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## Conditions of Play for Covid Challenge

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## **1. CONTROL**

- 1.1 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
- 1.2 The Controlling Body shall have full control over the conduct of the Covid Cup competition.
- 1.3 The Controlling Body shall have the power to enquire into and adjudicate any disputes or interpretations as they occur.
- 1.4 All decisions by the Controlling Body must be confirmed in writing by noon of the following day.
- 1.5 A decision by the Controlling Body in relation to any event, interpretation or fine imposed can be appealed in accordance with Clause 26.

## **2. MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB**

- 2.1 A player must comply with:
  - 2.1.1 Bowls Australia: "Affiliation and Eligibility to Play Policy" (Clauses 5 and 6).
  - 2.1.2 Cunningham District Bowls Association By Law 13  
as amended from time to time.

## **3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 It is a condition of entry for this event that all players are familiar with and accept these Conditions of Play.
- 3.2 Clubs shall submit entries on the official on-line nomination form. Nominations must be accompanied by the prescribed fee, by the closing time advertised by the Controlling Body unless stipulated otherwise.
- 3.3 Where it is necessary to structure a draw without byes, the Controlling Body can seek additional entries after the closing date or reject submitted entries. If a submitted entry is rejected, the Club will be advised in writing of the reason for the rejection within seven days.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY**

- 4.3 Only male and female players whose nominated club is affiliated with the Cunningham District Bowls Association can be selected to play in the CDBA Covid Open Pairs competition.
  - 4.3.1 Sides may comprise all male, all female or any combination of the genders consistent with the competition being an Open Gender competition.
- 4.4 Provisions for Selection:
  - 4.4.1 The player was a financial member of their nominated club on 1<sup>st</sup> July that year or one week prior to the start of the competition, whichever comes first.
  - 4.4.2 The player has not played in another Covid Pairs Division within that Divisional Round.
    - 4.4.2.1 Weekend & weekday events are different competitions and a player is eligible to play in both competitions in the same week.
  - 4.4.3 A player has not played in four or more Division One Pennant matches in the same year
  - 4.4.3 The Controlling Body shall determine all questions of eligibility.

## **5. SUBSTITUTES**

- 5.1 Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the competition.

## **6. GRADING, PROMOTION AND DEMOTION OF PLAYERS IN A ROUND**

- 6.1 A player may play in both the Midweek and Weekend competitions in the same week

6.1.1 A player may play once per round in the Midweek competition and once per round in the weekend competitions.

6.2 A player becomes registered in a section after their second game in a conference within the competition and cannot play in another conference in that grading.

6.3 A player may move between competition gradings ranging from the lowest "Bronze" through to mid "Silver" to highest "Gold"

6.4 A player having played 3 games in a grading may not revert to a lower grading

6.4.1 A player may be graded in different competition grades when competing in both Midweek and Weekend competitions

## **7 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN FINALS**

7.1 Any player, having played two games in a competition grade or grades may only compete in the higher of those grades

7.1.1 A bye may be used to qualify for finals play only in that conference in which the bye occurs providing the player plays in no other conference or grading during the bye round

7.2 Clubs involved in finals play shall provide a list of their participating players' names and membership numbers to the Controlling Body at the CDBA office a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start time of event.

7.3 A maximum of two players from a lower grading in which the Club competes can play up providing that:

7.3.1 All the players who are eligible to play for that side under Clauses 7.1 and 7.2 are genuinely unavailable because of ill health, work or such other reason being advised in writing by the side manager or club secretary to the Controlling Body, and

7.3.2 The Controlling Body pre-approves in writing the reason for players not being available and also the players which the club proposes to play in their stead.

7.4 If a side has insufficient players graded, plus two eligible players allowed to 'play up', then the side may apply in writing to the Controlling Body for non-graded players to play. Higher graded players may not 'play down' under any circumstances.

7.5 In determining eligibility the Controlling Body will ONLY accept the result sheet submitted after each game. Each result sheet shall be submitted by the winning team and confirmed by the losing team

## **8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION**

### **8.1 Allocation, Promotion and Relegation of Clubs**

8.1.1 This is the direct responsibility of the Controlling Body, which will give consideration to the allocation of sides in order to achieve a fair and balanced competition.

