ANC FESTIVAL OF BOWLING

31 MAY TO 11 JULY 2027

ANC ARENA - SUNCITY

GUIDE TO THE EVENT©

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2027 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - V1

DATE TIME	8.00AM	8.30AM	9.00AM	9.30AM	10.00AM	10.30AM	11.00AM	11.30AM	12.00PM	12.30PM	1.00PM	1.30PM	2.00PM	2.30PM	3.00PM	3.30PM	4.00PM	4.30PM	5.00PM	5.30PM	6.00PM	6.30PM	7.00PM	7.30PM	8.00PM	8.30PM	9.00PM	9.30PM
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4-Jul					SUNCITY SHOWBOAT														OIL	ANC JUNIOR PRACTICE								
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5-Jul	OIL	ANC SHIELD SESSION 1									OIL	ANC SHIELD SESSION 2																
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EASY DIVISION SELECTION GUIDE

ANC OPEN

- Maximum of Twenty Teams (12 Male & 8 Female)
- Teams of five bowlers plus one reserve (Six per team)
- Age Group- Minimum 18 Years as at the start of the event
- Minimum Average- Male- 190 & Female- 175

ANC JUNIOR

- Maximum of Twenty Teams (12 Male & 8 Female)
- Teams of four bowlers plus one reserve (Five per team)
- Age Group- Maximum 20 Years as at the start of the event
- Age Group- Minimum 14 Years as at the start of the event
- Minimum Average- Male- 160 & Female- 145

ANC 50

- Maximum of Twenty Teams (12 Male & 8 Female)
- Teams of four bowlers plus one reserve (Five per team)
- Age Group- Minimum 50 Years as at the start of the event
- Minimum Average- Male- 180 & Female- 160

ANC RESTRICTED

- Maximum of Twenty Teams (12 Male & 8 Female)
- Teams of four bowlers plus one reserve (Five per team)
- Age Group- Minimum 18 Years as at the start of the event
- **Maximum Average**- Male- 190 & Female- 175
- Minimum Ave- Male 160 & Female 145

ADTI ANC FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

- **Separate Guide to the Event released 26 October 2026**
- **Entries Open 22 February 2027**
- **Entries Close 2 April 2027**

SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

There are many exciting changes and innovations shown in this guide to help make your ANC experience one to remember. Below is a summary of the key changes for easy reference.

- **Maximum total prize money is $277,000**
- **Four new single day events each with the largest winner's cheques Australia, including three $10,000 cheques and a $20,000 winner's cheque**
- Introduction of an amateur status option for those who wish to compete without the pressure and additional cost of prize money
- New base entry fees introduced for amateur bowlers, discounted by more than 25% to make the ANC more affordable for more bowlers
- A reduction to a maximum of **20 teams** in each division to improve the ANC experience and ensure better, more even competitions
- Minimum average requirements for all divisions to help ensure better, more even competitions
- No automatic protected entry for previous franchises, which will now be accepted on a deposit paid, first-in basis
- Junior age cap increased to 20 as at the event start
- Reduction in each division tournament length by two days saving many thousands of dollars on combined team accommodation and meal costs
- More games in team events in two days less
- No Check-In requirements for all events
- Start times in the schedule reflect the start of warm up to avoid confusion
- No limitations on the amount of bowling balls
- No registration requirements for bowling balls
- No restrictions on bowling ball surface changes, only where this can be carried out
- Male and Female teams bowling together in the same sessions
- Consistent formats and start times across all divisions
- Later starts each day and evening bowling most days
- Celebration Dinners replaced with ANC After Parties
- Opening ceremonies replaced with a new start to each event

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. CONTACT

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THE ANC

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During the event, all enquiries should be directed to Event Headquarters, located at ANC Arena- Suncity.

2. KEY DATES

The following key dates are shown throughout this guide.

- 6 October 2026 — All Team Nominations Open
- 30 April 2027 — Submission of Team Colours Choice Close
- 30 April 2027 — Entry Fee Final Payments Close
- 13 June 2027 — ANC Plate Prize Money Payment Fees Close
- 16 June 2027 — ANC Restricted Open Prize Money Payment Fees Close
- 20 June 2027 — ANC Cup Prize money Payment Fees Close
- 23 June 2027 — ANC 50 Open Prize Money Payment Fees Close
- 27 June 2027 — ANC Trophy Prize Money Payment Fees Close
- 30 June 2027 — ANC Open Prize Money Payment Fees Close
- 4 July 2027 — ANC Shield Prize Money Payment Fees Close
- 7 July 2027 — ANC Junior Open Prize Money Payment Fees Close

3. CURRENCY AND PRIZE MONEY

All prices and prize money in this guide are expressed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and are inclusive of GST for tax purposes.

