



Sturt Bowling Club at Unley Oval

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Night Owls - Season 2020-21

The Season

- The season will be 19 nights that includes 3 weeks of finals
- Eligible teams will also be asked to participate in the Tuesday v Thursday Night challenge on Thursday 28 January 2021.
- With level 2 COVID-19 restrictions, the number of teams competing each night will be limited to 20. This will be reviewed in line with SA Health directions.
- Sturt Bowling Club Night Owls COVID-19 Direction [linked](#)

Tuesdays

- 9 weeks from 20 October 2019 to 15 December 2020
- No play on 22 & 29 December 2020 and 5 January 2021
- 10 weeks from 12 January 2021 to 23 March 2021 (no play 26 January 2021)

Thursdays

- 9 weeks from 22 October 2020 to 17 December 2020
- No play on 24 & 31 December 2020 and 7 January 2021
- 10 weeks from 14 January 2021 to 25 March 2021

Finals Nights – All Teams Involved (subject to COVID-19 restriction level)

Tuesdays

- Ideally, on 9, 16 & 23 March 2021, **all teams** will play on these finals nights. Essentially all teams are placed in a group of at least 8 and play off in these finals nights. The top 8 will contest the Night Owls "Premiership" title (week 1, 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 - week 2 highest rank winners v lowest rank winners - week 3 Grand Final is the winners of week 2). Teams in the remaining groups will play off for the Nights Owls "Championship" & "Excellenza" titles.

Thursdays

- Ideally, on 11, 18 & 25 March 2021, **all teams** will play on these finals nights. Essentially all teams are placed in a group of at least 8 and play off in these finals nights. The top 8 will contest the Night Owls "Premiership" title. (Week 1, 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 - week 2 highest rank winners v lowest rank winners - week 3 Grand Final being the winners of week 2). Teams in the remaining groups will play off for the Nights Owls "Championship" & "Excellenza" titles.

Inclement Weather/Extreme Heat

- If games on 9 & 11 March 2021 and/or 16 & 18 March 2021 are not live, the winners will be determined on the higher finishing team on the premiership table.
- If games on 23 or 25 March 2021 are not live, the Night Owls title will be determined via the highest placed team on the premiership table who are scheduled to or competing in the grand finals

Tuesday/Thursday Night Challenge Match

- The Tuesday v Thursday night challenge match will be held on Thursday 28 January 2021. Essentially the top 8 teams from the 2019-2020 minor round plus additional 2 to 5 teams (according to COVID-19 restriction level) working from the 2020-21 premiership tables as at 31 December 2020

No Smoking

- Sturt Bowling Club is smoke free. Smoking must be partaken outside the club's property

Fees

- The game cost is \$8.50 per player and we ask that someone from each team collect your fees and pay \$34.00 in exchange for team score card
- Sturt Bowling Club @ Unley Oval does not charge a player registration fee with each players' Bowls SA "Night Owls player administration fee" paid by the Club

General Rules and Conditions of Play

- Games will commence at 7 pm with "chimes" to sound at 9 pm to signify end of play (any end being played when chimes sound can be completed)
- Games will be a maximum of 16 ends
- On 23 & 25 March 2020, the "Premiership" grand final will be granted an extra 10 minutes to complete 16 ends but the end in progress at 9-10 pm will be the last.
- Where scores are tied in any week 1 final, semi-final or grand final, an extra end(s) will be used to determine winner – which may commence after the chimes have sounded.
- Please enter team's player names on the score card
- There will be no dead ends - If the jack goes out of bounds it shall be placed on the 2 metre mark (if a bowl is on 2 metre mark, jack is placed shall be placed on the nearest available spot toward the mat on the centre line) and the game will continue
- Please return scorecards to the designated person and place jacks and mats in the trolley. Rink numbers to be placed in bowls room and scoreboard names (and clips) to be placed on the table in the committee room
- Green Fees will be refunded if games are not completed due to the weather or for some other reason (e.g. power failure)
- Games "are not live" if, across all rinks, an average of 8 ends are not completed.
- If any team looks to forfeit a game the sub-committee will try to make up the numbers so a team can play. Forfeiting a game is where (i) a team cannot play with 3 players or (ii) a team plays with **ALL** players made up by the sub-committee. In (i), the team not forfeiting will receive points as if their opposition has forfeited. In (ii), the team not forfeiting will receive points as per the result of the game played – see **Scoring**
- Where teams play with 3 players, the leader and 2 bowl 3 bowls and the skipper bowls 2.
- Where multiple forfeits occur, the sub-committee reserves the right to amend the draw so as to accommodate the maximum number of teams participating

Team Handicaps

- Teams may be handicapped if in recent years they have exhibited success in terms of (i) Night Owls "Premiership" titles and / or (ii) Significant proportion of minor round wins.
- Handicapping may be conditional on nominated players, may be varied at any time and is at the discretion of the Sturt Bowling Club Night Owls sub-committee.
- Handicaps will be notified on the white board with fixtures, premiership tables and other information

Scoring

- 10 points for a Win and 5 points for a Draw
- 2 bonus points will be awarded to each team (win or lose) if they do not forfeit the match or otherwise at the discretion of the Sturt Bowling Club Night Owls sub-committee
- Teams who receive a forfeit (and not otherwise play) will be awarded 12 points and a 10-0 result
- Teams who forfeit will receive 0 points and a 0-10 result.
- If a team is **scheduled** an additional bye, they will be awarded 12 points and a 10-0 result
- Positions on premiership table are determined by "points" then "shot differential" then "shots for". Should this not separate sides at the end of the minor round, the result of the matches between the impacted sides during the minor round will determine order. If this does not determine order, a countback on the most recent match or matches will be used

Inclement Weather Contact

- In the first instance, please ring the Club on 8271 4362 from 330pm

Inclement Weather Conditions

- An average of at least 8 completed ends must be played for games to be live on a given night (e.g. 104 completed ends over 13 rinks)
- If games on a given night are not live in the minor round, they will be rescheduled except where that round is the last minor round.

Extreme Heat

- Sturt Bowling Club respects the right of individuals and/or teams not to play in extreme heat... and at all times we ask Night Owlers to keep themselves adequately hydrated
- Where the forecast **air** temperature **at 3pm** on the day of play **for 730pm is 38 degrees or more**, play will be abandoned www.bom.gov.au/places/sa/adelaide/forecast/detailed
- Team representatives must have the abandonment confirmed by the club before advising team members of same

Final

- Any circumstances not provided for in the above regulations will be decided by the Sturt Bowling Club Night Owls sub-committee or representative on the basis of equity, fairness and the laws that support the sport of Lawn Bowls.

Good bowling and have plenty of fun