



STATE CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS SINGLES, PAIRS, FOURS OCTOBER 20 - 25, 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. ALLOCATION OF EVENT & COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- (a) The Match Committee shall call for Expressions of Interest from Clubs to host the State Finals of the Event.
- (b) The Champion of Club Champions Committee shall comprise the Match Committee Members who may co-opt others as required.

2. CONTROL & CONDUCT OF STATE FINAL

- (a) The State Match Committee as the Controlling Body for the State Finals shall control the Event and reserve the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical, to achieve a result.
- (b) A Disputes Committee shall comprise the Match Co-ordinator or nominee, and State Umpire Co-ordinator.

3. DIVISION OF STATE FOR GROUP PLAY-OFFS

- (a) The State shall be divided into eight (8) Groups as follows:
 - Group 1 – Gateway, Gold Coast/Tweed
 - Group 2 – Cunningham, Downs
 - Group 3 – Condamine, Maranoa/Warrego, Southern Downs,
 - Group 4 – Brisbane, Caboolture, Brisbane North, Sunshine Coast
 - Group 5 – Fraser Coast (Men) Wide Bay/Gympie (Women), Burnett
 - Group 6 – Central Qld, Bundaberg, Port Curtis
 - Group 7 – Leichhardt, Mackay
 - Group 8 – North-West Qld, North Qld, Tropical Far North Qld
- (b) Play-offs by mutual agreement between the competing districts however the host club for the playoffs should be in a reasonably central location.
- (c) **The Competition will commence at Club level.**

4. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Members of Clubs affiliated with the District within its Group shall be eligible to play. **Note: This means that all members of a team must belong to the same Club.** At a club's discretion they may commence this competition at any time after the 1st July in the preceding year. All clubs should then have their Champion of Club Champion events completed by the 30th June in the championship year, however all clubs should ensure that they have completed their events in line with their district calendar. Failure to complete their championships by this may mean that a club is excluded from their district playoffs.
- (b) The Competitions are restricted to the player/s who have won the current year's Champion of Club Champion's Events. If a Club fails to complete its current year's Champion of Club Champion's Events in any particular category by the date set down for the commencement of its Champion of Club Champion's Group play-offs, then that Club is ineligible to compete in that particular category in that year's Champion of Club Champion's Event.
- (c) Districts who have trouble fielding Champion of Club Champions due to lack of membership numbers may apply for consideration to the Match Committee to field their District Pairs and Fours Champions for the Champion of Club Champions Event. Group winners for these events must be sent to Bowls Queensland by the due date each year.
- (d) No Member can represent more than one Club in any one year. While a member can play in any Championship event in any club that the player is a member of, (providing that there is nothing in the Club's Constitution or Bylaws to prevent this), the player can only represent the Club that they have either declared for or played their first championship game at in any one championship year. Once a player has played in **any** Champion of Club Champion event they can only represent in any event at District level or higher the club they either played their first game at or declared for. Any member who has played in any Champion of Club Champion event is not eligible to substitute in this competition. In the event of a Member so playing, they and the Club for which they play for will be disqualified. Failure to lodge a declaration, (to the District), will mean that the player may be disqualified from the event or may be effectively declared for the club in which they play their first championship game.
- (e) Players who resign from the club they have declared for under the provisions of (d) above cannot then go on to represent another club. Any player so doing will be forfeited as per Clause 6 of these General Conditions of Play.
- (f) At club and district level this is a knockout event however if a club/District wishes to play a round robin owing to lack of player numbers then this is acceptable. Players under suspension or expulsion are ineligible to play.



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5. NOMINATIONS

It is a condition of entry for this Event that players are familiar with and accept the Conditions of Play.

NOTE: All relevant umpires, club and District officials must also be fully familiar with these Conditions of Play.

6. TRANSFERS

- (a) Where a member transfers to another Club/District they are only eligible to represent that Club/District if they have not participated in any competition leading to Champion of Club Champion's qualifications in their previous Club.
- (b) If a member has won a Championship in the current season in a Club and decides to transfer to another Club in the same District, then, provided they retain membership of the first Club, they are eligible to play in the Champion of Club Champion's Event/s if applicable. However, if they resign from their Championship Club, then they forfeit their right to participate and cannot be substituted.
- (c) If a member has won a Championship in the current season in a District and decides to transfer to another District, then, provided they retain membership of the first District, they are eligible to play in the Champion of Club Champion's Event/s if applicable. However, if they resign from their Championship District, then they forfeit their right to participate.

7. PENALTY

Any contravention of these conditions shall result in disqualification from the Event.

8. GREEN FEES

District & Group Level. As per host club ruling rate.

