bowling green and is the second oldest bowling club in Australia.

The locker rooms are the oldest section of the Clubhouse and were built in 1876, they are the oldest existing Bowling club rooms in Australia and are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. The Club was incorporated in 1987 and in 1993 its name was changed to "St Kilda Sports Club" when the Emerald Hill Cricket Club and Melbourne Petanque Club joined.

The Bowling Club has a proud record of achievement on the green. The Club has won 4 division pennant flags and been a regular runner up. The Club had a side in the top division from the formation of the RVBA in 1880 to 1979.

The Club fell upon hard times between 1980 and 2000 with the very existence of The Club threatened when active bowler numbers fell to the mid 20's between 1995 and 1997.

With an ongoing influx of new players to the game, the evolution of rules and Club life to reflect new generations, the Club is re-establishing itself as a dominant force in the community.

As we move into the 20th century, all events in the Club are now open to both men and women. It is an exciting time to be a part of The Club, an active and strong playing member group is key to the long term survival of The Club.

Your contribution to the future of The Club is welcomed.



St Kilda Sports Club

The St Kilda Sports Club incorporates The St Kilda Bowling Club, The St Kilda Petanque Club, the Emerald Hill Cricket Club and The St Kilda Darts Club.

Membership of the Sports Club is \$100 per annum and aspiring members nominate a section to join. Social membership is \$50 per annum.

After an application to join has been ratified by the board, the facilities of the club are open for the use of members.

Club management

The club premises, grounds (including the green), bar and finances are controlled by the St Kilda Sports Club Board of Management. The office bearers (4) are elected directly by the club members with the balance made up by representatives from the different sections. The board is controlled by the constitution of the Sports Club.

Management of the separate sections, including matches and social events is performed by the separate committees. These committees are elected by the members of each section.

Sports Board Contacts

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secretary@stkildasportsclub.com.au
clubmanager@stkildasportsclub.com.au

Bowls Committee Contacts

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secretary@stkildabowlingclub.com.au



Pennant competition information

selectors@stkildabowlingclub.com.au



Pennant teams are selected on Wednesday and posted on the Team Board, sent out on email and uploaded to the app. Selection is based on feedback from skips and practice at The Club. Skips discuss player performance with selectors to assist selection.

Club practice is on **Wednesday** and Thursday evening.

Email is the primary form of communication within the Club. **We also have the app and Facebook.**

Responsibility of players

By joining the St Kilda Bowling Club for Saturday Pennant players you have the responsibility to declare when you are unavailable for specific Saturday games.

Players are presumed to be available unless you inform the selectors you are unavailable. Do this by email to the selectors:

selectors@stkildabowlingclub.com.au

or by putting your name on the **'Unavailable'** list on the notice board in the locker room or the **'Unavailabitly'** section of the app. This must be done before 6.00pm selection on Wednesday to avoid changes in all sides that causes considerable tension within the Club (emergencies and unforeseen circumstances withstanding).

If games are cancelled for weather or other reasons, notification will be posted on the club website, email and on the app (Team App).

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Saturday pennant day times

Team manager at the hosting club	12.15 pm
All players at the hosting club	12.30 pm
Roll up (2 end practice) starts at	12.45 pm
Game starts at	1.00 pm
Late start (eg. due to player shortages)	1.30 pm

How pennant works

The Bowls Victoria Pennant Competition is split into divisions, with divisions further split into sections. The clubs within a section compete in 18 rounds of the Home and Away competition. Clubs enter sides which consist of 4 rinks of 4 players each. A club can have multiple teams in a division.

The winner of each Home and Away round is the side with the highest score for all 4 rinks added up, (so you play in a rink of 4 and a side 16 people).

The ladder for each section is based on points.

A total of 18 points can be won by a side per round being:

- > 10 points for the side winning overall or,
- > 5 points a draw and,
- > 2 points for each winning rink
(possible total of $4 \times 2 = 8$).

Each year sides are promoted and demoted between divisions as follows: the 2 finalists from division 1 to Premier, the top side from division 2 to division 1, the top 2 sides for all other divisions, the bottom 2 sides are demoted (only 1 from division 1).



If sides are drawn on the ladder, a count back is done based on shots for and against for the side.

At the end of the Home and Away, the top 8 sides in the division (section winners) play in the finals of 2 rounds and then the Grand Final play off for the Pennant.

A \$5 green fee is payable, for all Home and Away games.

Afternoon tea is served by the host club if agreed by the team managers prior to commencement of the game.

Playing short

If you do not have 4 players by the late start time, you play with 3 players, the lead and second play with 2 bowls, the second directs the head at end changeover.

Uniform

Pennant competition requires full Club uniform required as per Bowls Vic.

General information

The Bowls Victoria Information Guide is a valuable source of information covering club details, fixtures, pennant information, regulations for attire and inclement weather notice.

Check the team board regularly for information on upcoming events and competitions at other clubs. Put a team together or join one already in the making. The more you play, the better you become.

CODE OF CONDUCT – there is an official code of conduct available on the St Kilda Sports club website. www.stkildasportsclub.com.au which you should familiarise yourself with and be aware of demonstrating acceptable behaviour at all times.



Team positions



Front end

Lead

If your side has the mat, (that is you won the last end) you set the mat at the length decided by the skip and roll the Jack to the Skip's foot (hopefully -always??) and bowl the first bowl.

This position is pivotal in setting up the side for a good score.

If you roll the jack short or in the ditch your opposition lead set's the mat and rolls the jack, if they also fail to set the jack, it is set on the maximum length and you set the mat at your desired length.

