



**OZ Bocce, Laguna Club Perth  
15 October 2021**

## **OZ BOCCÉ TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

**\*\*Highlighted rules are TBC dependent on participant numbers**

1. The player format of this OZ Bocce tournament is mixed male and female doubles teams.
2. All registered players must be at least 30 years of age before the Australian Masters Games begins.
3. The allocated time for this OZ Bocce Tournament is from 9am to 7pm on 15 October 2021.
4. Registered players must be available on site to play for the duration of the allocated time for this OZ Bocce Tournament.
5. There is 1 advantage point per game allocated to any doubles team consisting of two female registered players in this OZ Bocce tournament.
6. The playing format of this OZ Bocce Tournament will be a Preliminary stage, then head to head Knockout stages consisting of Qualifying Finals, Elimination Finals, Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals, Third Place Play-off and Final.
7. The order of play and game schedule will be predetermined prior to the commencement of the Tournament, where games played all the way to the Final will be mapped out.
8. Registered players will be provided with their playing schedule before the start of the Tournament via email.
9. Registered players will be allocated to groups for this OZ Bocce tournament by lot (using the 'RAND' function in Excel) prior to the commencement of the Tournament, to be reviewed by the Tournament Director and Australian Masters Games staff.
10. There will be 3 Preliminary Round groups in this OZ Bocce Tournament. Group A will consist of 5 doubles teams, and groups B and C will each consist of 5 doubles teams.
11. The Preliminary stage in this OZ Bocce Tournament will consist of 4 games for each doubles team.
12. A registered player in a team that is late to their OZ Bocce game, but their partner is present, will forfeit three of the teams balls in each end they are not present.
13. After each game is completed, 3 game points will be awarded the team that wins, 1 game point will be allocated to a team that ties and 0 game points will be awarded to a team that loses.
14. In the event of weather or any other factor interrupting play that inhibits the pre-advertised playing

schedule to be completed in the allocated time, the Tournament Director has the right to make any amendment to the playing schedule to complete this within the allocated time.

15. Following the completion of the Preliminary Round, all doubles teams will be ranked within their Group in order based on the following criteria:
  - a. The highest total game points of each team
  - b. If regulation 15a does not separate any two or more teams then the total in-play points difference from all 4 games played in the Preliminary Round will be used to separate them (in-play points are defined as points scored during a game less points conceded during a game)
  - c. If regulation 15a or regulation 15b does not separate any two or more teams then the total in-play points scored from all 4 games played in the Preliminary Round will be used to separate them
  - d. If regulation 15a, regulation 15b or regulation 15c does not separate any two or more teams then one player per team (each team to choose the player to bowl the ball from their team), will bowl one ball to get closest to the Jack, with the team/s that bowl the ball/s closest to the Jack being ranked the highest
  - e. If regulation 15d does not separate the two or more teams, then regulation 15d is to be repeated until the two or more team/s can be separated.
16. The top 2 ranked teams from each group at the end of the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament will qualify for the first Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament.
17. The 6 teams that qualified for the first Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament as a top 2 ranked group teams will be ranked from 1st to 6th, by applying regulations 15a to 15e to the teams Preliminary stage group results.
18. The 3 third placed teams from Groups A, B & C at the end of the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament will be assessed to qualify for the first Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament. The assessment of the 3 third placed teams will take their group results and apply regulations 15a to 15e in order to rank them 7th, 8th and 9th. The teams ranked 7th and 8th advance to the first Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament. The 9th ranked team is eliminated from this OZ Bocce Tournament.
19. The teams that participated in the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament and did not qualify for the first Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament are eliminated from this OZ Bocce Tournament.
20. The first Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament consist of the following one game rounds:
  - a. First Qualifying Final – contested by the first ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament versus the fourth ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament (1 vs 4)
  - b. Second Qualifying Final – contested by the second ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament versus the third ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament (2 vs 3)
  - c. First Elimination Final - contested by the fifth ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament versus the eighth ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament (5 vs 8)
  - d. Second Elimination Final - contested by the sixth ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament versus the seventh ranked team from the Preliminary stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament (6 vs 7).
21. In the case of a tied situation in a Knockout stage in this OZ Bocce Tournament, one player per team (each team to choose the player to bowl the ball from their team), will bowl one ball to get closest to the Jack, with the team that bowl the ball closest to the Jack winning that Knockout stage game.
22. The teams that win the First Qualifying Final and the Second Qualifying Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament will progress to the third Knockout stage, as allocated below in regulation 29.
23. The teams that lose the First Qualifying Final and the Second Qualifying Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament will progress to the second Knockout stage, as allocated below in regulation 26.
24. The teams that win the First Elimination Final and the Second Elimination Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament will progress to the second Knockout stage, as allocated below in regulation 26.
25. The teams that lose the First Elimination Final and the Second Elimination Final games in this OZ