State Finals: \$20.00 per player per discipline is to be forwarded to Bowls Queensland with the notification of the group winners. (Singles - \$20.00 per person; Pairs - \$40.00 per team; Fours - \$80.00 per team).

9. RINKS

- (a) For Pairs and Fours matches, all venue Clubs are requested to play the morning matches in an east-west direction, and the afternoon matches in a north-south direction.
- (b) In Singles matches, it is preferred that the direction remains unchanged throughout the day as non-time limit matches can delay play unnecessarily should the direction of the green be changed during the day.
- (c) In unforeseen circumstances the Match Committee may require players/teams to play on the same rink more than once on the same day.
- (d) It is preferred that all rinks at venue Clubs shall be as per Laws 49.1 and 49.2 however all rinks should be a minimum of 4.5 metres in width.
- (e) For some Events, the Match Committees will allocate the rinks for play. In these cases, the venue Clubs will be advised.
- (f) The Match Committees retain the right to conduct the event on synthetic, natural, or covered greens or any combination thereof. It is preferable for greens to be running at between 15-17 secs where possible.

10. PLAY-OFFS

- (a) **District and Group Play-offs:** These will be a knockout competition for Groups with only two (2) Districts or round robin for Groups with three (3) or more Districts. **(No extra ends for this format).** Where there are four (4) Districts in a Group, the last Round **must** be played.
- (b) Matches will be; Singles – twenty-five (25) shots up, 4 Bowl Pairs and Fours – twenty-one (21) ends.
- (c) The Host District for Group play-offs to conduct play and notify the respective Match Committee of the Group winner/s by Monday 17th September 2018 or immediately the matches have been finalized, if completed before Sunday 16th September 2018.
- (d) Each Group/District conducting these play-off matches is required to notify the BQ Match Committee of the proposed dates and the venue Club hosting these matches on their behalf.

11. STATE FINALS

- (a) These are to be played during the period Saturday 20th October to Thursday 25th October 2018, at areas and venues to be advised.
- (b) The program will be advised as soon as players and teams names become available and when the Draw is completed.
- (c) Meals will be at players' expense and lunches are to be ordered prior to play commencing each day.

12. PRIZE MONEY / BADGES FOR FINALS

Prize money will be allocated to winners and runners-up in all disciplines.

Men: Gold, Silver and Bronze suitably inscribed medallions shall be awarded to the respective winning players

Ladies: Gold, Silver and Bronze suitably inscribed medallions shall be awarded to the respective winning players

13. BADGES

Group winners will receive suitably inscribed badges.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. THE COMPETITION

- (a) The Competition shall be known as the Bowls Queensland State Champion of Club Champions.
- (b) All matches shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia, Bowls Australia Policies, Bowls Queensland By-laws, and these Conditions of Play.
- (c) The disciplines shall be Singles, Four Bowl Pairs and Fours.
- (d) All Events shall be subject to an Open Draw.
- (e) A match shall be between two (2) players/teams. All players/teams shall contest Rounds 1 – 3 inclusive as set out in the Draw and Playing Timetable, conditions permitting.
- (f) The eight (8) Group winners of each discipline will be divided into two (2) sections (1 & 2) of four (4) players/teams by Open Draw, with a round robin to be played in each section. The section winners will then play each other in the Final.

2. TRIAL ENDS

- (a) Trial ends shall be under the control of the State Controlling Body. Trial ends may be allowed as per Law 5.1 if time permits.
- (b) In the event of a player or team receiving a bye and not playing in the first match of the day, then they may be entitled to practice as per Law 4, and at the discretion of the controlling body may be allowed trial ends in accordance with Law 5.1.
- (c) Practice shall not be allowed at the venue Club after one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play.
- (d) Trial Ends before Finals play will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.

3. PLAYING SCHEDULE – SECTIONAL PLAY

(a) Timetable

Fours:	Saturday:	Round 1 at 8.30am	Round 2 at 1.00pm or earlier if possible
	Sunday:	Round 3 at 8.30am	Final at 12:45pm (approx.)
Pairs:	Monday:	Round 1 at 8.30am	Round 2 at 1.00pm or earlier if possible
	Tuesday:	Round 3 at 8.30am	Final at 12:45pm (approx.)
Singles:	Wednesday:	3 Rounds to be played with Round 1 to commence at 8:30am (approx.)	
	Thursday:	Final at 9.00am	

(b) Order of Play (For each Section)

- (i) Round 1: 1 v 2 3 v 4 Round 2: 1 v 3 2 v 4 Round 3: 1 v 4 2 v 3
- (ii) In the case of a bye in these events leaving only three (3) teams in a section then the following shall apply:
Game 1: team 1 vs team 2, Game 2: loser of game 1 vs team 3, Game 3: winner game 1 vs team 3.
- (iii) Should there be a tie in Game 1 then the Match Committee shall decide the order of play in Games 2&3. At their discretion the controlling body may use the number of ends won by a team as a guide.