### **8.2 Competition Gradings**

8.2.1 Midweek and Weekend competitions are separate events from each other

8.2.1 The competitions shall be divided into three gradings "Gold", "Silver", "Bronze".

8.2.2 A grading will be split into Conferences comprising no less than 4 sides and no greater than 7 sides

### **8.3 Sides**

8.3.1 A side shall consist of six players divided into three pairs

8.3.2 A club may have a number of sides in a grading dependent on the number of conferences in that grade

## 8.5 Qualifying Rounds

8.5.1 Dependent on numbers of sides in a conference the following shall apply

4 Sides – All sides shall play 6 games

5 Sides - All sides shall play a minimum of 5 games

6 Sides - All sides shall play a minimum of 5 games

7 Sides - All sides shall play a minimum of 6 games

## 8.6 Finals Play

8.6.1 Gradings winners shall be determined in a finals series according to the number of conferences within the grading

8.6.1.1 **Appendix A** shows the format for the finals series dependent on the numbers of conferences

8.6.2 Host clubs and any alternative clubs, dates, days and time selected for finals play will be announced at least two weeks prior to the conduct of the finals competition.

## 9. PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

9.1 All Matches shall be played according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), as amended from time to time, and these Conditions of Play.

## 10. DATES AND TIME OF PLAY

10.1 All games will be played at times confirmed by the draw. Home sides will confirm the time and day of play with the start time being locked into the same start time for a side within a conference during the qualifying rounds.

10.1.1 Any change to the nominated start times shall be agreed by the competing clubs and shall be advised to the Match Committee

10.1.2 Weekend games may be played either Saturday or Sunday

10.1.3 Weekday games may be played either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

10.1.4 Where clubs cannot agree on a day or time the matter is to be referred to the Match Committee for a ruling.

## 11. GAME FORMAT

### 11.1 Weekend Games

2 hours & 45 minutes time limit

4 bowls per player playing 2 x 2 x 2 x 2, 18 ends

Each game shall be played as 3 sets of 6 ends with the score reverting to zero at the commencement of a new set (ends 7 & 13)

No dead ends. Re-spot the Jack as per Law 56.5.1 and Law 56.5.3 (One re-spot position)

Jack & Mat to be placed at the discretion of the team winning the previous end  
The team winning ends 6 & 12 retain the right to place the jack & mat for ends 7 & 13

Two match points will be awarded to the team for each set won, One match point shall be awarded to both teams where the set score is drawn

Where a match is not completed prior to the time limit the following shall apply :

- All sets that have been completed shall count
- Where four or more ends have been completed the end score shall count and the set shall be considered complete

- Where less than four ends have been completed the set shall be considered a draw and each side shall be awarded 3 shots for and 3 shots against as a final set score.

## 11.2 Midweek Games

2 hours & 30 minutes time limit

3 bowls per player playing 3 x 3, 18 ends

Each game shall be played as 3 sets of 6 ends with the score reverting to zero at the commencement of a new set (ends 7 & 13)

No dead ends. Re-spot the Jack as per Law 56.5.1 and Law 56.5.3 (One re-spot position)

Jack & Mat to be placed at the discretion of the team winning the previous end  
The team winning ends 6 & 12 retain the right to place the jack & mat for ends 7 & 13

Two match points will be awarded to the team for each set won, One match point shall be awarded to both teams where the set score is drawn

Where a match is not completed prior to the time limit the following shall apply :

- All sets that have been completed shall count
- Where four or more ends have been completed the end score shall count and the set shall be considered complete
- Where less than four ends have been completed the set shall be considered a draw and each side shall be awarded 3 shots for and 3 shots against as a final set score.

## 12. TRIAL ENDS AND PRACTICE

12.1 Practice is allowed sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match.

12.1.1 Practice by members of Pairs Sides is allowed on the Host Club's greens before matches providing a green is available.

## 13. INCOMPLETE ROUND / INCLEMENT WEATHER

13.1 If during Divisional Rounds, a justifiable cause e.g. inclement weather or greens unfit for play, prevents the start of any Match within one (1) hour of the scheduled start time, that Match shall be abandoned and Clause 13.4 will apply. Note: Inclement weather can be the result of rain, high wind, lightning, darkness, hot weather (as defined in the Bowls Australia 'Extreme Weather Policy – Hot weather Section') or any other climatic condition that can pose a danger to the players or officials.

13.2 If during a match the ends have not been completed prior to the timed conclusion of the game the following shall apply :

13.2.1 For each set where four or more ends have been completed the score shall stand and the set shall be counted

13.2.2 For each set where less than four ends have been completed the set shall be considered drawn and each team shall be awarded one match point for that set.

13.3 If a Match in a Divisional Round is interrupted and at least forty three (43) ends have been completed, all reasonable efforts should be made to complete the Match on the same day / night. If completion of the game on the same day / night is not possible,

then that Match shall be deemed completed at the time of the stoppage and the Match Points, Margin and Percentage Shots shall be awarded accordingly.

