

# 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 Harbor

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

**Dragon Boats** – Mannum Waters Marina, Pelican Drive, Mannum

**Hockey** – Victor Harbor 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 Harbor

**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 Harbor

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

## 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.

## 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.

### **PURCHASE HERE**

## WHAT DATES WILL I BE PLAYING?

**Athletics** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Basketball** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of April

**Croquet** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Dragon Boats** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of April

**Hockey** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Lawn Bowls** –

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

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

**Masters Mile** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Netball** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Pickleball** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Softball** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Swimming** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Table Tennis** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Tennis** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Golf** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Touch Football** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Walking Football**- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of April

**Squash** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

## 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](mailto:SCO@salaa.org.au)

**Croquet** - Eileen Ferguson [woolley17@outlook.com](mailto:woolley17@outlook.com)

**Dragon Boats** – John Holland [johnholland@senet.com.au](mailto:johnholland@senet.com.au)

**Hockey** - Iain Hancock [yhhockeyclub@hotmail.com](mailto:yhhockeyclub@hotmail.com)

### Lawn Bowls

**Encounter Bay Bowls Club** - Heather Cochrane [heathercochrane49@gmail.com](mailto:heathercochrane49@gmail.com)

**Victor Harbor Bowls Club** – Jill Horner [jill@acpv.com.au](mailto:jill@acpv.com.au)

**Netball** - Clare Dingsdale [victorharbournetballclub.secretary@outlook.com](mailto:victorharbournetballclub.secretary@outlook.com)

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**Touch Football**- Renee Bryant [renee.bryant@touchfootball.com.au](mailto: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.

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## 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!