4. DURATION OF PLAY

Sectional

- (a) Singles matches shall be twenty-five (25) shots up with a time limit of 3 hours.
- (b) Four bowl Pairs and Fours shall play twenty-one (21) ends with a time limit of 3 hours 45 mins.

Finals:

- (a) Singles shall be twenty five (25) shots up with no time limit.
- (b) Pairs and Fours shall play twenty-one (21) ends with no time limit.

5. UNCOMPLETED MATCH / COMPETITION

- (a) If a team match is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause, then sixteen (16) ends shall constitute a match in sectional play and the Finals.
- (b) If a player/team is unable to complete any game already commenced, their opponent/s shall be awarded the maximum match points for that game. As at the time the game was stopped, each team will be allocated the shots scored as of the last end completed.
- (c) For Singles, twenty-one (21) shots up constitute a match in sectional play and the Finals.
- (d) The completion of two (2) Rounds in sectional play shall constitute the completion of the competition.
(Note: Any end not completed when the bell is rung to cease play due to inclement or hazardous weather, SHALL NOT be completed but should be declared dead. However, if all bowls in the end have been played, then the number of shots scored should be decided before the game stops as per Law 32.3).

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6. SCORING IN SECTIONAL PLAY

- (a) The player/team scoring the highest number of shots in each match at the end of play, shall be the winner.
- (b) Two (2) match points shall be awarded for each such win.
- (c) In the event of a tied score, each player/team shall be awarded one (1) match point.
- (d) Match points shall be recorded together with shots for and against and also the margin.

7. DETERMINING SECTION/FINAL WINNERS

- (a) The player/team scoring the highest number of **match points** shall be declared the winner.
- (b) In the event of two (2) or more players/teams scoring an equal number of match points, the players/teams with the highest difference between "total shots for" and "total shots against" (**margin**) shall be declared the winner.
- (c) If there is still equality, the "total shots against" each player/team shall be divided into the "total shots for" each player/team. The team with the **highest result** shall be declared the winner.
- (d) **In Finals** (a) and (b) apply but if at the time limit or number of ends there is an equality an extra end will be played.

8. BYES IN SECTIONAL PLAY

These affect all team in a section equally and no score need be recorded when a player/team/side receives a bye.

9. PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY

Note: Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head as follows:

(a) Singles

The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

(b) Pairs

- The Leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- The Skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.

(c) Fours

- The Leads and Seconds: after both the Seconds have delivered their second bowl.
- The Thirds: after both the Thirds have delivered their second bowl.
- The Skips: May go to the head after either Skip's first bowl

Restricting the movement of players does not prohibit a player being called to the head by the Skip, however care should be taken not to delay play.

(d) Player Position

Players, excluding skips, are not permitted to remain at the head whilst their opposite number is delivering their bowl. Any skip remaining at the head end shall retire behind the head. Skips must return to the mat as soon as their opponent's bowl has come to rest.

(e) Delaying play

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponents in singles, decides that a player/team is playing in an unsportsmanlike manner by deliberately delaying play:

- On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player/team;
- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender/s will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent; and
- If the player offends the third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent/s.

10. POSITION OF PLAYERS WHEN NOT PLAYING

- (a) Players at the mat end not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.
- (b) Players at the head end not controlling the head should stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head, or
- (c) On the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch, or
- (d) Well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.
- (e) At the start of each end only the Skip or Deputy will be at the head

11. WITHDRAWALS & FORFEITS

(a) Withdrawals

- (i) If a player/team withdraws before the start of play, this will be treated as a bye and no score need be recorded as all teams will be equally affected.
- (ii) Any player/team intending to withdraw, must notify the respective Controlling Body and venue Club not later than the scheduled commencement time on the day of play.

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(b) Forfeits/Withdrawals

- (i) Should a forfeit occur during sectional play, the remaining players/teams shall be credited with two (2) points for the win and a shots margin equal to the average of net shots margins recorded in all matches played in that round in that section. Fractions shall not count.
- (ii) Players/teams that forfeit the last round of sectional play up to the Group play-off in any discipline, shall be disqualified from winning the section if a player/team has scored equal highest points with any other team in that section. **NB. In the State Finals, last round withdrawal is not permitted.**
- (iii) Should any player in any match fail to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time the opponent/s shall be awarded the match.
- (iv) Should both Singles players, or both teams, fail to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time, then both players/teams shall forfeit the right to continue.
- (v) **Any player/team that forfeits a match and fails to give a satisfactory explanation may have their nomination refused for any Bowls Queensland fixture/competition for the ensuing twelve (12) months and/or be liable to a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine per player for non-appearance.**

12. SUBSTITUTES

Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the competition.

