

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, Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
 - Group 5 – Fraser Coast, 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 and where possible this club should be a neutral venue.
- (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.** To be eligible to play in these events all players **must** be registered full bowling members of the club at the time entries for the event close. Any substitutes or replacement players **must** also meet these criteria to be eligible to act as a substitute or a replacement player. At a club's discretion they **may** commence this competition at any time after the 1st November in the preceding year. However, all clubs should have their Champion of Club Champion events completed in the championship year in line with their district calendar. Failure to complete their championships by this date shall mean that a club is excluded from their district playoffs.
- (b) The Competition is restricted to the player who has won the current year's Champion of Club Champion's Singles. If a Club fails to complete its current year's Champion of Club Champion's Event in Singles by the date set down for the commencement of its Champion of Club Champion's District play-offs, then that Club is ineligible to compete in that particular category in that year's Champion of Club Champion's Event.
- (c) No Member can play in any Bowls Queensland event for more than one Club or District in any one year. This is a requirement of Bowls Queensland Bylaw 9.1. Any member who has played in any Club Champion of Club Champion event is not eligible to substitute in this competition and in the event of a Member so acting as a substitute they, and the Club which they played for as a substitute for will be disqualified. Any dual member who fails to lodge a declaration with their District and with Bowls Queensland will be declared for the club at which they pay their affiliation fees.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.

5. NOMINATIONS

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

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



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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).

- (a) 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.
- (b) In unforeseen circumstances the Match Committee may require players to play on the same rink more than once on the same day.
- (c) 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.
- (d) For some Events, the Match Committees will allocate the rinks for play. In these cases, the venue Clubs will be advised.
- (e) 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).**
- (b) Matches will be; Singles – twenty-five (25) shots up.
- (c) The Host District for Group play-offs to conduct play and notify the respective Match Committee of the Group winner/s by 2nd November 2020 or immediately the matches have been finalized, if completed before Sunday 1st November 2020.
- (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 21st /Sunday 22nd November 2020**, 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

NOTE: All players who are in a presentation **must** be dressed in their playing attire at the presentations or risk forfeiting any prize money or trophy.

13. BADGES

Group winners will receive suitably inscribed badges.

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 scoring an equal number of match points, the players 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 shall be divided into the “total shots for” each player. 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 players in a section equally and no score need be recorded when a player 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) Delaying play

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

- On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player,
- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender 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.

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) Any player at the head end 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.

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 intending to withdraw, must notify the respective Controlling Body and venue Club not later than the scheduled commencement time on the day of play. No player may withdraw without permission of the Match Committee.

(b) Forfeits/Withdrawals

- (i) Should a forfeit occur during sectional play, the remaining players 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 that withdraw/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) Players who are affected by a withdrawal/forfeit in the final of a championship event shall be counted as the winner/s of that event as per General Condition of Play 4(b). Clubs and Districts should consider some form of penalty for a team that withdraws from a final without an acceptable reason.
- (iv) Late Arrivals: All players should be in position and ready to play fifteen (15) minutes prior to the advertised starting time. Any players who arrive more than 15 minutes later than the advertised start time without a very good reason will not be allowed to continue in the event
- (v) **Any player that withdraws/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

No substitutes in Singles

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 player is disqualified for any reason, the player LAST DEFEATED by the disqualified player shall take their place.

14. ARTIFICIAL DEVICES

Any player using an Artificial Device (Bowling Arm), for the delivery of a bowl must, once the player has commenced using the device in a game, use the device for the remainder of that game. The jack may be rolled at any time either by hand or with the device. A challenge on appeal to an umpire regarding a bowler's arm could occur before trial ends or up to 10 minutes after a game as similar to Laws 52.4.3 and 52.4.4.2. Any player found not to have an approved Bowling Arm will be listed as a defaulting player under Law C2 and will lose the game as per Law C10.

15. SCORECARDS

In a Singles match, there is only one official scorecard and that is the one kept by the marker. The front, back and total is to be completed on both sides of the card and after checking it must be signed and the finish time recorded immediately the match is completed by the opponents and the marker. Once the card is signed the scores shall not be altered and the cards shall be handed to the Match official as above.

16. TEMPORARY MARKINGS (DECALS)

Clubs should provide players with identical coloured discs (decals), discs/dots, 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 may be required for all finals.**

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.

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.



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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, DR5.2 & Appendix A.2.
- (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.

BQ Match Committee