#### 13.4 Abandoned Match

13.4.1 If, during the Divisional Rounds, a justifiable cause (e.g. inclement weather) prevents the start of any Match, then:

13.4.1.1 If the Controlling Body determines that the result of an abandoned Match can affect the sides eligible for Finals Play or relegation, then the Controlling Body will reschedule the Match to be played at a time and place determined by the Controlling Body.

13.4.1.2 If the Controlling Body determines that the result of an abandoned Match will not affect the sides eligible for Finals Play or relegation, then that Match will not be played and no Match Points, Margin or Percentage Shots will be awarded.

#### 13.5 Incomplete Match

13.5.1 If, during Divisional Rounds, a Match is commenced and a justifiable cause prevents the minimum number of ends being completed for the Match to be 'deemed completed' under Clause 13.3, then if the Controlling Body determines:

13.5.1.1 That the result of an incomplete Match can affect the sides eligible for Finals Play or relegation, then the Controlling Body will reschedule the Match to be continued at a time and place determined by the Controlling Body.

13.5.1.2 That the result of an incomplete Match will not affect the sides eligible for Finals Play or relegation, then that Match can be requested to be played and if not played no Match Points, Margin or Percentage Shots shall be awarded.

13.6 Lights can be used to enable a game to be completed i.e. the number of ends played, as specified in Clause 11.

#### 14. **SIDE MANAGER**

14.1 Each side will have a playing or non-playing manager. The name and telephone number of such manager will be shown on each competition result sheet.

#### 15. **DRAW FOR RINKS**

15.1 The draw for cards and rinks shall be carried out by the Side Managers at the Host Club at least half an hour before the scheduled starting time of the competition. Should the visiting Side Manager not be present at that time, then the home Side Manager can randomly draw the allocation of rinks.

15.2 During Finals Play, the allocation of rinks for each Division shall be conducted by not less than two members of the Match Committee not later than forty five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Side Managers will then proceed as indicated by Clause 15.1.

#### 16. **PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY** (See Appendix A.4.1.7)

16.1 Players can only walk up to the head as follows:

16.1.1 **Leads** after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.

16.1.2 **Seconds** after delivery of their second bowl.

16.1.3 **Thirds** after delivery of their second bowl.

16.1.4 **Skips** after delivery of each of their bowls.

16.2 Players may be called to the head by their skip, but this action must not unduly delay play.

#### 17. **POSITION OF PLAYERS WHEN NOT PLAYING**

17.1 **At the mat end** Players not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.

17.2 **At the head** Players not controlling the head should stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head or on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch, or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.

17.3 **At the start of each end** Only the skip will be at the head.

## 18. SCORING

18.1 Two match points will be awarded to the team for each set won, One match point shall be awarded to both teams where the set score is drawn

18.2 Scoring during the qualifying rounds shall be in order of precedence

- Points
- Set Points
- Sets Won
- Score Difference
- Shots Percentage

## 19. GREEN FEES

19.1 For **Divisional Rounds**:

For All Men's and Ladies matches, players will pay green fees to their home Club.

19.2 For **Finals Play**, green fees shall be paid to the Host Club. The Controlling Body will nominate the green fees to be paid by the players at the time of nominating the Host Clubs for Finals Play.

## 20. USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

20.1 The use of electronic devices such as mobile phones, radios, paging devices, etc. by either players or spectators, is not permitted within six (6) metres of the green whilst a Match is in progress. However, in special cases (doctors' pagers etc.) a player may request exemption from this rule from the Umpire prior to the commencement of play.

## 21. ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT:

### 1. Attire

(a) Attire will be as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 14. Club uniforms to be worn.

(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

### 2. Equipment

#### (i) Artificial Devices

Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy (February 2019) shall apply for Wheelchair, Walking Frame & Bowler Arm devices

