

Bowls Australia – Sporting Schools Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why Bowls?

Bowls Australia has created an all-inclusive program called Jr. Jack Attack (JJA). JJA is designed to enable kids to participate in an engaging format, which is both fun and diverse. It can be conducted on a range of surfaces, including greens, carpets, concrete, wooden floors and just about anything else that is flat. Most importantly, JJA is especially convenient for school teachers who have limited time to organise lesson plans around the number of students in the class; JJA does not require a set number of participants, caters for both boys and girls, is an appropriate sport for all abilities and provides structured sessions that are easy to follow.

2. How does my school get Bowls to be conducted?

Register your schools with www.sportingschools.gov.au to be provided with the funding grant and/or select Bowls as the program.

3. How do I register my school?

You have to register your school at www.sportingschools.com.au to be able to access the Sporting Schools program - there will be several grant funding windows.

4. Can a teacher be the 'Coach' for bowls?

Yes! The teacher can lead the bowls sessions, with a minimum of four sessions to any maximum – all registered school teachers will be automatically endorsed as a coach to run their bowls program. All teachers will still be required to register with Sporting Schools. More details below.

5. Do Bowls Clubs conduct Sporting Schools sessions?

A bowls club may be able to host students at their club and provide a coach – for either all or part of the sessions – for example, a school might decide to conduct the minimum four sessions at school and then add one additional session at a bowls club – to play on a bowling green!

6. Does the school need a Jr. Jack Attack Kit?

Absolutely! The Jr. Jack Attack Kit has been specifically designed for learning and contains all the equipment coaches or teachers need to work with an entire class of students – with the lesson plans and activity cards, there are 14 activities to select – all the necessary equipment is within the kit. This kit then belongs to your school and can be called on for future occasions – especially because any surface can be used.

7. What is in the Jr. Jack Attack Kit?

The Kit includes a carry bag, 32 light-weight rubber bowls, 8 jacks, 50 cones, a target score mat and 8 stepping mats. You will also receive an Activity Resource with coloured activity cards.

8. How much of their Sporting Schools funding does a school use for Bowls?

There are two options for the school to choose from.

OPTION 1 includes:

KIT FROM BOWLS AUSTRALIA AND YOU SELF TEACH - \$750

- Kit and activity resource
- Postage costs
- Teacher takes the sessions

OPTION 2 includes:

KIT FROM BOWLS AUSTRALIA AND COACH - \$750 for the kit & \$260 for a coach (min. 4 sessions – 45 min each)

- Kit and activity resource
- Postage costs
- Coach takes the sessions
- Cost is \$65 for every extra session you require a coach (after the minimum of 4)

9. Where do I order the Jr. Jack Attack Kit?

You order online at [JR. JACK ATTACK KIT](#) – your order goes directly to the distributor and will be sent to your nominated delivery address.

10. How long will it take for the Kit to arrive at our school?

- VIC will be 2-3 business days
- NSW, SA, QLD, ACT will be 3-4 business days
- WA & TAS will be 5-7 business days
- NT will be 7-8 business days

Note: these are approximate timings

11. What if I need additional equipment?

You can order multiple kits – or if there is something specific that you need – let us know and we can look at the options available with the manufacturer.

12. How can I become a Coach?

You have to register at <https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/get-involved/coaches>. For a coach to be able to conduct bowls session, they must be endorsed by Bowls Australia – and all coaches will be administered by our third party provider, who will connect the school and the coach, invoice the school and pay the coaches. This includes teachers, who must register but will be immediately endorsed.

13. Who is in charge of coaches?

Bowls Australia will engage a third party coach provider specifically to work with Sporting Schools and ensure that schools and coaches are connected – they will provide coaches with the necessary insurance, ensure coaches have the correct working with children checks and coaching qualifications.

14. How will a coach and school be connected? How will a school find a Coach?

Our third party coach provider will connect schools and coaches, ensuring that you have the right coach available when your schools needs them and providing back up for any changes. The coach will be selected for your school based on their location, availability, your preference (if you have a coach that you know and want, just tell us and we will connect you) and if necessary the third party coach provider will supply another coach in an emergency, where is there is change of dates or times or if you need additional sessions.

15. What insurance is necessary for coach?

All coaches must be covered by public liability insurance (minimum \$10 million) and professional indemnity insurance (minimum \$2 million). Our third party coach provider will provide this cover for all of the endorsed Bowls Australia coaches working with Sporting Schools.

16. How will a coach be paid? How does a school pay the coach?

The third party coach provider will invoice the school for the sessions they are electing to conduct and the coach will be paid monthly for the sessions they have conducted.

17. What accreditation does a person need to teach Bowls at School?

Currently a coach needs to have completed either a Bowls Australia Intro or Club Coaching Course or the Coaching Standards as required for the AASC Program. Bowls Australia anticipates having a Level O Coaching Course available online in the future to allow new coaches to join.

18. What accreditation does a teacher need to teach Bowls at School?

All registered teachers will be endorsed as coaches once teaching registration details are provided. Bowls Australia provides, as part of their kit, detailed lesson plans for teachers and coaches to follow.

19. How do I provide feedback on the Bowls Sporting Schools Program?

You can come directly to the Bowls Australia Sporting School Team at sportingschools@bowlsaustralia.com.au

20. Who can I contact with my questions?

School booking & general enquiries:

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