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## District Championships

### Conditions of Play

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## 1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **'Bona Fide'** means a *Financial Member* who is not currently under suspension or expelled under the rules of any *Club*, District, State or National Body
- 1.2. **'CDBA'** means Cunningham District Bowls Association Inc.
- 1.3. **'Clause'** means a *Clause* in these Conditions of Play.
- 1.4. **'Championship'** means a *CDBA* conducted event, designated as such at the time of calling nominations.
- 1.5. **'Club'** means a Bowls *Club* affiliated with *CDBA*.
- 1.6. **'Council'** means the *Council* of the *CDBA*.
- 1.7. **'Controlling Body'** means the relevant *CDBA* Match Committee or any member of that Committee acting for and on behalf of that Committee.
  - 1.7.1. **For Men's Championships**, the Men's Match Committee shall be the relevant Committee.
  - 1.7.2. **For Ladies' Championships**, the Ladies' Match Committee shall be the relevant Committee.
  - 1.7.3. **For Junior Championships**, the District shall nominate the members of the *Controlling Body* when nominations are called.
  - 1.7.4. **'Cut-Off Time'** means 6.00pm on the day prior to the date scheduled for the playing of the first round in *Championship* events.
- 1.8. **'DR'** means a Domestic Regulation as specified in the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*
- 1.9. **'Financial Member'** means a member who is financial at all *Clubs* of which they are a member.
- 1.10. **'Host Club'** means the *Club* at which a particular *Championship* is being played
- 1.11. **'Junior Member'** means a *Bona Fide* member who is 18 years of age or younger on scheduled starting date of the event.
- 1.12. **'Law'** means a *Law* in the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*
- 1.13. **'Laws of the Sport of Bowls'** or **'Law Book'** means the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls* in Australia (Crystal Mark Edition) as amended from time to time and applicable at the time nominations close for the event.
- 1.15 **'Nominated Club'** means the player's *Nominated Club* for the purpose of playing *Championships* (refer *Clause 5.1*)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 2. CONVENTIONS

- 2.1. The conventions adopted in these Conditions of Play are in line with the conventions listed in the Foreword of the *Law Book*
  - 1.1.1. References to 'should' and 'will' within these Conditions of Play mean that the action is compulsory.
  - 1.1.2. References to 'can' and 'may' within these Conditions of Play mean that the action is optional.
  - 1.1.3. Words in italics refer to words with special meaning as defined in the 'Definitions' listed in *Clause 1*.

## 3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. *Club* members shall submit entries on the official entry form, accompanied by the prescribed entry fee, through their *Nominated Club* by the closing time advertised by the *Controlling Body*. In extenuating circumstances, the *Controlling Body* shall have the power to extend the closing time once it is set.
- 3.2. Entries not on the official entry form or not containing the required information, not legible or not received by the closing date will be rejected.
- 3.3. *Nominated Clubs* will be responsible for ensuring that entrants from their *Clubs* are eligible.
- 3.4. A decision by the *Controlling Body* in relation to a decision made in relation to any event, interpretation or fine imposed, may be appealed in accordance with Section 15 of the District Constitution.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 4.1. Any male member of an affiliated *Club* may nominate for a Men's *Championship* provided the provisions of *Clause 4.4* are met.
- 4.2. Any female member of an affiliated *Club* may nominate for a Ladies' *Championship* provided the provisions of *Clause 4.4* are met.
- 4.3. Any *Junior Member* of an affiliated *Club* may nominate for a Junior *Championship* provided the provisions of *Clause 4.4* and any gender specific requirement specified at the time of calling nominations are met.
- 4.4. Provisions for nomination:-
  - 4.4.1. The member is a *Bona Fide Member* in accordance with *Clause 1.1* on the date nominations close.
  - 4.4.2. The member has been a *Financial Member* of their *Nominated Club* for at least 30 calendar days prior to the closing date for nominations.
  - 4.4.3. All members of a team shall have nominated the same *Club* as their *Nominated Club*. For the purposes of this *Clause*, a member of only one (1) *Club* shall be deemed to have nominated that *Club* as their *Nominated Club*.
  - 4.4.4. At any time from the date nominations close to the last scheduled playing day for the *Championship*, if a player ceases to be a bona-fide member as defined in *Clause 1.1*, they shall be ineligible to play (or continue to play) in any *Championship* Event.
  - 4.4.5. The *Controlling Body* shall determine all questions of eligibility.

