

Dawson Cup Drawn Pairs 2023 (Aussie Pairs Format)

I am pleased to report that it has been decided that for 2023 we will change the playing format of the Dawson Cup, which is already a drawn pairs Competition and run it as an Aussie pairs format. The set up of the Competition will be

- 1 It will be formed of 6 groups of 4 teams who will play each other once. 2 points will be awarded for a win and 1 for a draw. The Group winners will proceed to the next round (2 Groups of 3) with these Group winners progressing to the Final which will be a knockout match
- 2 Each match will be played over 15 ends
- 3 Players will be seeded for the draw to ensure fair distribution of experience etc within the teams
- 4 As each team will play 3 matches a date by which all matches must be completed will be set before matches commence
- 5 The “home” team will be responsible for contacting their opponents and getting a match date fixed, and will complete the Score Card

If there are more than 48 entrants (24 pairs), the draw will take place to identify the pairs and then a draw will take place for any preliminary matches required to get us down to 24. The Group draws will also take place at this time.

For those who have not played Aussie Pairs before the playing arrangements are as follows:

Australian Pairs 2 – 4 - 2

Australian Pairs allows both people on a team to play Lead and Skip.

In the first end of the game the Leads start off with 2 Bowls each. Then the Skips play their 4 Bowls. Then the Leads complete the end with their final 2 Bowls. Thus, the Leads act as Lead and Skip in the same end.

In the Next End the roles are reversed. The Skips playing First with their Two Bowls. Then the Leads play their 4 Bowls. Then the Skips complete the End with their final 2 Bowls. This alternating pattern continues throughout the game.

Aside from the extra walking, in the Australian Pairs, the rules are the same as a normal Pairs Game