

THE PUMICESTONE CHALLENGE - 2026

CONDITIONS of PLAY

31st January 2026 - 8th March 2026



*Bongaree
Bowls*

*Solander Lake
Bowls*

*Bribie Island
Bowls*

THE PUMICESTONE CHALLENGE

Conditions of Play 2026

1. Controlling Body

The controlling body of the competition will be a sub-committee nominated by the clubs involved. On game days the home Club is to ensure that the designated Pumicestone Challenge representative for the Club plus the Umpire of the day would be the Controlling Body.

2. Laws for the competition

Current Bowls Australia laws are to be applied unless otherwise stated.

3. Player Eligibility

Players must be registered with the club that they are representing.

4. Format

Each side will consist of two teams.

Each team will consist of four players in Mixed format. At least one of these players must be a female or male.

5. Games

All games will be 21 ends for each rink. In case of inclement weather, a minimum of 28 ends across the 2 rinks constitutes a game.

Games can be arranged, with the agreement of clubs, to best suit the needs of the bowlers.

Control of the Master Board rests with the home team.

If played in the afternoon games will commence no later than 1.00pm.

If played in the morning games will commence no later than 8.30am.

6. Rounds

There will be five rounds in the Pumicestone Shield and the Pumicestone Cup with Clubs playing one another once depending on the number of entries [see attached draw]

Play will commence on the 31st of January 2026. [see attached draw]

7. Green Fees

Green fees to be paid to your own club.

8. Umpire /Measurer

The host club will provide an umpire or a measurer.

9. Attire

Approved club uniform must be worn by all players.

10. Practice

Players may practice on any rink prior to the commencement of play 45 minutes

before the start of play. There will be no trial ends, play to commence at scheduled time.

11. Dead Ends

Dead ends will be replayed.

12. Scoring

Determination of Game Winner – The Side scoring the higher number of shots **FOR** will be the winner and awarded two [2] points. In the case of a drawn game, each side will be awarded one [1] point each.

- a. Margins and rink wins will be recorded in the case of a count back after the last round.
- b. At the conclusion of each round a record of the progressive points, margins 'for' and 'against', rink wins, and the proportional result will be carried out by the Match Committee.
- c. There will NOT be any points scored for rink wins.

13. Results Notification

Home clubs are responsible to notify the results coordinator, Frank Grimsey at frankandgayle50@gmail.com by the Sunday after the game.

14. Deciding the Winning Club

The finals day will be played at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Sunday the 8th of March 2026. All teams (depending on the number of entries) will be involved with a draw being distributed at the end of the round games.

The format will be based on the final placings of both the Cup and the Shield.

For both Competitions it will be as follows: 1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6.

The winners of 1 v 2 will be declared the Cup and Shield champions for 2026.

15. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather washing out a game the controlling body will decide on the resultant outcome.

If possible, games can be transferred to the Bribie Island Bowls Club.

16. Extreme Heat

The controlling body will issue a Weather Policy prior to the commencement of the competition.

17. Entry Fee

Entry Fee will be \$70 per side.

18. Player Qualifications

For Clubs with 2 or more teams in each Competition there should not be any "cross selections" between those teams unless necessary due to player shortage.

Pumicestone Shield

Open to all new and emerging bowlers.

Each team is allowed to select 1 experienced player on the team but not play as Skip.

Alternatively, the experienced bowler could act as an active Coach on the sidelines to help the newer bowlers. This person should be identified to the opposition before commencement of play.

Pumicestone Cup

Open to all players who played in the 2025 Pennant season in Divisions 8 to 10.

For players who did not play Pennants in 2025 the Club should only select players whom they believe are at those levels of ability.

The Cup allows those who are not selected in any other Summer Competition to gather experience for the future. It could also serve as a 'reserve grade' for the Club's other summer competitions.

Finals Qualifications

Players in both the Shield and the Cup must have played at least 2 games in the round robin series to qualify for the Finals.

19. Substituting Reserves

For Pumicestone Shield:

One substitute per team at any time during the game.

Team shuffles are also allowed at the time of substitute.

For Pumicestone Cup:

As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls April 2023.

20. Manager/Coach

The controlling body would encourage Club Coaches to be involved on game days to assist where and when required.

This person should be identified to the opposition before commencement of play.