



Rookie Roller's Program Fact Sheet

Sporting Schools Australia is a \$400 million Australian Government strategy that was designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and connect them with community sport opportunities. Developed in line with the Sporting Schools initiative, Bowls Australia has created the Rookie Rollers program to allow children to participate in a fun and inclusive format of lawn bowls. Sports and physical activity positively impact a child's confidence, competence, and motivation to be active at school.

Targeted at the younger generations of participants to bowls, Rookie Rollers can be conducted on several surfaces including lawn, carpets, and concrete. The Rookie Rollers kit is essential equipment needed to deliver the Sporting Schools Bowls Program. Included in the kit is:

- One wheeled carry bag
- 32 light-weight rubber bowls
- 8 jacks
- 50 cones
- 8 small hurdles
- A target score mat
- 8 stepping mats
- Activity resource kit



Schools also have the option to have Rookie Rollers Coordinators come in to lead sessions. Bowls Australia will assign your school a coordinator if you would like one to come in. All coordinators will have necessary bowls experience, a WWVC and insurance.

Increasing engagement within sport will help build the confidence and capability to be active for life. Bowls ACT are seeking schools in the state that would be interested in having their students play the sport of bowls through the Rookie Rollers program. This program is great for children to learn the basics of bowls.

The Rookie Roller's program can be accessed via the Australian Government's Sporting Schools Initiative. You can register your school at www.sportingschools.gov.au. Once your school is registered and received approval, you can login to the sporting school portal and book the Rookie Rollers option that is ideal.



Rookie Rollers packs available:

- Rookie Rollers Kit & 4x coordinator led sessions
- Rookie Rollers Kit & teacher led sessions
- Rookie Rollers Kit, additional scoring wedge & 4 coordinator led sessions
- Rookie Rollers Kit, additional scoring wedge & teacher led sessions
- 4x Coordinator led sessions & scoring wedge*
- Teacher led sessions & scoring wedge*
- 4 x coordinator led sessions*
- No cost Teacher led session *

*Must have existing rookie rollers kit.

If you are interested in how Rookie Rollers are making an impact on schools, have a look at these two articles and some feedback received from a recent session run with Fadden Primary School:

<https://www.bowls.com.au/rookie-rollers-a-hit-at-rosewood/>

<https://www.bowls.com.au/rookie-rollers-brings-school-and-club-together/>

Fadden Primary School – Rookie Rollers Program

My daughter is in year 3 at Fadden Primary. We often hear about different sports she learns at school but this one invited us along. Term 1 saw her introduced to lawn bowls as a sport through a program called Rookie Rollers.

The PE teacher sent out an email to parents inviting us to come along and try out lawn bowls in the school holidays with our child. I thought this was a brilliant idea on many levels - my daughter could show me her skills she has learnt during the term, I was introduced to a sport I might not otherwise try, and I spent some time with my daughter being active in the holidays.

With the awesome coaching and encouragement from the local people at the Vikings Tuggeranong lawn bowls club and ACT Bowls, we went through drills and even had some competitive games to build our skills. I must say I didn't realise how competitive I would get in this sport, mostly on myself but I loved it and even won a couple of games (maybe the chocolate rewards helped).

What a great way to introduce a bunch of people to lawn bowls who came in as strangers and left as friends. I will be seeking more opportunities to do more in this sport with my daughter.

