

GR 8 BOWLS CHALLENGE 2025

COOLUM BEACH BOWLS CLUB

The response to the request for bowlers to be available for the 2025 Gr 8 challenge has been very pleasing. A total of 48 bowlers (36 men and 12 women) have registered their interest for this competition.

CBBC had enrolled to have 4 teams included in the competition being

- ALPHA Mens + BETA Mens
- ALPHA Mixed + BETA Mixed

Due to an oversight by the Gr 8 governing body CBBC still has 4 teams included but both men's teams will be competing in ALPHA Mens.

The competition comprises 6 rounds prior to the finals. Each week CBBC will require 36 bowlers to field 4 teams – 32 bowlers and 4 reserves. As such we will have, subject to stated unavailability, a maximum of 12 bowlers not participating in any round.

As such some bowlers will miss out – but our intention is to put the best teams on the rink, each week, that we can for CBBC. Please work with us to achieve this.

The Selection panel has posted the teams earlier than in the past. We had hoped to organise a warm up game, but, as the club championships (men's and ladies A singles) are being played the only free weekend day was Sunday 26/1, Australia day, which has been deemed unsuitable.

As such the selection panel encourages all "pairs" teams to get in as many practice games as they can prior to the start of the Gr 8 season – social bowls or roll ups together. For the "fours" teams we urge the skips to get the teams together in whatever format that will settle the team in as a unit.

We look forward to a successful Gr 8 season which builds our club spirit and a desire to be successful again.

Regards

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