

FAQS

HOW OLD IS TOO OLD?

There's no such thing! There's no age limit, no pressure and no need to be an elite athlete — just a chance to try something new, revisit an old favourite and prove that sport is always on the table.

DO I HAVE TO QUALIFY TO COMPETE IN THE MASTERS GAMES?

Qualify? Nope! The South Australian Masters Games isn't the Olympics — it's way more fun. If you can turn up, have a laugh and give it a crack, you're in. No qualifying times, no trials... just good times, great people and a whole lot of sporting mischief. Come play!

WHERE WILL I BE PLAYING?

Athletics – Victor Harbor Primary School, 19 The Parkway, Victor Harbor

Basketball – Victor Harbor Rec Centre – Court 2, 5 George Main Rd, Victor Harbour

Croquet – Victor Harbor Croquet Club, 65 Bridge Street Victor Harbor

Dragon Boats – Mannum Waters Marina, Pelican Drive, Mannum

Hockey – Victor Harbour Hockey Club, Bacchus Rd, Victor Harbor

Lawn Bowls –

Encounter Bay Bowls Club, Recreation Grounds, 47 Armstrong Road, Encounter Bay

Victor Harbor Bowls Club, Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor

Netball - Victor Harbor Netball Club, George Main Rd, Victor Harbor

Pickleball - Victor Harbor Rec Centre, 5 George Main Rd, Victor Harbour

Softball – Encounter Bay Oval (EB Football Club), 16 Armstrong Rd, Victor Harbor

Swimming – Fleurieu Aquatic Centre, 4 Ocean Rd, Chiton

Table Tennis - Victor Harbor Rec Centre, 5 George Main Rd, Victor Harbour

Tennis – Victor Harbor Tennis Club, 16 Armstrong Rd, Victor Harbour

CAN I BUY SOME MASTERS GAMES MERCHANDISE?

Merch? Oh yes. We've got merch. The kind you'll want to wear even when you're not pretending to 'warm up.' Grab some gear, look the part and rep the South Australian Masters Games like the sporting legend you absolutely are.

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WHAT'S THIS MASTERS GIN I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?

Meet the official SA Masters Gin — distilled for the legends of the Games, our athletes, volunteers, officials and coaches who've earned a proper toast.

Crafted by the award-winning South Australia's Prohibition Liquor Co who have the ultimate Gin crew, it's infused with botanicals inspired by the Victor Harbor region. This is a true local hero in liquid form and comes wrapped in a bespoke South Australian Masters Games bottle, making it equal parts premium drop and collector's treasure.

Our advice?

Buy two.

Drink one. (Responsibly)

Keep one. (To collect)

No regrets.

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WHAT DATES WILL I BE PLAYING?

Athletics – Friday 17th – Sunday 19th April

Basketball – Thursday 16th – 18th of April

Croquet – Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th April

Dragon Boats – Saturday 11th of April

Hockey – Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April

Lawn Bowls –

Encounter Bay Bowls Club, Thursday 16th April, Open Gender Fours & Saturday 18th April, Open Gender Triples

Victor Harbor Bowls Club, Friday 17th April Open Gender Pairs & Sunday 19th April Open BPL Triples

Masters Mile – Thursday 16th April

Netball – Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April

Pickleball – Tuesday 14th – Thursday 17th April

Softball – Friday 17th – Sunday 19th April

Swimming – Sunday 19th April

Table Tennis – Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th April

Tennis – Friday 17th - Sunday 19th April

Golf – Friday 17th and Sunday 19th

WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO STAY?

You can't go wrong on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula, Victor, Port Elliot, Goolwa or anywhere in between. Visit <https://visitvictorharbor.com/plan/accommodation/> to check out the options.

WILL THERE BE AN OPENING CEREMONY?

You bet! We're not starting the South Australian Masters Games with a whisper — we're kicking things off with a proper celebration. Think great vibes, big smiles and a chance to meet the legends you'll be high fiving all weekend.

SA Masters Games 2026 – Opening Ceremony Summary

Date: Thursday, 16 April 2025

Location: Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor

Presented by: City of Victor Harbor in partnership with Sports SA

Event Overview

The Opening Ceremony for the 2025 SA Masters Games will be a celebration of community, achievement, and local pride.

The evening begins with the Masters Mile—a scenic return run from the Causeway to Granite Island that anyone can be a part of—followed by a festive parade of athletes through the city centre and onto Warland Reserve for formalities and live entertainment.

