



Association Information for Players

Structure of Indoor Bowls in Australia

Players – members of

Clubs - affiliated with –

IBW - Indoor Bowls Warrnambool Association -affiliated with –

V.I.B.B.A. - Victorian Indoor Bias Bowls Association. - affiliated with –

A.I.B.B.C. - Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Council.

EVENTS played under this structure -

ASSOCIATION LEVEL

1. PENNANT.

Pennant is a competition between Clubs affiliated with IBW, play commences at 8pm (unless prior arrangement has been made between teams to start at 7.30pm) Monday nights in the Val Bertrand Stadium, Caramut Road.

Winter Pennant season runs from mid-April to mid August.

Summer Pennant is played from mid October to mid-March.

Pennant games are of 21 live ends.

4 points are awarded for a win with 2 for a draw.

Ladder positions are decided by wins, shots up and percentage if required.

Format for finals is set out in the pennant rules.

Teams may be mixed or all one gender and are selected by their Club.

Bowls shoes are required for pennant and all other events.

2. ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a Drawn Event - Played on Saturdays -refer to Calendar for dates.

Single entries will be sorted into leads, seconds, thirds & skippers and then drawn into teams.

Ladies and Men's Singles, Ladies and Men's Pairs, Ladies and Men's Triples, Ladies and

Men's Fours, Mixed Pairs and Mixed Four.

3. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Clubs run their own Ladies & Men's Singles Championship and the "A" Grade Champions of each Club plays off for the Association Champion of Champions against other Club Champions.

Clubs may run both "A" and "B" Grade Championships.

If you have won an "A" or "B" Grade Championship you are ineligible to play in any further "B" Grade Championships at any Club.

4. ASSOCIATION OPEN TOURNAMENTS

Annual City Bowls Mixed Fours (at least 1 man or lady in each team) is held on the first Saturday in August.

Annual Macey's Mixed Pairs tournament is held late April/early May.

These events are "Open" which means you enter your own team.

If you do not have a team you can enter as a single entry and the Match Committee will attempt to place you in a team or have you available as an emergency team or player.

Entry forms are distributed at the stadium and to Clubs.

5. BALLARAT & MURRAY BORDER/MOAMA Tournaments

Ballarat Inter Group Championships.

Players are invited to put forward their name for selection by the Match Committee who will select teams to compete against nine other Associations in Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours. Played over 3 days (long weekend in June). Association pays for entry fee for all players.

Murray Border/Echuca/Moama

The same format applies excluding Singles and is held over 2 days the first weekend in September.

A notice will be displayed at the stadium for both events to submit names also details of accommodation arrangements.

Association pays for entry fee for all players.

6. COLAC Tournament

Teams can be entered to play in the Colac Association Inter-association match early May.

IBW Association uniforms are required to be worn during competition at Ballarat and Murray Border tournaments.

Uniform consists of a long or short sleeve polo shirt, vest, jacket (can be ordered from Secretary) & black trousers/pants.

7. STATE LEVEL

Victorian Indoor Bias Bowls Association Events

Events referred to as "VIBBA Events" are the early rounds of the State Championships in Ladies and Mens Singles, Ladies and Mens Pairs, Ladies and Mens Triples, Ladies and Mens Fours, Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours.

Allocations are made by VIBBA to affiliated Associations depending on the number of entries each Association has for each event.

Finals are played on Sundays at the West Sunshine Community Hall in Melbourne.(calendar)
At Association level these games are only played out to the number of allocations we have e.g. if we have 2 allocations for an event, the last two unbeaten teams in that event would travel to Melbourne for "knockout" finals.

If we have 1 allocation, the unbeaten team would qualify to go to Melbourne.

The eventual winner in each event is the Victorian Champion for that year.

TRIALS FOR STATE TEAM

VIBBA conduct trials over a weekend in June (calendar) to select the State Team from the players who have completed an application form (available from Association Secretary) and have been invited by state selectors to attend the trials.

Players are required to set out their achievements for the previous 3 years and submit the form to the Association Secretary who will be given the invitees names at the Ballarat Tournament. Australian Championships are held over 7 days in the last week of August and rotate between 5 states.