4. TEAM MANAGER MEETINGS

Team Manager meetings will be held at ANC Arena – Suncity during each practice session on the Sunday the start of each division at 6.30pm.

5. TEAM PHOTOS

Team photos are optional and can be organised with Event Headquarters.

6. CATERING AT ANC ARENA - SUNCITY

Catering for all teams and groups is available at ANC Arena - Suncity.

Please Note: Outside catering or brought in food is not allowed at ANC Arena - Suncity.

7. ANC AFTER PARTIES

Each Sunday at the conclusion of each ANC division, an ANC After Party will be held. It will be time to enjoy the week with teammates and friend, partying until late. Venues and times will be advised at a later date.

8. MERCHANDISE

The 2027 ANC merchandise range will be available at ANC Arena - Suncity each day throughout the event.

GENERAL RULES

The following rules apply to all tournaments, as relevant, conducted at the ANC.

1. CONTROL OF MATCHES

The ANC are responsible for all tournament preparations and conduct of the matches whilst in progress, except the ADTI ANC For People with a Disability, which shows all details for this event in a separate guide to be released at later date.

2. COMPETITION TIMES

Please refer to the schedule of events for further information. Start times reflect the time warm up commences. Competition times may be amended and/or deleted at any time at the discretion of the ANC tournament team.

3. MAXIMUM TEAMS & PLAYERS

a. For each team's event, the male competition will comprise twelve teams. The female competition will comprise eight teams. **This breakdown can be amended, as needed, but the maximum total teams accepted in each division will be twenty.**

b. For each single's event, the male competition will comprise 72 bowlers for Open events and 60 for Junior, Restricted and 50 events. The female competition will comprise 48 for Open events and 40 for Junior, Restricted and 50 events. This breakdown can be amended, as needed, but the maximum total bowlers allowed will be 120 for Open events and 100 for Junior, Restricted and 50 events.

4. BOWLING BALLS

a. Players are **not** required to register bowling balls for any sections of this event.
b. There are **no** restrictions on the amount of bowling balls each player can use during the event.
c. In team events only, one player only can use a urethane bowling ball for the duration of the match, including spare shooting. This player cannot be changed during the match.
d. Bowling ball surfaces may be altered at any time using only the designated Bowling Ball Surfacing Zone at the ANC Arena – Suncity.
e. Bowling ball surfaces cannot be altered beyond the removal of oil by a dry shammy or cloth anywhere else within the ANC Arena – Suncity.
f. Any person found to have breached rule 4c. and/or 4e. will have the ball being used and/or worked on confiscated and returned at the end of the tournament. The ANC are judges of fact in all instances of a breach of rule 4c. and 4d.

5. TEAM EVENTS POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as follows:

a. Each team member will be matched against the opposing team member in the corresponding position in the line-up and the player achieving the highest total scratch score for the game will win one point for the team. In the event of an equal game score, the point will be equally shared.
b. The team's total pinfall will be compared with the total pinfall of the opposing team and two points will be awarded to the team with the highest total pinfall.
c. In the event of an equal team score, the points will be equally shared.

6. TEAM MATCH TIMING

All matches will have a maximum time limit of 65:00 minutes. Countdown timers will be shown on the scoring screens. It is the responsibility of both teams to ensure their match finishes on time. If the maximum time is breached, both teams will receive a one-point penalty if the match is completed in under 70:00 minutes and a two-point penalty each if the match takes longer than 70:00 minutes. The ANC are judges of fact in all match timing matters.

On the completion of all matches, teams are free to move to their next match, providing the removal of bowling balls is done with consideration to matches still being played and the movement is done via the promenade area, not the area directly behind the players area.

7. AWARDING OF TEAM CHAMPIONS

Each champion male and female team will be presented with their trophies immediately after the tournament. These trophies are perpetual trophies and remain the property of the ANC. The champion teams have the option to take the trophies back to their home region for local publicity purposes on the condition of satisfactory and safe return to the ANC within six months of the tournament's completion.

In the event of a points tie for 1st place, the tie will be broken by a one game playoff with the highest one game points total to decide the champion. If the tie still exists, total pinfall for that game will be used. If a points tie involves more than two teams, pinfall will decide the first two positions to play the one game playoff. All other tied positions on points will be decided by total pinfall.

8. TEAM MEDALLIONS

Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will be presented to up to six players, one coach and one manager (eight medallions in total) in the male and female divisions of each team event.

9. ALL STAR TEAM

An All Star Team will be announced in the male and female divisions at the conclusion of each team event.

Selection shall be as follows.

- The top five male division averages shall be the male team.
- The top five female averages shall be the female team.

