

MASTERS CHALLENGE SHIELD
Conditions of Play amended 2018

The name of the Game shall be "The Masters Challenge" and will be played annually for the shield of that name between Brisbane Ladies District, Gateway Ladies District, Darling Downs Ladies District and Cunningham District.

The competition shall be played on a date suitable for all districts each year.

The competition will be hosted by each of the participating districts starting with Cunningham 2018; Brisbane 2019; Downs District 2020; Gateway 2021.

The competition shall be played between sides consisting of 16 players:

1 Singles Player;	4 pairs players	3 triples players	8 fours players	which equates to
1 x singles	2 pairs teams	1 triples team	2 fours teams	

Player eligibility – a player to be eligible must have won a Club Championship (or higher event) in the discipline (singles, pairs, triples, fours) in which they have been selected. Having won a singles title a player is qualified for all disciplines. Having won a pairs title qualifies a player for pairs, triples and fours. Having won a triples title qualifies a player for triples only. Having won a fours title qualifies a player for fours only.

Each player must be eligible to play in her own club championships as at the date of the challenge. Any district playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the Match in which the player participates.

Each match shall consist of three (3) games with each participating district playing each other:

- The order of play shall be: Game 1 – 1v2 & 3v4
Game 2 - 1v3 & 2v4
Game 3 – 1v4 & 2v3
- The draw for District side number for the order of play the following year shall be at the game
- The direction of play will depend on the instruction of the host club
- Dead ends are replayed. If an end becomes dead after the bell has been rung signalling the conclusion of play then the Jack will be re-spotted on the tee.
- The game will consist of: Singles first to 25 shots
Pairs (2x2x2x2) 16 ends
Triples (2 bowl) 20 ends
Fours 16 ends
- Games shall be timed 2 hours 10 minutes
- Games shall start 9.00am; 12 noon; and 2.30pm

On presentation of the Challenge Shield, the winning district shall retain safe custody of the shield until the competition is next played.

The Winning district will be responsible for having their name upon the shield.

In the event of inclement weather or other circumstances preventing the completion of the games:

- The Host District, as controlling body, may vary the starting times to suit conditions. If a total of 55 ends in pairs, triples and fours have been completed the game shall be considered played. Ends in singles not counted. Score will be as is at the time of stoppage.
- In the event of the third game being abandoned the Shield will be presented on the results of the first two games.
- In the event two sides or more complete less than two (2) rounds, then the competition shall be abandoned. An agreement by all competing Districts to play at a later date or cancel for the year is to be decided on the day. If cancelled, rotation shall continue for the following year.
- The controlling body has the ability to alter or make decisions outside the scope of these conditions of play should the need arise.
- The Host District is to advise all competing Districts prior to the Challenge of contact numbers for the Host Club in case of inclement weather. Each District is to supply to the Host District of their liaison person's contact phone number.

SCORING:

The district with the most match points over the three games is the winner and shall hold the shield until the next competition.

All Discipline scores tallied. (Singles + 2 Pairs + 1 Triples + 2 Fours = overall score.

- Highest overall score is 2 match points. Draw is 1 match point.
- If points are equal then the side with the greatest difference between the “total shorts for” and the “total shots against” calculated over the whole competition shall be the winner. (margin).
- If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest “total shots against” shall be the winner.
- If there is still a tie, the winner of the Match between the two tied Sides, shall be the winner. (All games played under the “Laws of the Sport of Bowls”)

The Host District shall be responsible for arranging and staging the competition including the selection of the Host Club where the competition will be held and provision of the necessary Officials including Match Officials, Umpires, Markers and Master Score Board Attendants and setting the cost per player and non-player

Each District shall nominate two (2) representatives who shall meet to decide on any matters requiring agreement between the Districts, including the date of the challenge. A quorum for any such meeting shall be at least one (1) representative from at least three districts. Each District shall have one (1) vote. The Host Club shall provide participating Districts with a receipt for Green Fees and Meals.