## **5. MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB**

- 5.1. Members of more than one *Club* must nominate one *Club* to the CDBA as their '*Nominated Club*' in accordance with Bowls Australia '*Affiliation, Eligibility to Play and Player Clearance Policy*' for the purposes of playing *Championships*. Once a player nominates their *Club*, they shall become a Nominated Player for that *Club*.
- 5.2. When a player nominates their *Club* for the purpose of playing District *Championships*, they shall comply with the following provisions:
- 5.3. A player shall nominate their *Club* by 1<sup>st</sup> January if they are a member of two (2) or more *Clubs* prior to that date.
- 5.4. Where a player joins a second *Club* after 1<sup>st</sup> January and has not played in a District *Championship* in that calendar year, they shall nominate their *Club* within 21 days of joining the second *Club*, but no later than 30 days prior to the close of nominations for the *Championship* event in which they intend to participate.
- 5.5. Where a player joins a second *Club* after 1<sup>st</sup> January and has previously played in a District *Championship* in that calendar year, the *Club* they represented when they played their first *Championship* event in that calendar year shall automatically become their '*Nominated Club*'.
- 5.6. Once a player's '*Nominated Club*' has been determined in accordance with *Clauses* 5.3 to 5.5, then that '*Nominated Club*' shall remain in force until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same calendar year, unless a transfer to another *Club* is granted by the *Council* in accordance with Bowls Australia '*Affiliation, Eligibility to Play and Player Clearance Policy*'.

## **6. POWER TO FILL VACANCIES**

- 6.1. Any nomination received after the closing date and before the *Cut-Off Time* for the *Championship* shall be retained by the *Controlling Body* and, if a withdrawal occurs prior to the *Cut-Off Time*, then that vacated position may be filled (in order) from such late entries.
- 6.2. No player or team shall be added to the *Championship* after the cut off time.

## **7. ENTRY FEES AND GREEN FEES**

- 7.1. The *Controlling Body* will, prior to the calling of nominations for a *Championship*, determine the entry fees and green fees applicable.
- 7.2. Green fees will be paid to the *Host Club*.
- 7.3. No green fees will be paid for the Finals.
- 7.4. When a game is not completed for any reason and is subsequently continued at another *Club* (other than the one at which it was commenced), the *Controlling Body* may levy the payment of additional green fees by players. Such additional green fees shall be paid prior to the commencement of play at the other *Club*.

## **8. USE OF LIGHTS**

- 8.1. The decision to allow lights shall remain solely with the Umpire who will take account of the prevailing conditions. Once the Umpire has decided that the use of lights is appropriate, the approval of their use lies solely with the *Host Club*.

## **9. GREENS UNFIT FOR PLAY**

- 9.1. If a green is declared unfit for play by the *Controlling Body* and there has been insufficient time to notify all the players before the start of play, those players already at the *Host Club* shall not leave until the *Controlling Body* has given approval.
- 9.2. In the event of a match or matches being transferred to another *Club*'s greens, the competitors involved shall proceed there without delay and play their scheduled games.

## 10. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 10.1. Where Junior *Championships* are conducted:-
- 10.1.1. Such *Championships* will be conducted in conjunction with the District *Championships*.
  - 10.1.2. The *Controlling Body* for the Junior *Championships* may set different fees and charges from those set for the Men's and Ladies' *Championships*.
- 10.2. Should there be less than an acceptable number of entries, the *Controlling Body* may cancel a *Championship*.

## 11. TROPHIES

- 11.1. Whether any trophy/prize is offered for any *Championship* shall be determined by the *Controlling Body*.

## 12. CONTROL OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.1. The *Controlling Body* shall have full control over the conduct of *Championships*
- 12.2. Where necessary, the *Controlling Body* shall have the power to re-schedule games. The players affected by the rescheduling shall be told the reasons for re-scheduling when advised of the new playing dates/times.
- 12.3. The *Controlling Body* shall have the power to enquire into and adjudicate any disputes or interpretations as they occur.
- 12.4. A decision by the *Controlling Body* in relation to a decision made in relation to any event, interpretation or fine imposed may be appealed in accordance with Section 15 of the District Constitution

## 13. PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- 13.1. All District *Championships* will be played according to the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls* and these Conditions of Play.

## 14. LOCATION OF EVENT

- 14.1. All *Championships* will be played at the advertised *Clubs*, subject to the provisions of *Clause 9.2*.

## 15. DATES AND TIME OF PLAY

- 15.1. Subject to the provisions of *Clauses 12.2 and 21.6*, all *Championships* will be played at the times and on the days/dates advertised. The *Controlling Body* may consent to a particular match being played on another day if agreed between the players.

## 16. TYPE OF PLAY

- 16.1. All *Championships/Rounds* will be played as Knockout or Sectional Play as shown on the Competition Nomination Form.
- 16.2. Length of Games
- 16.2.1. Singles            25 shots up – No time or end limit
  - 16.2.2. Pairs            21 ends – No time limit
  - 16.2.3. Fours            21 ends – No time limit

## **17. DETERMINING WINNERS**

### **17.1. Knockout Play**

17.1.1. The winner will be the player/team with the highest score at the end of the game.

17.1.2. If the scores are equal at the end of the game, then the provision of *Law 45* will apply.

### **17.2. Sectional Play**

17.2.1. Points will be awarded for each game played as follows:

17.2.1.1. Two points shall be awarded for each game won

17.2.1.2. One point for each drawn game

17.2.1.3. No points for each lost game or bye

17.2.2. Section Winners will be decided as follows:

17.2.2.1. Highest number of game points scored

17.2.2.2. If game points are equal, the team with the highest margin from the three games. (Shots for minus shots against)

17.2.2.3. If margins are equal, the Controlling Body will divide the total number of shots scored against each team into the total numbers of shots the team has scored. The team with the highest result will be declared the winner.