Note: If a substitute is required at District level and above the Controlling Body and Bowls Queensland must be advised in writing including a valid reason, the name of the substitute and who the player is substituting for in each and every circumstance. Owing to some abuse of the substitute Law the BQ Match Committee will have very strict guidelines regarding what will be allowed for the granting of a substitute for these events. The Umpire of the day must also be notified of any substitutes. **Substitutes/Replacements in Singles are not permitted under any circumstances.**

Note: There will be no substitutes/replacement players allowed for ineligible players *ie: those not declared for the same club*. Should any club or District allow a substitute/replacement player for an ineligible player the offending club or District will be forfeited from all State events for the current year.

13. DISQUALIFICATION

Should there be a Challenge to Bowls under Law 52.4 during Sectional or Post Sectional or Knockout play a player may play with another set of Legal bowls until the result of the test is known.

- (a) If there is a Challenge to Bowls in the final the result of that final shall not be declared until the outcome of the Bowls challenge is known.
- (b) If a team or player is disqualified for any reason, the team or player LAST DEFEATED by the disqualified team or player shall take their place.

14. ARTIFICIAL DEVICES

"Any player using an Artificial Device for the delivery of a bowl in a State Event shall have available for perusal at all times during the course of the event, by an umpire or other accredited official, either a card or some other official documentary proof issued by Bowls Queensland of their right to use such an Artificial Device." Any player who commences an event using an artificial device must use that device for the entire game.

The penalty for the player not producing the required document is that the player cannot use the device. If the player chooses not to play then he/she may be allowed an eligible substitute in a team game.

15. SCORECARDS

As per DR 3.2 all scorecards must be signed as being correct and the completion time of the match must also be recorded prior to being handed to the Match Official.

16. TEMPORARY MARKINGS (DECALS)

Clubs should provide all players/teams with identical coloured discs (decals) for each side of their bowls, as per Law 51.2.8 and DR 4.7 however if any club does not have decals and wish to use them then Bowls Queensland shall supply them. **However decals are mandatory for all finals. When decals are used all bowls in a team event shall be similarly marked.**

17. COACHING DURING MATCH

Players who intend to receive coaching during a match, must inform the Match Committee and the Umpire of the Coach's name as soon as practicable before the start of play but not less than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the competition and the Coach cannot be changed for each match. Any person who is nominated as a Coach shall strictly adhere to the conditions in Law 44. There shall be only one coach per team.

Please Note: Any person wishing to coach in this event must hold Bowls Australia coaching accreditation and must show it when registering.



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18. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

All electronic communication devices located within six (6) metres of the green whilst a match is in progress **SHALL BE SWITCHED OFF**. These include mobile phones, ipads, ipods, pagers, radios etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" emergency personnel by the Controlling Body after consultation.

19. SOCIAL MEDIA

To assist in ensuring that interactions between players and officials are harmonious the following will be included in the Conditions of Play as permitted by Appendix A.1.4.15. Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

(a) "No player shall use Social Media to make derogatory comments about Bowls Queensland, any official, the event or any other player for the duration of the competition. Any infringement of this Condition shall render the offender liable to disqualification from the event".

20. LIGHTS

Games may be played or completed under lights if required.

21. EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

All Bowls Queensland events are conducted under the Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy. All players and officials should make themselves aware of the requirements of this Policy.

22. PROVISION OF UMPIRES / MARKERS

(a) In all matches, the provision of non-playing National Accredited Umpires and/or assistants (whose names shall be announced before play commences) is obligatory.

(b) In semi finals and finals, the District Umpire's Committee shall oversee.

(c) In finals, Markers may be appointed by the Match Committee.

23. ATTIRE (MEN & WOMEN)

(a) Playing attire will be as per Bowls Queensland By-law 14.

(b) Attire at this level must carry the BA logo as outlined in the BA National logo policy.

(c) Any player or official playing or officiating at this event shall wear properly enclosed footwear (No thongs).

(d) All Coaches, Markers, and Umpires shall be attired according to the requirements set down for players.

(e) In this event no player shall wear any national or State uniform or any part thereof whether current or obsolete. Any player who contravenes this requirement will be asked to immediately change their attire or be disqualified from the event.

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