The only time the team can chose to "give the mat away" is at the beginning of the game when the team has won the toss.

If on the end rink of a home game, the lead updates the overall scoreboard on regular basis with the **Second**.

Second

Bowls to the skip's instruction – usually 2 bowls behind the Jack. Update scorecard checking regularly with opposing 2nd

If on the end rink of a home game, the second updates overall scoreboard on regular basis with the **Lead**.

Collects the team green fees of \$5.00 per team player.

Back end

Third

Bowls to the skips instruction and directs the head when the skip is bowling.

Carries chalk, for marking bowls which have touched the Jack, and a measure. Measures for shot and additional bowls in the count and declares the score in agreement with opposition third.

Skip

Leads the team providing motivation and encouragement and builds a head around the Jack anticipating the other team's moves.

Carries chalk to mark bowls which touch the Jack.



Tuesday night pennant

Thursday 7-A-Side competition



In addition to the Saturday Bowls Victoria pennant competition, there is a Tuesday night competition run by the Southern District Electric Light Bowls Association.

Players should be at the venue at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm roll up of 1 end before the game start at 7.15pm and an \$8 game fee applies, being for green fees and lights.

Club shirt is required for this competition.

Interested members should contact the Night Competition Coordinator, or put their names on the list at the Bowling Club notice board.

Thursday Pennant 7-A-Side Competition full Club uniform required as per Bowls Vic.

Arrive 10.00am for a 10.15am two-end roll-up, 10.30am start. Usually finished by 1.30pm.

Format: 2 rinks of 2 players (3 bowl pairs)
1 rink of triples - each playing 18 ends.
Green Fees \$5.00



Making it easy



Bowls is a friendly and competitive game.

Consideration for others, courtesy and good sportsmanship add to the game.

- 1** Bowls should not be kicked in until the score has been decided and declared by both thirds.
- 2** Keep the game moving at a reasonable pace.
- 3** Wandering around the head can distract the bowler in play, standing in line with the boundary pegs that bowlers may use as markers can also be distracting.
- 4** Talking in a loud tone whilst a player is about to deliver a bowl can put players off their shot.
- 5** If you are not directing the head, you must stand at behind the Jack and away from the head. If you are directing the head you must be behind the jack and away from the head after the delivery of the bowl.
- 6** All bowlers should know and understand the Laws of the Game, see the "Rules for Bowls in Australia" which is available at the Club.
- 7** After the game you can buy a drink for your opponent.
- 8** Always return to the St Kilda Bowling Club for snags, vegie burgers, the Club song (a thing to master in itself) and the piece de resistance – THE GLASSES. These gold rimmed glasses are awarded to the rink (in any team) with the biggest winning margin and are filled free from the bar.
- 9** Do not sit on the edge of the green and obviously use bins.



Making it even easier

Do this, do that

- > Remember bowls is a team game, in Pennant, 15 other people are relying on you, turn up on time.
- > Put your name on the 'unavailable' list or advise your skip if you can not keep an appointment prior to selection (Tuesday) for the week.
- > Always conform to the correct attire to play, points can be deducted for wrong attire. See the Bowls Victoria Information Guide.
- > Applaud good shots and generally encourage players of both teams.
- > Keep still and silent whilst your opponent and other members of the team are bowling.
- > Always watch the play. Take an interest where bowls finish.
- > Play always for the side and not the individual success.

Don't do this and don't do that...

- > Argue with the Skip on the shot to play.
- > Advise the Skip of the shot to play unless requested.
- > Develop mannerisms which indicate displeasure at indifferent play or success.
- > Stray on to the adjoining rink.
- > Have excuses for bad play.
- > Dispute the Umpire's decision.
- > Give advice to players from the bank.
- > Abuse the privileges of the Club.

Notes:





Club championships

matchcommittee@stkildabowlingclub.com.au



The draw for all competitions will be posted on the club app and will be displayed in the locker room along with cut off dates.

Club Championship games must be played by the cut off dates below. Failure to play games by the cut off date will result in a **walkover**. No exceptions.

It is advisable to advance book rinks for club matches at the bar. This is essential if you intend to play on a Sunday.

Practise is permitted on the day up to 1 hour prior to the scheduled game on any rink other than the rink allocated for the game

Duration of matches

<i>Singles</i>	25 up (ie. First to score 25 shots)
<i>Pairs</i>	18 ends – 3 bowls
<i>Triples</i>	18 ends - 2 bowls

Club Championships to enter:

Mens singles
Ladies singles
Open singles - mixed - 21 up
Mens pairs
Ladies pairs
Triples - mixed
Fours - mixed
Mixed pairs
Novice singles



Our own smartphone app!

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Your Team. Your App.



Features include: news articles, club events, ladders, teams, chat, photos and lots more.

Install the St Kilda Bowling Club App on your smartphone now!

Follow these steps:

- 1 Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.
- 2 Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- 3 Log into the App and search for St Kilda Bowling Club.
- 4 Choose your applicable access group(s)
- 5 Once you've been given approval (allow 24 hours), start using the App.

If you don't have a smartphone, email the secretary at secretary@stkildabowlingclub.com.au so you can be added manually and you'll receive email notifications.





The club song



Bowling, bowling, bowling

Get that body bowling,
Keep those bowls a rolling, Jack High!

Through rain and wind and weather,
we all bowl together,
St Kilda will never say die

We all bowl together,
party on forever,
down by St Kilda's seaside

Bowl'em down, roll'em in,
Bowl'em down, roll'em in,
Bowl'em down, roll'em in,
Jack High!

Drive'em in, knock'em out,
don't give in, till we shout,

St Kilda is sitting, Jack High!!!