## **18. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS**

18.1. Player movement during a game shall be restricted in accordance with Appendix A.4 of the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*

## **19. USE OF SUBSTITUTES AND REPLACEMENT PLAYERS**

19.1. Substitutes and replacement players will be allowed in accordance with *DR 4*

## **20. TRIAL ENDS AND PRACTICE**

20.1. Trial ends are allowed in accordance with *Law 18.1*. Trial Ends may commence 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for the game and shall cease 5 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for the game.

20.2. Practice is allowed in accordance with *Law 13*.

## **21. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

21.1. For preliminary games:

21.2. If Sectional Play is interrupted because of inclement weather or for any other valid reason and the majority of rinks have completed 10 ends the game shall be deemed to have been completed. In Knockout Play, 14 ends shall constitute a game.

21.3. For semi-final and final

21.4. Unless one competitor concedes, the required number of ends specified in *Clause 16.2* shall be played.

21.5. Subject to the provisions of *Clause 8*, lights may be used to enable a game to be completed i.e., the number of ends to be played as specified in *Clause 16.2*.

21.6. Where a complete round is unable to be played, the Controlling Body will reschedule unfinished games to be completed at another time/date that will be advised to players on the day play is suspended.

## 22. REQUIREMENTS FOR STAMP ON BOWLS

- 22.1. There is no requirement for players to have a current World Bowls stamp on the set of bowls used in a *Championship*, however, this *Clause* does not exempt the player from the requirements of *DR 2.2*, or from having their bowls challenged in accordance with *Law 8.4*

## 23. USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- 23.1. The use of electronic devices such as mobile phones, radios, paging devices etc by either players or spectators, is not permitted outdoors within ten metres of the Green. However, in special cases (doctors' pagers etc) a player may request exemption from this rule from the Controlling Body prior to the commencement of play.

## 24. SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

- 24.1. Players must at all times adhere to any smoking and/or alcohol policy prominently displayed and in force at the *Host Club*. This may restrict where players can smoke and where alcohol can be consumed.
- 24.2. Any *CDBA* Executive representing the *Controlling Body* may approach and request that a player comply with the *Host Clubs* smoking and/or alcohol policy. Further infringement may result in that player being reported to the *CDBA* who may take disciplinary action and penalise the team as defined in *Clause 24.3*.
- 24.3. The Controlling Body shall have the power to penalise a team two (2) Rink Points for each infringement. Repeat offenders may be brought before the Controlling Body and be dealt with according to the Conditions of Play and the *District Constitution*.

## 25. ATTIRE

- 25.1. Players shall conform with the following dress code prescribed for *Championships*:-
- 25.1.1. Dress requirements shall conform with Bowls Queensland By-Law 19.
  - 25.1.2. Bowls Queensland or District *Club* Shirts, or *Club* Uniforms may be worn provided that all players in the team are similarly attired.
  - 25.1.3. The *Controlling Body* as part of a sponsorship arrangement may issue players and officials with a competition cap or other apparel and specify conditions for wearing such apparel.
  - 25.1.4. Players entitled to a District cap, name badge or splash jacket may wear such apparel in these *Championships*.
  - 25.1.5. Where a player is incorrectly attired they shall not be permitted to participate until they become correctly attired. If, after an official warning from the *Controlling Body*, a player refuses to correct their attire, the player (and their team in other than singles) will be disqualified.
  - 25.1.6. The *Controlling Body* may exercise discretion where there are extenuating circumstances such as a player substituting for an ill player part way through a game.
- 25.2. Additional requirements for men
- 25.2.1. Tailored shorts may be worn with long socks, or with short socks displaying the Bowls Australia logo.
  - 25.2.2. Cricket style trousers with a draw string are allowed but those with a visible advertisers logo patch will not be permitted.



## **26. WITHDRAWAL AND /OR FORFEIT**

- 26.1. Any player or team intending to withdraw from a scheduled round must notify the *Controlling Body* (not opponent or *Club*) by 3:00pm on the day preceding the match unless there are extenuating circumstances acceptable to the *Controlling Body*.
- 26.2. If any singles player fails to appear within thirty (30) minutes of the appointed starting time the defaulting player will forfeit the game to their opponent.
- 26.3. If any team or player from a team fails to appear within thirty (30) minutes of the appointed starting time and a Substitute and/or Replacement Player is not available or not approved for any reason by the Controlling Body, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponents in accordance with *Law 46.1.2* and *DR 4.6.5*.

## **27. FORFEITING WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE.**

- 27.1. If without justifiable cause, any player/team forfeits or fails to show in a competition for which they nominated, the player/team will forfeit any entry fee paid and be liable for a penalty not exceeding \$15 per player (with a maximum penalty of \$60 per team) for any one offence.
- 27.2. Any player so penalized has the right to appeal to the *Council*.
- 27.3. In addition, a player/team may be disqualified from entering *CDBA* competitions for a period of up to 2 years.

## **28. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THESE CONDITIONS.**

- 28.1. Where a penalty is not specified, the penalty for a breach of these Conditions of Play will be determined by the Controlling Body.