In the event of a tie for the last available position in the All-Star Team:

- The player who scored the highest game will be included in the All-Star Team
- Should the tie remain, the second highest score will be used and so on until the tie is broken.

10. PROTESTS & RESULTS ENQUIRIES

Only competing players, the appointed coach and/or the appointed manager, as listed on the final entry list, may lodge a protest or results enquiry in relation to this event. This must be lodged in writing (and signed) to the ANC within sixty minutes of the completion of the final frame of the tournament. After this time, results will be considered as final and no further correspondence will be addressed by the tournament team. The ANC reserve the right to amend any errors, at any time, which it feels are in the best interests of the event.

11. SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

Alcohol is prohibited during all sessions. Smoking is not allowed inside the venue at any time.

FRANCHISE TEAM RULES

1. FRANCHISE TEAM ENTRY APPLICATION & CRITERIA

a. To apply for a team place in any section of the ANC, franchise managers and prospective franchise managers are to email Morty Douglass as morty@theanc.com.au to receive a team application form.

b. Franchise applications will only be accepted on submission of the application form and payment of the $1,000 deposit on a first in basis until twenty teams are accepted in each competition at which time entries for the division will be closed.

c. Franchise team names must include a geographical location as identified on a map, ideally in the vicinity of at least one bowling centre, and a suitable nickname that projects excitement and relevance to the team or location. Teams can use state and territory names along with well-known region names such as Gold Coast, West Coast etc. Teams cannot use the name Australia or any derivative of this name. Sponsor names may be added to the start or end of this name but can't replace the team location name or nickname. The ANC reserve the right to disapprove of a proposed franchise name to ensure consistency and presentation of the event.

d. Franchises can enter a maximum of one male and one female team. Franchises can enter either a male or female team, if they choose.

2. FRANCHISE PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

a. Teams can be selected by the franchise team management in any format or criteria they choose.

b. The roster of players for each male and female team in the ANC Trophy must be five or six players. The actual playing line-up for any match will be five players drawn from the roster submitted.

c. Bowlers may be selected from any location providing they meet the player eligibility rules outlined under. Player Eligibility relevant to each tournament.

d. Each team must submit the final list of their team members, including email and mobile number, to the ANC no later than the day before the event commences.

3. FRANCHISE TEAM UNIFORMS

a. All franchise teams must nominate their preferred primary colour and either one or two secondary colours on their entry form for approval before designing and manufacturing their team shirts. The primary colour must form the backdrop of the shirt design covering most of the shirt area.

b. All players must wear their team shirt whilst playing. Male teams must wear long pants. Female teams may wear long or 3/4 pants, skorts or skirts. All players in the team must wear the same uniform at the same time in terms of style and colours.

c. The ANC logo must be visible on the right-hand front chest of each team shirt, to be in line with the bottom of the front buttons/zip. The size of the logo should be approximately 80mm wide and 65mm high.

4. FRANCHISE SPONSORSHIP

Team/s sponsorship is unrestricted, providing it meets national advertising guidelines and regulations. i.e., cigarette advertising is not allowed.

ENTRY FEES

ANC OPEN

- **$4,800 including GST – per team**
- The entry fee includes the following items.
    - One amateur entry for one team of 5 or 6 bowlers
    - Six amateur entries in the singles Open event
    - **Six semi-professional entries in the Suncity Showboat**
    - Eight tickets to the ANC After Party
    - Eight 2027 ANC Merchandise Packs

ANC JUNIOR

- **$3,800 including GST – per team**
- The entry fee includes the following items.
    - One amateur entry for one team of 4 or 5 bowlers
    - Five amateur entries in the singles Open event
    - **Five semi-professional entries in the Suncity Junior Showboat**
    - Seven tickets to the ANC After Party
    - Seven 2027 ANC Merchandise Packs

ANC 50

- **$3,800 including GST – per team**
- The entry fee includes the following items.
    - One amateur entry for one team of 4 or 5 bowlers
    - Five amateur entries in the singles Open event
    - **Five semi-professional entries in the Suncity Mach 5 Shootout**
    - Seven tickets to the ANC After Party
    - Seven 2027 ANC Merchandise Packs

ANC RESTRICTED

- **$3,800 including GST – per team**
- The entry fee includes the following items.
    - One amateur entry for one team of 4 or 5 bowlers
    - Five amateur entries in the singles Open event
    - **Five semi-professional entries in the Suncity No-Tap Showdown**
    - Seven tickets to the ANC After Party
    - Seven 2027 ANC Merchandise Packs

PAYMENT

- A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 per team is required within seven days of entry confirmation to secure team spot. The balance of the entry fee must be paid by 30 April 2027.

