

# BOWLS' BIG WEEKEND 2022



## GETTING STARTED

Like boules on the beach or a game of skittles, it will take you no time to figure out the game!

Bowls is played on a square of grass called a **green**, which is divided into lanes called rinks. Players take turns to deliver their bowls from a mat at one end of the rink towards a small white target ball, often referred to as the '**jack**', situated near the other end. The bowls are shaped so that they take a curved path towards the jack, known as the **bias**.

The aim of the game is to get your bowls closest to the jack. One point is given for each bowl nearer the jack than the nearest bowl of your opponent.

Each game is split into individual ends. After playing all the bowls in one direction and agreeing the score, the next end is played back down the rink in the opposite direction. The winner of the previous end will cast the jack.

jack



Try to get your bowls closest to the jack

Did you know?  
The bowl curves towards the side with the smaller disc



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# LEARN THE LINGO

Now you're ready to start playing, here's some lingo to get you started!

## **Bias**

The shape of the bowl which causes it to curve.

## **Delivery**

The moment the bowl leaves the hand.

## **Ditch**

The gully around the green. If a bowl ends up in the ditch and it is not a 'toucher' then it doesn't count.

## **Green**

The total playing area. There are usually 6 rinks on each green.

## **Jack**

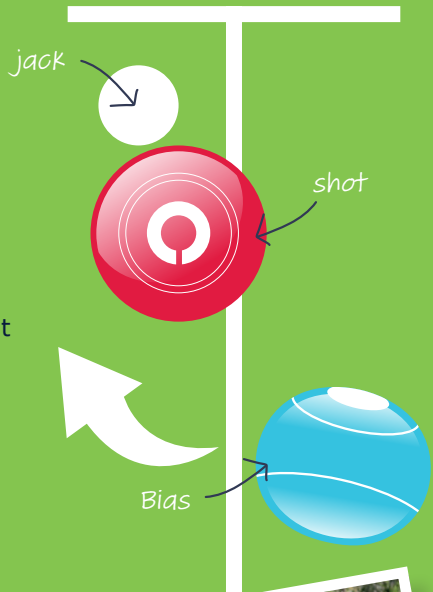
The little round target ball to which you're trying to get your bowls closest.

## **Mat**

The rectangular shaped mat from which the bowler must deliver the jack and/or bowl.

## **Shot**

The bowl that is nearest the jack at any stage of play.



Bowls is a sport for all, everyone is welcome

LET'S HAVE SOME **FUN!**

Now you've given bowls a go, do you want to continue the fun and meet more new people?

Speak to someone at the club to organise your next visit today!

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