

## **DOWNNS CHALLENGE**

### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

#### **The Competition**

- a) The competition shall be held once annually between the Cunningham and Downs Bowls Districts
- b) District sides shall comprise 4 ladies teams and 6 men's teams. Each team shall consist of 4 players.
- c) Each player must be qualified as at the date of play to play in District events. Selected players must be declared for a club within the District that they represent.
- d) The match will consist of two games of 18 ends and shall be of 2 hours and 20 minutes duration. The first game shall commence at 9.00am and the second game at 12.30pm unless otherwise agreed by the participants. Trial ends are permitted prior to the scheduled start of play as per law 5.1
- e) The side scoring the highest number of match points shall be declared the winner. In the event that the points are equal then the side which has achieved the greater number of ends won shall be declared the winner. Should both points and ends be equal then the District holding the trophy from the previous year shall be declared the winner.
- f) Both the Ladies and Men's sides shall compete for separate perpetual trophies with the winner retaining the trophy on each occasion.
- g) All matches shall be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" – Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia, Bowls Queensland By-Laws and these Conditions of Play.

#### **Extreme Weather**

- a) The Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy is to be applied where appropriate. A request to apply the policy may be made by a Side Manager to the designated umpire at any time during the duration of the event.
- b) The designated umpire shall determine whether a game is to be suspended in the event of lightning.
- c) Any match which is prematurely abandoned shall be considered complete where 50 ends have been completed for Ladies events and 75 ends completed for Men's events.
- d) Where the competition is unable to be completed on the day the District Management Representatives and Side Managers shall determine if a replacement event is to be held in the calendar year or the event be cancelled for that year. This decision may be at a separate date to the then current event day.

#### **Temporary Markings (Decals)**

The Districts are to provide all players in their sides with identical coloured discs (decals) for each side of their bowls (large ring & dot). All bowls in a side shall be similarly marked.

#### **Coaching During Play**

Where a side intends to use the services of a coach the Team Manager must inform the umpire and opposition Manager of the Coaches' name prior to the commencement of the event. There can only be one coach per side per match.

Any person wishing to coach in the event must hold a Bowls Australia coaching accreditation and must show such accreditation to the umpire when identifying the intention to coach.

### **Umpires**

The host District shall provide two non-playing National Accredited Umpires who shall be attired according to the requirements set down for players.

### **Attire**

Attire shall be as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 14

Each player and the side manager must be similarly attired

### **Fees**

The cost shall be \$22 (incl. GST) per player which shall cover green fees and meals. The meal fee for reserves, officials and non-players shall be \$15 (incl. GST).

The cost shall be payable to the 'host club by the District. The Districts may in turn charge their participants according to their own District policy.