

# **Club Sapphire Barefoot Bowls Venue Rules**

Here at Club Sapphire Merimbula we are very proud of our world class facilities and we are delighted to be able to share them with you, whether you are bowling for the first time or regularly do so.

The greens you are playing on today are the very same greens the Australian Bowling Championships are held on.

We would be very grateful if you could take a minute to read our venue rules below, to help us maintain these facilities in pristine condition for all to enjoy

1. Only flat soled shoes or bare feet are permitted on the green surface. Treads and heels can cause significant damage to the carpet surface and base beneath.
2. Food and drinks are not permitted on or near the green surface. Spillages and dropped food items cause staining on the carpet.
3. Bowls and jacks must be rolled smoothly across the greens surface at all times. Airborne or dropped bowls, even from knee height, can cause depressions in the base of the green which can be very expensive to repair.
4. Green side fixtures such as rink numbers and orange boundary pegs are not to be moved from their location. These are set out to demonstrate the space or “rink” allocated to your group and can be dangerous once removed from there intended location.
5. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times, this is not only for their own safety, but also a requirement under the Registered Clubs Act. They are not permitted to consume alcohol.
6. Bad behaviour or language will not be tolerated, we seek to provide a safe family friendly environment and all patrons are expected to uphold these values whilst using our facilities.

We ask you to treat our facilities and other bowlers respectfully.

Should any patron be considered to have wilfully breached the venue rules or caused deliberate damage to the facilities they may be required to finish their session, vacate the premises, or repay the Club for cost of repair.

**Our greens area is monitored by staff and 24-hour video surveillance. Please be aware that your actions whilst on our greens are recorded.**

We apologise for having so many rules, but we are sure you will agree we must all do our bit to ensure these wonderful facilities are maintained in great condition for all to use.

Thank you for your support and assistance and most importantly, have a great game.



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# BAREFOOT BOWLS AT CLUB SAPPHIRE MERIMBULA

Welcome to Club Sapphire Merimbula and thank you for choosing to roll a bowl on our world class covered green facilities.

The sport of bowls is one of Australia's favourite social pastimes. Here's a few pointers to help you enjoy your experience out on the greens.

**Bias:** all bowls have a bias which in simple terms would be thought of as the heavy side. On all bowls this bias is located on the small emblem side of the bowl.

**Grip:** to maximise the bowls performance it is important to hold the bowl the correct way. Cradle the bowl in your fingers and place your thumb on or just under the dimples. When you look down the middle of your arm you should line up with the centre of the bowl.



**Delivery:** to best deliver the bowl you use a step and roll motion. Start by standing with both feet on the mat then step off the front of the mat and roll the bowl in one motion. Your stepping leg should be the opposite to your bowling arm. (right hander steps with left leg).



**The objective is get down low and roll the bowl smoothly across the green!**

**Scoring:** the idea behind the game of bowls is to finish closest to the jack (small white ball), this is achieved by allowing for the correct amount of swing on the bowl whilst imparting the correct amount of speed to reach the jack. Points are decided by nearest to the jack after all bowls are completed. 1 shot if you are closest, 2 shots if you have the 2 closest and so on.



**Ends:** an end is when you play in one particular direction. The end is completed when all bowls are played to the jack end of the rink. Once an end is completed you place the jack on the line at the mat end, take the mat to the other end, place it on the line there and commence a new end.

By following these simple tips you should be playing well in no time at all.