PRIZE MONEY

TEAM / BOWLER STATUS

Each franchise team competing in a team's event, or bowler in any Open singles tournament, has the option to compete as an amateur or semi-professional. Teams must decide to be one or the other and cannot be split between the two status options. Only those teams or bowlers who choose to compete as a semi-professional up to the day before each event starts and pays the prescribed fee below will be eligible to receive a prize money payment at the respective event.

Final team/bowler lists issued to franchise managers the day before the event starts will show which teams/bowlers are competing as amateurs and which are competing as semi-professional and the final prizemoney payment schedule for the event.

Non-payment of this fee at least one day prior to the start of the tournament will see the team/bowler automatically deemed to be an amateur team/bowler for the relevant event. Bowlers can choose different a different status for each tournament, even within the same division.

- **Team Prize Money Fee- $900 per team**
- **Singles Prize Money Fee- $250 per bowler**

This does not apply to the four Suncity events where every bowler is entered as a semi-professional.

The ANC does not guarantee any prize money pay out, but it does guarantee to pay out 100% of the prize money received from semi-professional bowlers.

TEAMS PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be paid out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd (male only) place amongst the semi-professional teams. This does not necessarily mean that the champion team is first in this instance if this team has chosen to compete as an amateur team.

Prize money payment will be based on the following percentages of the total prize money pool in the male and female division shown in brackets.

- 1st – 50% (65%)
- 2nd – 30% (35%)
- 3rd – 20% (0%)

Based on all teams (12 male & 8 female) in each division choosing the semi-professional option this will equate to the following prize money payouts for each team event.

MALE

- **1st - $5,400**
- **2nd - $3,240**
- **3rd - $2,160**

FEMALE

- **1st - $4,680**
- **2nd - $2,520**

OPEN SINGLES PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be paid out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place amongst the semi-professional bowlers. This does not necessarily mean that the champion is 1st in this instance if they have chosen to compete as an amateur.

Prize money payment will be based on the following percentages of the total prize money pool in the male and female division.

- 1st – 30%
- 2nd – 20%
- 3rd – 10%
- 4th – 10%
- 5th – 5%
- 6th – 5%
- 7th – 5%
- 8th – 5%
- 9th – 5%
- 10th – 5%

Based on all bowlers (72 males & 48 females for Open and 60 males & 40 females for Junior, Restricted & 50) in each competition choosing the semi-professional option this equates to the following prize money payouts for each Open singles event. (Junior, Restricted and 50 shown in brackets)

MALE

- **1st – $5,400 ($4,500)**
- **2nd – $3,600 ($3,000)**
- **3rd – $1,800 ($1,500)**
- **4th – $1,800 ($1,500)**
- **5th – $900 ($750)**
- **6th – $900 ($750)**
- **7th – $900 ($750)**
- **8th – $900 ($750)**
- **9th – $900 ($750)**
- **10th – $900 ($750)**

FEMALE

- **1st – $3,600 ($3,000)**
- **2nd – $2,400 ($2,000)**
- **3rd – $1,200 ($1,000)**
- **4th – $1,200 ($1,000)**
- **5th – $600 ($500)**
- **6th – $600 ($500)**
- **7th – $600 ($500)**
- **8th – $600 ($500)**
- **9th – $600 ($500)**
- **10th – $600 ($500)**

SUNCITY ONE DAY SINGLES EVENTS

Team / Bowler status is not required or offered for the four one day Suncity singles events held during the ANC. The entry fee, including prize money fee, is included in the relevant team entry fee for that division of the ANC. Prize money payments are shown on the following page for each of these events, based on twenty teams in each division.

SUNCITY EVENTS PRIZE MONEY

SUNCITY SHOWBOAT – BASED ON 128 ENTRIES

1st – $20,000
2nd – $8,000
3rd – $2,000
4th – $2,000
5th – $1,000
6th – $1,000
7th – $1,000
8th – $1,000
9th – $500
10th – $500
11th – $500
12th – $500
13th – $500
14th – $500
15th – $500
16th – $500

SUNCITY JUNIOR SHOWBOAT- BASED ON 100 ENTRIES

1st – $10,000
2nd – $4,000
3rd – $1,000
4th – $1,000
5th – $500
6th –$500
7th – $500
8th – $500
9th – $250
10th – $250
11th – $250
12th – $250
13th – $250
14th – $250
15th – $250
16th – $250

SUNCITY MACH 5 SHOOTOUT- BASED ON 100 ENTRIES

1st – $10,000
2nd – $4,000
3rd – $1,000
4th – $1,000
5th – $500
6th –$500
7th – $500
8th – $500
9th – $250
10th – $250
11th – $250
12th – $250
13th – $250
14th – $250
15th – $250
16th – $250

SUNCITY NO-TAP SHOWDOWN- BASED ON 100 ENTRIES

1st – $10,000
2nd – $4,000
3rd – $1,000
4th – $1,000
5th – $500
6th –$500
7th – $500
8th – $500
9th – $250
10th – $250
11th – $250
12th – $250
13th – $250
14th – $250
15th – $250
16th – $250

ANC OPEN

ANC TROPHY

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANC Trophy is a five-bowler team event designed for elite level bowlers who average higher than 190 for males and 175 for females. Through a series of head-to-head matches, the ANC Trophy will recognise and crown the best male and female bowling teams in Australia.

