GLENELG BOWLING CLUB
NIGHT OWLS – CONDITIONS OF PLAY SEASON 2026-27
&
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Teams & Playing Season

- There will be a maximum of 20 teams, with the opportunity for each team to play every other team once.
- The playing season will be 19 matches (if 20 teams registered), on Wednesday evenings (with a break over Christmas/New Year).
- Each team is to have 4 members who bowl 2 bowls each.
- Each team is responsible for fielding four players each week. Teams with three players may still compete under the order of play noted below. Teams with fewer than three players will forfeit the match. Casual bowlers may be available to fill vacancies.
- Teams may include pennant players, however players who regularly compete in Saturday Division 1–5 pennants may not play as Skip or Third. Eligibility is determined by the player's most recent Saturday pennant division.
    - ⇒ Season commences: **14th October 2026**
    - ⇒ Christmas Break: **16th December 2026 (last match)**
    - ⇒ Season resumes: **13th January 2027 (first match back)**
    - ⇒ Season Concludes: **10th March 2027**

Registration & Weekly Play

- The official Metropolitan Pennant "Conditions of Play" are used for the rules that apply to Night Owls. The Conditions of Play are available on the GBC Website.
- Players are to arrive no later than 6.45pm to enable a 7.00pm sharp start.
- Each player pays a once-off annual registration fee of $10 on their first night of play.
- Team members must sign in before play starts and pay the $10.00 weekly playing fee.
- The first member of teams playing each other, that signs in, will draw for the rink that they and their opposing team will play on.
- Flat sole shoes, thongs or bare feet must be worn on the greens. No exceptions.
- Teams who do not have 4 players on the night, can bowl with at least 3 bowlers who still only bowl 2 bowls each. The order of play is - both Leads play 2 bowls as per normal, then the 2nd from the team with 4 players bowls both their bowls next, then the 3rd and Skip bowl their bowls as per normal.
- There are no Dead Ends. When the Jack is rolled to start play, if it goes into the ditch or adjacent rink, it is to be placed on the centre '2 metre mark' and play continues. During play, if the Jack is hit and goes into an adjacent rink (left or right), spot it on the '2 metre mark' on that side of the rink.
- Play concludes after 14 ends or at 9:00pm, whichever occurs first.
- Each team must complete and compare scorecards during the match and at the end of play. These MUST be handed in at the end of the match.
- At the end of the season, the team finishing at the top of the ladder will be awarded the GBC Night Owls Trophy and be invited to represent Glenelg in the Bowl SA Night Owls Finals Tournament (subject to eligibility rules).
- Glenelg Bowling Club players will be available to help with any assistance teams may require.
- Any questions or disputes should be referred to the Night Owls Manager, whose decision is final.

BBQ / Prizes / Raffle

- Highest Score: The team with the highest winning score on the night will receive $80 (maximum of three wins per team per season).
- Random Draw: Four $5 prizes will be awarded by random draw - one each to a Lead, Second, Third and Skip from all losing teams. The team receiving the Highest Score prize is excluded from the Random Draw.
- A raffle is held every week with valuable prizes to be won.
- Glenelg Bowling Club is a smoke-free venue. Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the premises.
- Announcements around inclement weather will be made as early as possible and contact will be made with each team's contact person.
- BBQ and bar facilities will be available from 6.00pm. Players can either practice prior to their match or socialise in the Clubhouse until start time.
- Loan bowls are available free of charge. Please collect them before 6:45 pm and record your name against the bowls bag number on the Loan Bowls Register sheet to reserve them for the season. Return your loan bowls to the correct bag and place them back in the correct location in the Loan Bowls Rack.
- Pizzas will be provided at the conclusion of each night's play.