- Bocce Tournament are eliminated from this OZ Bocce Tournament.
26. The second Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament consist of the following one game rounds:
    - a. First Semi Final – contested by the losing team of the First Qualifying Final verses the winning team of the First Elimination Final
    - b. Second Semi Final – contested by the losing team of the Second Qualifying Final verses the winning team of the Second Elimination Final.
  27. The teams that win the First Semi Final and the Second Semi Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament will progress to the third Knockout stage, as allocated below in regulation 29.
  28. The teams that lose the First Semi Final and the Second Semi Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament are eliminated from this OZ Bocce Tournament.
  29. The third Knockout stage of this OZ Bocce Tournament consist of the following one game rounds:
    - a. First Preliminary Final – contested by the winning team of the First Qualifying Final verses the winning team of the Second Semi Final
    - b. Second Preliminary Final – contested by the winning team of the Second Qualifying Final verses the winning team of the First Semi Final.
  30. The teams that win the First Preliminary Final and the Second Preliminary Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament will play in the Final of this OZ Bocce Tournament.
  31. The teams that lose the First Preliminary Final and the Second Preliminary Final games in this OZ Bocce Tournament will play in the Third Place Play-off of this OZ Bocce Tournament.
  32. The winning team of the Final of the OZ Bocce Tournament will win the Australian Masters Games 2021 OZ Bocce Gold Medal.
  33. The losing team of the Final of the OZ Bocce Tournament will win the Australian Masters Games 2021 OZ Bocce Silver Medal.
  34. The winning team of the Third Place Play-off of the OZ Bocce Tournament will win the Australian Masters Games 2021 OZ Bocce Bronze Medal.
  35. The losing team of the Third Place Play-off of the OZ Bocce Tournament are eliminated from this OZ Bocce Tournament.
  36. If the application of regulation 21 in a tied situation in a Knockout stage does not result in a winning team, then it is to be repeated until there is a winning team.
  37. If this OZ Bocce Tournament is not completed, no placings or medals will be awarded.
  38. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make a ruling on any interpretation of these regulations in this OZ Bocce tournament.
  39. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make a ruling on any situation that is not covered by these regulations in this OZ Bocce tournament.

# OZ BOCCE RULES

1. Each team has 6 bowls, of which only 3 can be played on an end per player.
2. A game consists of 6 ends.
3. There is no time limit for a game.
4. The team to start the game is determined by toss of a coin.
5. The team that wins the toss of the coin begins by throwing the jack from behind the foot line, which must land in the 5m rectangle playing area. If the Jack fails to land in the 5m rectangle Jack area, the team that won the coin toss has a second opportunity to throw the Jack into the 5m rectangle Jack area. If after two attempts the team that won the coin toss fails to land the Jack in the 5m the rectangle Jack area, the opposition can place the jack anywhere within the 5m rectangle, at least 50cm from the side lines.
6. The team who throws the jack delivers first bowl, which is the commencement of an end.
7. The team that does not hold the advantage (the team with the closest bowl to the jack) delivers the next bowl. This continues until both teams have finished their bowls. You can end up with a scenario where your opponent has used all of their bowls and you have only used 1 bowl.
8. If the jack is knocked out of the court by a team, that end is recommenced in the same direction that end was occurring. If the Jack is knocked out of the court a second time in an end, that end is deemed complete and no score allocated for that end. The next end, if another end is playable is to commence.
9. If a team bowling their last ball in an end knocks the jack out of the court, that bowl is deemed an irregular bowl and the opposing team gets to either place the Jack back to the approximate spot it was in and continue playing all of their balls (if teams cannot agree to the final placement of the Jack, the final decision of where the Jack is to be placed is of the on duty Referee) or can deem the end complete and take 1 point for each bowl they have not delivered for the end.
10. An end is complete when both teams' bowls have been bowled or if a Jack is knocked out of court the court and the end is deemed complete as per rules 8 and 9.
11. If an end is completed due only to both teams' balls being bowled, then the team with one or more balls closer than the opposition receives 1 point for each ball closer than any opposition ball.
12. Once the 6 ends are complete, no more points can be scored by either team and the game is complete. The total of the scores by teams from each end determines the final score of the game. See the regulations 13, 15 and 21 in the case of a completed game ending in a tie (i.e. both teams on the same score).