2. ORIGIN

The ANC Trophy is a modern-day version of the historic Walter Rachuig Trophy Tournament held from 1963 to 2023, where it was last run by Strike 3 Bowling at the 2023 ANC in Hobart, Tasmania. The ANC Trophy continues the long tradition of elite level five bowler teams playing each other using the same seven points system to determine the champions.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a. Franchises must provide evidence with their entry form showing each team member has a current minimum average of 190 for males and 175 for females in a recognised league or tournament in the previous year.
b. Must be eighteen years or above on the opening day of the event.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All session start times are shown in the schedule of events. These times represent the start of warm-up before play. There is no check-in time applicable.

MALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over two rounds of round robin where every team will play each other twice (22 matches). The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

FEMALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over three rounds of round robin where every team will play each other three times (21 matches) followed by a positional round in Match 22. The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

a. If one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl prior to the commencement of, or during the actual tournament, such that five players are not available to play, the team can play with no less than four players and forfeit the point for the missing player. The team will remain eligible to win the match points. If there are less than four players available for the match, the team will forfeit the match and the opposing team will play a bye and receive an automatic win.
b. The team listed to start on the left-hand side lane of the pair, will list their order of players first.
c. Players who have not taken part in the current match may practice on this pair of lanes at the match conclusion with a maximum of two frames on each lane being allowed. Players who are competing or have competed in the current match are not permitted to use these lanes at any time.

ANC OPEN

1. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competition in the ANC Trophy.

2. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each team is allocated squad spots for distribution amongst their team, to ensure fairness for all players. Spots will be allocated after the close of entries date.

3. QUALIFYING

Each bowler will bowl 12 games of qualifying in two sessions of 6 games in a male or female division. Multiple entries are not allowed. The top 4 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals. In the event of a tie for any position the highest single game qualifying score will qualify. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

4. SEMI-FINALS

Bowlers who qualified in positions 5 to 21 in the male and female divisions will play six games with qualifying pinfall carried over. The top 6 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals taking up positions 4 to 10. In the event of a tie for any position, the highest single game matchplay score will determine the positions. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

5. FINALS

The finals will be played using the 2026 AFL Final Ten system. Playing format for all matches is the highest position player will have the choice to start the match. The starting player will bowl one frame on the odd lane before the opponent plays two frames starting on the even lane and so on until the starting player completes the match with their 10th frame.

Round One

Match 1- 7th vs 10th

Match 2- 8th vs 9th

Round Two

Match 3- 6th vs Winner of Match 1

Match 4- 5th vs Winner of Match 2

Match 5- 1st vs 4th

Match 6- 2nd vs 3rd

Round Three

Match 7- Winner Match 3 vs Loser Match 5

Match 8- Winner Match 4 vs Loser Match 6

Round Four

Match 9- Winner Match 7 vs Winner Match 6

Match 10- Winner Match 8 vs Winner Match 5

Final

- Match 11- Winner Match 9 vs Winner Match 10

In the event of a tie in any match, including the final, a Golden Strike will determine the winner with the highest placed player deciding whether to start or follow. Players will play one frame at a time, alternating lanes, until one player strikes in a frame when the other doesn't to determine the winner.

SUNCITY SHOWBOAT

1. INTRODUCTION

The High Roller at Showboat Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas remains the greatest amateur bowling tournament ever held with the winner receiving $US200,000 in the 1980's and 90's. That is more than $AUS800,000 in today's money! The finals were broadcast on ESPN to millions of people and incredibly Paul Rentaria won the tournament twice in five years, setting him up for life.

Showboat Lanes had an incredible 106 lanes; it was an incredible behemoth of a centre, the like we will never see again. Sadly, the centre and casino were demolished in 2006.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Showboat_Hotel_and_Casino

To honour this amazing time in our sport, the Suncity Showboat will follow in its footsteps and being held on US Independence Day will see a great American themed family day whilst the cutthroat matches play out.

Win three matches and you're in the money, win seven and you will receive the largest winner's cheque in Australian bowling. Sounds easy right! This is an event not to be missed and you can only get a spot by being in one of the twenty franchise teams competing in the ANC Open.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competing in the ANC Trophy plus eight additional bowlers selected by the ANC, as they choose, to make a field of 128 players.

3. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each bowler will be allocated a random spot drawn from a hat in in one of four squads for their opening match.

4. KNOCKOUT MATCHES

All matches are one game knockout format with the winner moving through to the next round until the final two bowlers, who have won six matches in a row, play in the final. In the event of a tie in any match, except the final, the bowler with the first strike scored progresses to the next round. If a tie remains the second strike will be used and so on until the tie is broken. If the tie remains after ten frames, a toss of the coin will decide the winner as managed by the ANC.

In the event of a tie in the final, a one game re-match will be played to break the tie. In the event of another tie, a one game re-match will continue to be played until the tie is broken.

ANC JUNIOR

ANC SHIELD

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANC Shield is a four-bowler team event designed for elite level junior bowlers who average higher than 160 for males and 145 for females. Through a series of head-to-head matches, the ANC Shield will recognise and crown the best male and female junior bowling teams in Australia.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a. Franchises must provide evidence with their entry form showing each team member has a current minimum average of 160 for males and 145 for females in a recognised league or tournament in the previous year.
b. Must be twenty years or less on the opening day of the event.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All session start times are shown in the schedule of events. These times represent the start of warm-up before play. There is no check-in time applicable.

MALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over two rounds of round robin where every team will play each other twice (22 matches). The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

FEMALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over three rounds of round robin where every team will play each other three times (21 matches) followed by a positional round in Match 22. The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

a. If one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl prior to the commencement of, or during the actual tournament, such that five players are not available to play, the team can play with no less than four players and forfeit the point for the missing player. The team will remain eligible to win the match points. If there are less than four players available for the match, the team will forfeit the match and the opposing team will play a bye and receive an automatic win.
b. The team listed to start on the left-hand side lane of the pair, will list their order of players first.
c. Players who have not taken part in the current match may practice on this pair of lanes at the match conclusion with a maximum of two frames on each lane being allowed. Players who are competing or have competed in the current match are not permitted to use these lanes at any time.

ANC JUNIOR OPEN

1. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competition in the ANC Shield.

2. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each team is allocated squad spots for distribution amongst their team, to ensure fairness for all players. Spots will be allocated after the close of entries date.

3. QUALIFYING

Each bowler will bowl 12 games of qualifying in two sessions of 6 games in a male or female division. Multiple entries are not allowed. The top 4 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals. In the event of a tie for any position the highest single game qualifying score will qualify. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

4. SEMI-FINALS

Bowlers who qualified in positions 5 to 21 in the male and female divisions will play six games with qualifying pinfall carried over. The top 6 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals taking up positions 4 to 10. In the event of a tie for any position, the highest single game matchplay score will determine the positions. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

5. FINALS

The finals will be played using the 2026 AFL Final Ten system. Playing format for all matches is the highest position player will have the choice to start the match. The starting player will bowl one frame on the odd lane before the opponent plays two frames starting on the even lane and so on until the starting player completes the match with their 10th frame.

Round One

Match 1- 7th vs 10th

Match 2- 8th vs 9th

Round Two

Match 3- 6th vs Winner of Match 1

Match 4- 5th vs Winner of Match 2

Match 5- 1st vs 4th

Match 6- 2nd vs 3rd

Round Three

Match 7- Winner Match 3 vs Loser Match 5

Match 8- Winner Match 4 vs Loser Match 6

Round Four

Match 9- Winner Match 7 vs Winner Match 6

Match 10- Winner Match 8 vs Winner Match 5

Final

- Match 11- Winner Match 9 vs Winner Match 10

In the event of a tie in any match, including the final, a Golden Strike will determine the winner with the highest placed player deciding whether to start or follow. Players will play one frame at a time, alternating lanes, until one player strikes in a frame when the other doesn't to determine the winner.

SUNCITY JUNIOR SHOWBOAT

1. INTRODUCTION

The High Roller at Showboat Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas remains the greatest amateur bowling tournament ever held with the winner receiving $US200,000 in the 1980's and 90's. That is more than $AUS800,000 in today's money! The finals were broadcast on ESPN to millions of people and incredibly Paul Rentaria won the tournament twice in five years, setting him up for life.

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To honour this amazing time in our sport, the Suncity Junior Showboat will follow in its footsteps and the cutthroat matches will be tense all day.

Win three matches and you're in the money, win seven and you will receive the largest winner's cheque in Australian junior bowling this century. Sounds easy right! This is an event not to be missed and you can only get a spot by being in one of the twenty franchise teams competing in the ANC Junior.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competing in the ANC Shield.

3. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each bowler will be allocated a random spot drawn from a hat in in one of four squads for their opening match.

