



# Cunningham District Bowls Association Inc

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## Conditions of Play for CDBA Championships

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **1. CONTROL & CONDUCT OF THE EVENT**

The Cunningham District Bowls Association is the Controlling Body for all CDBA Championship events. The CDBA Match Committee shall assume the responsibility for the conduct of the Championships. The CDBA may co-opt others to assist as required

When Clubs are allocated an Event/s, a competent Games Official shall be appointed by the Club to assist the Match Committee.

#### **2. CHANGES TO CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

The District Match Committee reserves the right to alter the Conditions of Play, the format, the times of play and the greens to suit unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical, to achieve a result.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY**

(a) The Championships are open to financial male and female bowlers who have declared that their nominated Club is affiliated with Cunningham District Bowls Association at the time nominations close and for the duration of the Competition/s.

(b) Teams may consist of eligible players per 3.a. above from more than one Club. All clubs must be affiliated CDBA Clubs.

(c) Players under suspension, expulsion, or disqualification for any reason are ineligible to play.

#### **4. NOMINATIONS**

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

(b) Nominations must be submitted via the on-line system for each event and entry fees must be paid through that system prior to the nominated closing date (unless alternate payment methods are defined in the call-out notice).

(c) Nomination fees (including green fees) will not be refunded after the closing date.

(d) "To be advised players" will not be accepted.

#### **5. GREEN FEES**

Green fees for the first match of the event are included in the nomination fee. Subsequent matches shall incur a green fee as determined from time to time by Management Committee.

#### **6. THE PLAY**

(a) Play in all matches shall commence punctually in accordance with the times set out on the schedule.

(b) All players must report to the venue Club thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled time for their first event.

(c) Should any Event be delayed by inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstance, the Match Committee will advise of any new arrangements and the players involved shall make themselves available to play "when called."

(d) Failure to comply could invoke the "Play or Forfeit" Rule.

(e) The venue Clubs shall appoint the necessary officials who shall be under the control of the Match Committee.

#### **7. RINKS**

(a) For Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours matches, Venue Clubs are requested to play the morning matches in an east-west direction, and the afternoon matches in a north-south direction. In Singles matches the direction shall remain unchanged throughout the day. It is preferred that all rinks at Venue clubs be standardized as per Laws 49.1 and 49.2 however wherever possible must be a minimum of 4.5 metres in width.

(b) The Match Committee has the right to conduct the Event on any combination of synthetic, natural, or covered greens.

(c) In unforeseen circumstances the Match Committee may require teams to play on the same rinks in the same direction on the same day.

**8. PRIZE MONEY** is as advertised annually in the Tiered Prize Monies available on [www.cdba.org.au](http://www.cdba.org.au)

## **9. TROPHIES**

(a) Winners will receive suitably inscribed badges

## **10. MEALS**

Meals will be available at the player's cost at each venue Club and must be ordered and paid for prior to the commencement of play.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **1. THE COMPETITIONS**

(a) The Competitions shall be known as the Cunningham District Bowls Association Championship.

(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) All Events shall be subject to an Open Draw conducted through the on-line system

(d) The disciplines shall be Singles, Pairs, Over 60 Pairs, Mixed Pairs, and Fours.

(f) All disciplines shall be played on a knockout basis until a winner is obtained.

### **2. TRIAL ENDS**

(a) Two trial ends may be allowed as per Law 5.1 if time permits, (one trial end up and back).

(b) In the event of a player or team receiving a bye and not playing in the first match of the day, then they will be entitled to two trial end as above, provided the player or team has not practiced during the time prior to their first game of the day.

(c) Practice shall cease one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play.

(d) Trial Ends before the Final in each event shall be at the discretion of the Match Committee.

### **3. PLAYING SCHEDULES**

(a) All daytime matches shall be played to Timetable – Round 1 : 9.00 am – 11.30 am, Lunch : 11.30am – 12 noon, Round 2 : 12.00 am – 2.30 pm, Round 3 : 2.45 pm – 5.15 pm

(b) All night-time matches shall commence at 6.30pm and end as per clause 4(a) and 4(b)

Note: If the end is made dead after the bell then that end shall be replayed and if that end is made dead then the jack will be re-spotted on the Tee as per Law 56.5.3.

