



Welcome to the Inverleigh Bowls Club Inc. (the Club).

We sincerely hope you enjoy your bowling be it social or pennant, the use of our facilities or simply the social aspect of the Club. The following information is intended to assist you to familiarise yourself with the Club.

In a club our size you should expect to get to know everyone within a short period of time. Current members are encouraged to assist in making new members welcome.

### **Code of Conduct**

The Club has a Code of Conduct Policy which is displayed throughout the facility and on-line. It is essential all Members and Visitors act in accordance with this Policy. The Victorian Fair Play Code can be referenced at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-playcode>

### **COVIDSafe Plan**

The Club has a COVIDSafe Plan supporting the National COVID-19 Safe Work Principles to guide us and endeavor to ensure that our Club is a healthy safe place for all who enter.

### **Membership Fees**

- Full Membership - \$170 per annum (Includes Bowls Victoria affiliation fee)
- Social Affiliated Membership - \$95 per annum (Includes Bowls Victoria affiliation fee for club comp participation)
- Social Membership - \$40 per annum
- Juniors/Under 18's - \$20 per annum,

(2024/2025 fee rates)

### **Around the Club**

Make sure you are familiar with the location of the Club noticeboard, tournament boards, pennant selection boards, office, location of water fountains, mats, jacks and the bowls storage area for social bowlers.

Friday nights are very popular at the club particularly over daylight savings period when Club dinners and Barefoot Bowls are held.

### **Getting Started**

- Coaching to all bowlers is provided free of charge.
- On arrival please check the club noticeboard for greens instructions.
- Practice equipment (mats, jacks, rink markers) is available in the practice cupboard. The key is available to all members. Please be sure to ask if you are not shown where it is.
- Social or "club" bowls are stored in the small shed. If locked, the key is the same one used for practice equipment cupboard.
- Grippo and spray chalk are available for purchase from the bar.
- Club uniform is available for purchase from the club. Club uniform is compulsory for Pennant and tournament players.



- Social bowls is played in casual clothes.

### Communication

Effective communication is essential within any club. We use the following methods of communication to keep our members informed and to promote club activities to our diverse community.

Club Handbook - these are free and normally available from the Club each September. The Handbook lists the phone numbers of all bowling members and important Club information. You are encouraged to read the handbook thoroughly.

Club Noticeboards - are used for dissemination of Club notifications, games etc.



Club Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/inverleighbowlsclub>  
for promotion of Club activities to Members and the general public.



TeamApp:

<https://inverleighbowlsclub.teamapp.com/> is used for internal Club communication. Register for free and log on to this application to keep abreast of Club news, information and Pennant teams.



Club Web page:

<http://inverleighbowls.org/> for details of Club management, history, news, events and general information etc. available to the public



Find Bowls Vic here:

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/>



Instagram:  
inverleigh\_bowls

For social updates and event reports.



BowlsLink: for all results, fixtures and ladders:

<https://www.bowlslink.com.au/>

Leigh News: Local free monthly publication with articles from the Inverleigh Bowls Club in each edition.

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### Bowls Program

TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mid-Week Mixed Pennant (Oct-March) 10am - 3pm</li><li>• Off-Season: 2-4-2 pairs days as scheduled 10am – 3pm</li></ul>
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pennant Training (Sept – March) 4.30pm Club</li><li>• Dinner - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month 5.30pm</li><li>• Barefoot Bowls - Friday nights with training (Nov – March) 6pm-9pm</li></ul>
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pennant (Oct-March) from 12.30pm – 5pm</li></ul>
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off-Season Training 10am – 11.30 September</li></ul>

Plus other social events scheduled throughout the year

### Green Fees

Green fees are payable by non-members on barefoot bowls nights and all pennant players at each game.

### Bowling At Other Clubs

Notification of bowls tournaments are advertised on the noticeboard and are available on the Tournament Flyers noticeboard within the club. Tournaments are also advertised on the Bowls Victoria website.

Club competition is encouraged for those who have made progress in learning the game and who are very keen to improve their skills.

### Pennant (Midweek & Weekend)

All members are encouraged to play Pennant as it is the fastest way to improve your game. If you wish to play Pennant you will need to be an affiliated member, have a chat to one of the selectors. New bowlers are always welcome at Inverleigh Bowls Club.

The selectors have been elected by the bowling members and, accordingly, the Club expects members to respect their decisions. If you are not happy with your selected position, it is very important for you and the Club that you speak to the respective Chairperson who will arrange a meeting to discuss your grievance at a mutually convenient time.

### Availability/Unavailability for Pennant

Pennant players are expected to make themselves available each week. Should this not be the case, please notify a Selector immediately or add your name to the Unavailable list on the noticeboard as last minute changes can have a domino effect on selected teams.

### Pennant Duty Rinks

Each week there is a Pennant duty rink. The rink will be set up by the Green Keeper and pack up is part of the duty rink role. This only takes a few minutes. A list of duties is available in the handbook.



### **Club Championship Events**

Affiliated members are automatically entered into the Club Championship events throughout the season. These events provide a great learning opportunity and are played in a friendly manner.

### **Liquor License & Smoking**

Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is only permitted in the designated smoking areas. When any organised junior bowls event is taking place, the Department of Health effectively bans smoking around the greens (inclusive of the designated areas).

Consumption of alcohol is not permitted during pennant games on the greens. Responsible consumption of alcohol is permitted in moderation along the banks of the greens.

Due to Liquor Licensing Regulations no alcohol can be brought onto the premises at any time.

### **Wheelchair Policy**

To protect our greens, the only allowable wheelchair that can be used on any of our Club's greens must be a non-motorised, lightweight device fitted with slick treads.

### **Volunteering**

Our Club is run by volunteers of different skillsets and interests. Please look out for opportunities to volunteer and/or perhaps consider doing the small but important jobs around the Club e.g. putting out and taking in the flags, rubbish removal, gardening, cleaning, putting out or returning tables and chairs to the club rooms at the conclusion of the day.

If you have a particular skill or interest please feel free to have a chat to a Committee member to volunteer your services. A little help from everyone is all that is required to make things run smoothly for the benefit of all Members. Many hands make light work!

### **Inappropriate Language**

Inappropriate or offensive language should not be used by players out of frustration, anger, disappointment or in celebration either on or off the greens.

If you notice someone who is beginning to behave in an inappropriate manner take them aside and calmly remind them of their obligation. Bowlers are required to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times.

### **Reference**

Rules and Regulations of the sport can be found in:

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark Fourth Edition – April 2023