4. KNOCKOUT MATCHES

All matches are one game knockout format with the winner moving through to the next round until the final two bowlers, who have won six matches in a row, play in the final. In the event of a tie in any match, except the final, the bowler with the first strike scored progresses to the next round. If a tie remains the second strike will be used and so on until the tie is broken. If the tie remains after ten frames, a toss of the coin will decide the winner as managed by the ANC.

In the event of a tie in the final, a one game re-match will be played to break the tie. In the event of another tie, a one game re-match will continue to be played until the tie is broken.

ANC 50

ANC CUP

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANC Cup is a four-bowler team event designed for elite level bowlers at least 50 years of age as at the start of the tournament who average higher than 180 for males and 165 for females. Through a series of head-to-head matches, the ANC Cup will recognise and crown the best male and female senior bowling teams in Australia.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a. Franchises must provide evidence with their entry form showing each team member has a current minimum average of 180 for males and 160 for females in a recognised league or tournament in the previous year.
b. Must be fifty years or more on the opening day of the event.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All session start times are shown in the schedule of events. These times represent the start of warm-up before play. There is no check-in time applicable.

MALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over two rounds of round robin where every team will play each other twice (22 matches). The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

FEMALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over three rounds of round robin where every team will play each other three times (21 matches) followed by a positional round in Match 22. The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

a. If one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl prior to the commencement of, or during the actual tournament, such that four players are not available to play, the team can play with no less than three players and forfeit the point for the missing player. The team will remain eligible to win the match points. If there are less than four players available for the match, the team will forfeit the match and the opposing team will play a bye and receive an automatic win.
b. The team listed to start on the left-hand side lane of the pair, will list their order of players first.
c. Players who have not taken part in the current match may practice on this pair of lanes at the match conclusion with a maximum of two frames on each lane being allowed. Players who are competing or have competed in the current match are not permitted to use these lanes at any time.

ANC 50 OPEN

1. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competition in the ANC Cup.

2. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each team is allocated squad spots for distribution amongst their team, to ensure fairness for all players. Spots will be allocated after the close of entries date.

3. QUALIFYING

Each bowler will bowl 12 games of qualifying in two sessions of 6 games in a male or female division. Multiple entries are not allowed. The top 4 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals. In the event of a tie for any position the highest single game qualifying score will qualify. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

4. SEMI-FINALS

Bowlers who qualified in positions 5 to 21 in the male and female divisions will play six games with qualifying pinfall carried over. The top 6 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals taking up positions 4 to 10. In the event of a tie for any position, the highest single game matchplay score will determine the positions. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

5. FINALS

The finals will be played using the 2026 AFL Final Ten system. Playing format for all matches is the highest position player will have the choice to start the match. The starting player will bowl one frame on the odd lane before the opponent plays two frames starting on the even lane and so on until the starting player completes the match with their 10th frame.

Round One

Match 1- 7th vs 10th

Match 2- 8th vs 9th

Round Two

Match 3- 6th vs Winner of Match 1

Match 4- 5th vs Winner of Match 2

Match 5- 1st vs 4th

Match 6- 2nd vs 3rd

Round Three

Match 7- Winner Match 3 vs Loser Match 5

Match 8- Winner Match 4 vs Loser Match 6

Round Four

Match 9- Winner Match 7 vs Winner Match 6

Match 10- Winner Match 8 vs Winner Match 5

Final

- Match 11- Winner Match 9 vs Winner Match 10

In the event of a tie in any match, including the final, a Golden Strike will determine the winner with the highest placed player deciding whether to start or follow. Players will play one frame at a time, alternating lanes, until one player strikes in a frame when the other doesn't to determine the winner.

SUNCITY MACH 5 SHOOTOUT

1. INTRODUCTION

Mach 5 was created by Strike 3 Bowling in 2021 and most recently was used as the format for the Tenpin Premier League. Designed with TV in mind, Mach 5 brings a fast T20 cricket style scoring system to bowling. It's quick and mistakes are costly. The Suncity Mach 5 Shootout is bound to deliver some surprises and who will be the first to score a perfect 150 game?

The winner will receive the largest winner's cheque in Australian senior bowling this century.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competing in the ANC Cup.

3. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each bowler will be allocated a random spot drawn from a hat in in one of four squads for their opening match.

4. KNOCKOUT MATCHES

All matches use the Mach 5 scoring format and are two game knockout format between four bowlers with the winner and second place moving through to the next round until the final four bowlers play in the final. In the event of a tie for second in any match, except the final, the bowler with the highest game progresses to the next round. If a tie remains the highest second game will be used to break the tie. If the tie remains, a toss of the coin will decide the winner as managed by the ANC.

In the event of a tie in the final, a one game re-match will be played between the tied players only to break the tie. In the event of another tie, a one game re-match will continue to be played until the tie is broken.