- Local DJs and the Flaming Sambucas
- Lawn games and beanbags for a relaxed, family-friendly feel
- Rolling road closures to support Parade from Railway Plaza to Ocean Street via McLaren Lane, then down to Warland Reserve

WHEN IS THE PROGRAM OF EVENTS COMING OUT?

We can't release until all sports and registrations are locked away. We're aiming for a program release late March 2026.

WHO RUNS THE MASTERS GAMES?

That would be Sport SA! We're working closely with the local council and we're proudly bringing the Games together as one big, statewide celebration of sport, fun and community.

WHY IS IT COSTING A LITTLE MORE THIS YEAR?

We get it. We know the price has gone up a little this year, and here's why: Sport SA has employed a dedicated event manager for the first time, we are provided first aid cover at central hubs, merchandise, medals, insurance and all costs have increased across the board. But we want to make sure every single person taking part is properly covered and looked after. It's all about keeping the Games safe, secure and running smoothly for everyone — so you can focus on having fun and giving it a go.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT MY SPECIFIC SPORT...

Awesome! ... but we might not be the best ones to ask about it. All sports are being run by dedicated clubs who are experts in their (and your!) field. Below is the coordinator for your sport:

Athletics – Julie Brehin SCO@salaa.org.au

Basketball - Bronnie Nicholls 2026mastersgamesbball@gmail.com

Croquet - Eileen Ferguson woolley17@outlook.com

Dragon Boats – John Holland johnholland@senet.com.au

Hockey - Iain Hancock yhhockeyclub@hotmail.com

Lawn Bowls

Encounter Bay Bowls Club - Heather Cochrane heathercochrane49@gmail.com

Victor Harbor Bowls Club – Jill Horner jill@acpv.com.au

Netball - Clare Dingsdale victorharbornetballclub.secretary@outlook.com

Pickleball - Deanna beyondperformancetennis@gmail.com

Softball - Catherine Westren catherine.westren@softball.org.au

Swimming - Adam Hampel greatsouthernsc@hotmail.com

Table Tennis - Peter Wheatley cowrievilla@y7mail.com

Tennis - Bryan Littlely bryanlittlely74@gmail.com

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Walking Football (Soccer) - Tony Genovese tony@pulseband.com.au

Basketball – Elliee Earl 2026mastersgamesbball@gmail.com

Pickleball – Deanna beyondperformancetennis@gmail.com

Walking Football - Tony Genovese tony@pulseband.com.au

Touch Rugby - Renee Bryant renee.bryant@touchfootball.com.au

CAN I VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

Absolutely you can! The South Australian Masters Games runs on legends — and if you're keen to jump in, we'd love to have you. Whether you're great at organising, cheering, timekeeping or just keeping the energy up, there's a spot for you. Come join the fun behind the scenes.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

WHAT IF I GET HURT?

If you get hurt, we've got you covered — literally. St John Ambulance will be on standby throughout the Games, ready to jump in if anyone needs a hand. Plus, our partners at PhysioXtra are absolute legends — their Victor Harbor clinic will be open and ready to help keep you moving.

WHAT IS THE MASTERS MILE?

The Masters Mile is one of the most loved traditions of the South Australian Masters Games. It takes place during the Opening Ceremony and is all about kicking things off together.

It's a one mile walk, jog or run that welcomes absolutely everyone — whatever your pace, ability or experience. The Masters Mile isn't about times or trophies. It's about showing up, joining in, sharing the moment and celebrating what Masters sport is all about: community, connection and having a go. mile walk, jog or run that welcomes absolutely everyone — whatever your pace, ability or experience. The Masters Mile isn't about times or trophies. It's about showing up, joining in, sharing the moment and celebrating what Masters sport is all about: community, connection and having a go.

If you want the perfect way to start your Games experience, this is it.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE MASTERS MILE?

You don't have to register for the Masters' Mile — anyone can join in on the day. But if you do register, your time will be officially recorded and you'll score yourself a medal. So you're welcome either way... but the medal is a pretty nice bonus!

CAN ANYONE COME AND WATCH?

Absolutely! Everyone is welcome to come along and cheer. Bring your friends, family, neighbours — even that one mate who loves giving unsolicited coaching tips. The South Australian Masters Games are all about community, so the more supporters on the sidelines, the better!