### **4. DURATION OF PLAY:**

Depending on byes and the Draw, players may be required to play three (3) rounds on a given day depending on opponents and rink availability.

(a) Pairs, Over 60's Pairs, Mixed Pairs & Fours Matches will be eighteen (18) ends with a two (2) hours thirty (30) minutes time limit. Finals shall be twenty-one (21) ends with no time limit.

(b) Singles matches: Rounds shall be twenty-one (21) shots up with two (2) hours thirty (30) minutes time limit. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals shall be 25 shots up knockout, no time limit

### **5. UNCOMPLETED MATCH**

(a) In Singles- If a match other than the final is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light, external imposed curfew or any other justifiable cause, fourteen (14) shots up will constitute a match

In finals games eighteen (18) shots up shall constitute a match

(b) In Pairs, Over 60 Pairs, Mixed Pairs & Fours - If a match is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light, external imposed curfew or any other justifiable cause, then twelve (12) ends shall constitute a match.

In finals fourteen (14) ends shall constitute a match

### **6. RESUMPTION OF MATCH**

(a) Resumption of Match If under the provisions of Law 32 a game is stopped and is not to be resumed on the same day the scorecard/s shall be ruled off and signed by the Games Controller and given to the Skips/Singles players to be taken (where applicable) to the new venue Club/s who are to be advised. The match/s shall resume with the score as it was when

the match/s were stopped.

## **7. PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY:**

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

(a) Singles: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

(b) Pairs: The Leads: may be called to the head after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. The Skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.

(c) Triples (Two Bowls) The Leads: after delivery of their second bowl. The Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl. The Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

(d) Fours The Leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl. The Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl. The Thirds: after delivery of their second bowl. The Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

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

(e) Position of Players, excluding Skips, players 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.

(f) Delaying play. As per Appendix A5 the following shall apply. 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 is playing in an unsportsmanlike manner by deliberately delaying play: On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player/team; If the player/team commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent/s of the offender/s will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent/s; and If the player offends the third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent/s.

## **8. 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 behind the two metre mark or 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 his Deputy will be at the head

## **9. WITHDRAWALS & FORFEITS:**

(a) Should a player in a Singles match, or a team, fail to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time the opponent shall be awarded the match.

(b) Should both Singles players, or both teams, fail to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time, then both players/teams shall forfeit the right to continue.

(c) Any player/team that forfeits a match and fails to give a satisfactory explanation, may be denied the right to play in any Cunningham District fixture/competition, excluding pennants, for the ensuing twelve (12) months.

## **10. SUBSTITUTES / REPLACEMENT PLAYERS:**

(a) Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the Competitions and replacement players as per DR 2.3. Note: The Controlling Body and Umpire must be advised in every circumstance.

## **11. DISQUALIFICATION:**

Should there be a Challenge to Bowls under Law 52.4 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.

## **12. ARTIFICIAL DEVICES:**

Applied as per Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy dated February 2019

## **13. SCORECARDS:**

Scorecards shall be signed as being correct by skips and the completion time of the match will also be recorded prior to

being handed to the Match Official.

**14. TEMPORARY MARKINGS (DECALS):**

Where temporary bowls markings (decals) are used, it is preferred that all players and teams only use large and small rings or centre dots on each side of their bowls, however all bowls in a team event must be marked identically.

**15. COACHING DURING MATCH:**

Players/teams who intend to receive coaching during a match, must inform the Match Committee and Umpire of the Coach's name as soon as possible prior to the first match commencing but not less than 30 mins prior to the start of the competition. There shall only be one coach per team or player and that coach cannot be changed for each match. Please Note: Any person wishing to coach in this event must hold Bowls Australia coaching accreditation and must show it when registering.

**16. 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, pagers, ipads, ipods, radios etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" emergency personnel by the Controlling Body after consultation.

**17. 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 Cunningham District Management or Committee, 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".

**18. EXTREME WEATHER POLICY:**

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

**19. LIGHTS:** Games may be played or completed under lights if required.

**20. 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 Singles finals, Markers will be appointed by the Management Committee in consultation with the Match Committee.

(c) Markers shall be attired according to the requirements set down for players.

**21. ATTIRE:**

(a) 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) Each player and the manager or coach in a team must be similarly attired. (If a composite team of different clubs, then players may wear their own registered Club Uniform)