ANC RESTRICTED

ANC PLATE

1. INTRODUCTION

The ANC Plate is a four-bowler team event designed for restricted (league) level bowlers who average is no higher than 190 for males and 175 for females. Through a series of head-to-head matches, the ANC Plate will recognise and crown the best male and female league bowling teams in Australia.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a. Franchises must provide evidence with their entry form showing each team member has a current maximum average of 190 for males and 175 for females in a recognised league or tournament in the previous year.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All session start times are shown in the schedule of events. These times represent the start of warm-up before play. There is no check-in time applicable.

MALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over two rounds of round robin where every team will play each other twice (22 matches). The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

FEMALE DIVISION- This tournament will be played over three rounds of round robin where every team will play each other three times (21 matches) followed by a positional round in Match 22. The overall final positions will be based on total points scored after 22 matches. All ties will be determined by total pinfall and any tie which remains will be determined by the respective team's total pinfall in the final match, second last match and so on until the tie is broken.

a. If one or more of the nominated team members are unable to bowl prior to the commencement of, or during the actual tournament, such that four players are not available to play, the team can play with no less than three players and forfeit the point for the missing player. The team will remain eligible to win the match points. If there are less than four players available for the match, the team will forfeit the match and the opposing team will play a bye and receive an automatic win.
b. The team listed to start on the left-hand side lane of the pair, will list their order of players first.
c. Players who have not taken part in the current match may practice on this pair of lanes at the match conclusion with a maximum of two frames on each lane being allowed. Players who are competing or have competed in the current match are not permitted to use these lanes at any time.

ANC RESTRICTED OPEN

1. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competition in the ANC Plate.

2. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each team is allocated squad spots for distribution amongst their team, to ensure fairness for all players. Spots will be allocated after the close of entries date.

3. QUALIFYING

Each bowler will bowl 12 games of qualifying in two sessions of 6 games in a male or female division. Multiple entries are not allowed. The top 4 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals. In the event of a tie for any position the highest single game qualifying score will qualify. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

4. SEMI-FINALS

Bowlers who qualified in positions 5 to 21 in the male and female divisions will play six games with qualifying pinfall carried over. The top 6 male and female qualifiers, based on total pinfall, will qualify for the finals taking up positions 4 to 10. In the event of a tie for any position, the highest single game matchplay score will determine the positions. If a tie remains, the second highest score will count and so on until the tie is broken.

5. FINALS

The finals will be played using the 2026 AFL Final Ten system. Playing format for all matches is the highest position player will have the choice to start the match. The starting player will bowl one frame on the odd lane before the opponent plays two frames starting on the even lane and so on until the starting player completes the match with their 10th frame.

Round One

Match 1- 7th vs 10th

Match 2- 8th vs 9th

Round Two

Match 3- 6th vs Winner of Match 1

Match 4- 5th vs Winner of Match 2

Match 5- 1st vs 4th

Match 6- 2nd vs 3rd

Round Three

Match 7- Winner Match 3 vs Loser Match 5

Match 8- Winner Match 4 vs Loser Match 6

Round Four

Match 9- Winner Match 7 vs Winner Match 6

Match 10- Winner Match 8 vs Winner Match 5

Final

- Match 11- Winner Match 9 vs Winner Match 10

In the event of a tie in any match, including the final, a Golden Strike will determine the winner with the highest placed player deciding whether to start or follow. Players will play one frame at a time, alternating lanes, until one player strikes in a frame when the other doesn't to determine the winner.

SUNCITY NO-TAP SHOWDOWN

1. INTRODUCTION

The 9 No-Tap format is widely used around the world and one of the most popular tournament formats for league bowlers. The most famous of these events is the AMF Singapore No-Tap, run in its centres nationally in the 70's and 80's with the national winners getting an all expenses paid trip to Singapore to compete in the world's largest No-Tap tournament at the time.

To honour this time, the Suncity No-Tap Showdown will follow in its footsteps with the winner receiving the largest winner's cheque in Australian restricted bowling this century.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is only open to franchise team members competing in the ANC Plate.

3. SQUAD ALLOCATION

Each bowler will be allocated a random spot drawn from a hat in in one of four squads for their opening match.

4. KNOCKOUT MATCHES

All matches use the 9 No-Tap scoring and are one game knockout format with the winner moving through to the next round until the final two bowlers play in the final. In the event of a tie in any match, except the final, the bowler with the first strike scored progresses to the next round. If a tie remains the second strike will be used and so on until the tie is broken. If the tie remains after ten frames, a toss of the coin will decide the winner as managed by the ANC.

In the event of a tie in the final, a one game re-match will be played to break the tie. In the event of another tie, a one game re-match will continue to be played until the tie is broken.