

RULES

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

Pairs team members are nominated as Lead and Skip.

In the first end of the game the Leads start off with 2 bowls each. Leads and Skips then change ends and the Skips play their 4 bowls. Again, the Leads and Skips change ends and the Leads complete the end with their final 2 bowls.

This sequence is often called 2-4-2 where the Leads act as Lead and Skip in the same end.

In the next end the team who scores the most shots on the previous end plays first on the next end and decides on the position of the jack.

In addition, the roles are reversed. The Skips lead off playing first with their 2 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. Leads lead off on odd ends and the Skips lead off on even ends.

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

Sometimes Pairs team members are nominated as Player No 1 and Player No 2.

In this case the rules can be written as follows:

In the first end of the game the Players No 1 start off with 2 bowls each. Players No 1 and Players No 2 then change ends and the Players No 2 play their 4 bowls. Again, the Players No 1 and Players No 2 change ends and the Players No 1 complete the end with their final 2 bowls.

This sequence is often called 2-4-2 where the players act in the traditional roles of Lead and Skip in the same end.

In the next end the team who scores the most shots on the previous end plays first on the next end and decides on the position of the jack.

In addition, the roles are reversed. The Players No 2 lead off playing first with their 2 bowls. Then the Players No 1 play their 4 bowls. Then the Players No 2 complete the end with their final 2 bowls.

This alternating pattern continues throughout the game. Players No 1 lead off on odd ends and the Players No 2 lead off on even ends.

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