## 22. REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are to be left to the discretion of the clubs

## 23. DELETED

## **24. FORFEITS AND PENALTIES**

- 24.1 An infringement of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls will invoke penalties as specified in the Law Book.
- 24.2 In the event of a Club not completing a series, the sides drawn against that Club in subsequent Matches will be allotted Match Points, Margin and Percentage Shots in accordance with Clause 24.3 for each Match not completed.
- 24.3 In the event of a Club forfeiting a Match:
- 24.3.1 The Club receiving the forfeit shall be allotted eighteen (18) Match Points and a Margin calculated by averaging the Margins gained by the remaining completed Matches in that round in that Division, each rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded up).
- 24.3.2 The side forfeiting shall be awarded no Match Points and the reverse of the average Margin as calculated in Clause 24.3.1.
- 24.3.4 Players in the forfeiting side, who have already qualified for Finals Play, shall not play in a lower Division during that Round.
- 24.4 Prior to the commencement of the competition, a Club that has obtained a certification in writing from a player who is subsequently found to be ineligible to play, will not be penalised except in Finals Play, where Clause 24.7 will apply.
- 24.5 Where an ineligible player is played by a Club in a round and the Club, in the view of the Controlling Body, has not taken all reasonable steps to ensure the player's eligibility and/or where a Club and/or player has deliberately violated these rules:
- 24.5.1 For each occurrence the offending side will lose all Match Points gained in that round and the total 'shots for' shall be altered by reducing its total by twelve (12) shots. In addition the offending Club/player will be disqualified from playing in the competition for a period determined by the Controlling Body.
- 24.6.2 For each occurrence the non-offending side shall receive two (18) Match Points regardless of who won or lost the round, but the total 'shots for' or 'shots against' will not be altered.
- 24.6.3 A player who becomes ineligible to play for any reason and does not inform their nominating Club will be disqualified from further participation in all or part of the competition and in addition can, at the option of the CDBA, be charged under the CDBA Constitution and Clauses and suffer such other penalties as the CDBA may determine.
- 24.7 Notwithstanding Clause 24.5, when an ineligible player is played by a Club in Finals Play, that Club will be disqualified.

## **25. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THESE CONDITIONS**

- 25.1 Where a penalty is not specified, the penalty for a breach of these Conditions of Play will be determined by the Controlling Body at its absolute discretion.

## **26. COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE**

### 26.1 General

- 26.1.1 This procedure applies only to infringements of these Conditions of Play for Covid Cup. This procedure has been set up to ensure that where possible, complaints are resolved before the next round of the competition. General discipline and other matters outside the scope of the Conditions of Play are handled in accordance with the CDBA Constitution.

### 26.2 Lodging a Complaint

- 26.2.1 A complaint against an infringement of these Conditions of Play can be lodged in a report from either the Side Managers (notation on the Result Sheet), or in writing by a District Official or Club (issued under the signature of the Club Secretary) against a participant in this competition within forty eight (48) hours of the cessation of the match in question.

### 26.3 Who shall handle complaint

- 26.3.1 Upon the receipt of a complaint, the District Secretary shall:



26.3.1.1 Advise the player and their Club of the details of the complaint and advise them that they can make a written submission and/or have a right to be represented in accordance with Clause 26.6 at the hearing.

26.3.1.2 Advise the player and their Club of the date, venue and time of the Controlling Body hearing.

26.3.1.3 Provide the Controlling Body Chairperson with full details of the complaint.

#### 26.3.2 Investigation of the Complaint

26.3.2.1 The complaint will be investigated by the Controlling Body, who shall meet within three (3) days of receiving the complaint on the date, venue and time advised to the player and their Club in Clause 26.3.1.2.

26.3.2.2 The decision of the Controlling Body will be given to the Club/player if present, at the conclusion of submissions (if any). If the Club or player is not in attendance the player's Club will be advised of the outcome no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the Controlling Body hearing. The result will be confirmed in writing with the Club at the earliest practicable time.

#### 26.4 Right of Appeal

26.4.1 The player or their Club has the right of appeal. Advice of intention to appeal together with any written submissions shall be lodged with the District Secretary no later than 12:00 noon on the second day following the player/Club being made aware of the decision by the Controlling Body.

26.4.2 The appeal hearing will be held on a date, and at a venue and time determined by the Appeal Tribunal (refer Clause 26.5), but no later than two (2) days after receipt of the appeal. The District Secretary shall advise the player and their Club of the details of the time, date and venue of the Appeal Tribunal Hearing and of their right to representation in accordance with Clause 26.6.

26.4.3 The decision of the Appeal Tribunal will be given to the Club/player if present, at the conclusion of submissions (if any). If the Club or player is not in attendance, the player's Club will be advised of the outcome no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the Appeals Tribunal hearing and the result will be confirmed in writing with the Club at the earliest practicable time.

26.4.4 The decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be final.

#### 26.5 Appeal Tribunal

26.5.1 The Appeal Tribunal shall comprise, in accordance with Clause 24 of the CDBA By Laws, a minimum of three (3) persons who shall hear the appeal and make a determination.

#### 26.6 Representation

26.6.1 In respect of a Controlling Body and/or Appeals Tribunal Hearing, a person or Club who is the subject of a complaint shall:

26.6.1.1 have the right to present in writing or in person a response to the complaint;

26.6.1.2 have the right to attend scheduled hearings and to call evidence and witnesses;

26.6.1.3 not be entitled to be represented by or have a solicitor, barrister or other agent attend any hearing.

26.6.1.4 A junior person shall be accompanied by a parent/guardian.