

YOWANI COUNTRY CLUB
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
 FOR
THE CONDUCT OF BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
 and
OTHER BOWLING EVENTS

1. **DEFINITIONS:**

- (a) Association. Bowls ACT;
- (b) BC. The Yowani Country Club Bowls Committee
- (c) Clause. A clause of these "Conditions of Play";
- (d) Club. Yowani Country Club;
- (e) Law/s. A Law or Laws of the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition and Domestic Regulations as revised or amended from time to time;
- (f) Controlling Body (CB) for:
 - (i) approval of the Bowls Programme, the Conditions of Play or cancellation of matches and adjudicating on appeals referred by Duty National Umpires—the BC;
 - (ii) Men's Bowls: implementing of the Men's Bowls Programme including Mixed Fours, Mixed Pairs and Novice Singles—the Bowls Co-ordinator (Men) or delegate;
 - (iii) Women's Bowls: implementing the Women's Bowls Programme including Mixed Consistency—the Bowls Co-ordinator (Women) or delegate;
 - (iv) All Mixed Events: The Bowls Co-ordinator (Men) or a male or female member appointed by the Bowls Co-ordinator (Men).
 - (v) implementing Special Events (other than the Women's Six Player Medley) the Jock MacDonald Memorial Trophy, Singles Champions Challenge and the Senior Veterans' Trophies—the Bowls Co-ordinator (Men) or delegate: and
 - (vi) implementing the Women's Six Player Medley—the Bowls Co-ordinator (Women).
- (g) Championships (ACT) Events: Major Fours, Major Triples, Major Pairs and Major Singles;
- (h) Minor Events: Minor Singles, Minor Pairs, Mixed Fours, Mixed Pairs and Sets Play;
- (i) Novelty Events: Sets Play Pairs, Handicap Singles, Handicap Pairs, Mixed Novice Singles, Mixed Consistency and Women's Consistency, the Three Stooges Competition;
- (j) Programme: the Approved Bowls Programme: and
- (k) Special Events: Singles Champions Challenge Trophy, the Jock MacDonald Memorial Trophy, the Women's Six Player Medley, Mixed Six-a-Side Medley and the Senior Veterans' Trophies and Mixed Sports Day

2. **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 2.1 **Programming**. Major, Minor, Special, Novelty and Open Events shall be conducted as programmed by the BC.

- 2.2 **Dress.** Dress for all competitions and tournaments shall be Uniform for Men and Women. Any over garment must also be White or Cream or approved uniform.
- 2.3 **Shoes.** All members shall wear approved flat soled Bowls shoes for all practice, social and competition games. All casual and new learner bowlers shall wear flat soled shoes that don't have a pronounced heel or deep / rough tread.
- 2.4 **Starting Dates and Times.**
1. Starting dates for Social Bowls will be as published in the Programme: start times will be in line with Australian Eastern Times.
 - (a) During AEST (non-Daylight Savings Time):
 - (i) Women's AM games will start at 10.00 AM—nominations close at 9.00 AM—cards called at 9.45 AM.
 - (ii) Men's and Mixed PM games will start at will start at 12.30 PM—nominations close at 10.30 AM—with cards called at 12.15PM.
 - (b) During summer, (AESST—Daylight Saving Time):
 - (i) Women's AM games will start at 10.00 AM—nominations close at 9.00 AM—cards called at 9.45 AM.
 - (ii) Men's and Mixed PM games will start at 1.00 PM: nominations close at 11.00 AM with cards called at 12.45 PM.
 - (c) During winter months Women's events may start at 10.30 AM with nominations closing at 9.30 AM; cards being called at 10.15 AM
 2. Starting dates and times for Competition games will be notified on the Nomination Sheets for particular events.

3. **PARTICULAR CONDITIONS**

3.1 **Club Championships** (ACT Events) shall be in a drawn knockout format and consist of:-

- (a) Major Singles: Preliminary rounds first to 21 shots; final, first to 25 shots
- (b) Major Pairs: Preliminary rounds 18 ends; final, 21 ends
- (c) Triples: Preliminary rounds 21 ends and 2 bowls per player; final 25 ends
- (d) Triples (optional)—15 ends if 3 bowl Triples is played, final 18 ends
- (e) Major Fours: Preliminary rounds 18 ends and 2 bowls per player; final 21 ends

3.2 **Minor events**—except for 3.2 (e)—shall be in a drawn knockout format and consist of:-

- (a) Minor Singles: First to 25 shots,
- (b) Minor Pairs. 21 ends,
- (c) Mixed Pairs. 21 ends,
- (d) Mixed Fours: 21 ends.
- (e) Sets Play: 8 ends. [see clause 3.7(c)(iii)]

3.3 **Women's Social Bowls**

- (a) Singles. First to 25 shots (if played)
- (b) Pairs. 18 ends Four bowls (2x2x2x2)
- (c) Triples. 21 ends 2 bowls or 18 ends 3 bowls

(d) Fours. 18 ends.

(e) Mixed day. 18 ends.

3.4 **Men's Social Bowls**.

3.4.1 (a) Singles. 21 ends—four bowls

(b) Pairs. 21 ends—four bowls (2x2x2x2)

(c) Triples: 21 Ends—3 Bowls (except when Match Sub-Committee indicates otherwise)

(d) Fours. 21 ends—two bowls

(e) Mixed Day. 21 ends

3.5.1 **All Bowls**.

(a) Tied games. Where a knockout competition game is tied after completion of the specified number of ends a full extra end will be played. [Law 45.1]. In social games, Women skips will each bowl one extra bowl to establish the winning team, and Men will play a full extra end.

(b) Dead Ends. In Competitions, dead ends will be replayed. [Law 31]. In Sets Play the Jack will be re-spotted on the "T". In all Social games the Jack will be re-spotted on the "T".

(c) Slow Play. If games are unduly delayed because of the number of dead ends or because of slow play the match Sub-Committee is permitted to impose a time limit on those games. As a guide, there should not be a delay of more than 30 minutes from the finish of the first game to the finish of the last game.

3.6.1 **Senior Veterans' Trophies**. The Senior Veterans' Trophy matches will be played on Bowls Presentation day:

(a) The Women's Senior Veterans' Trophy match will be played to 18 ends—weather permitting.

(b) The Men's Senior Veterans' (OBE) Trophy match will be played to 21 ends—weather permitting.

3.6.2 **Open Events**: Open Events played at the Club are the Mixed Sports Day and the Six Player Medleys. They will be played on dates scheduled in the Approved Bowls Programme.

(a) Mixed Sports Day matches will be played by teams of four. There must be at least one of the opposite gender in each team. The CB for the competition will be a member or members appointed by the BC.

(b) Women's Six Player Medley will be played by sides of six—playing two games of Triples, one game of Pairs and one game of Fours. The CB for the competition will be a member or members appointed by the BC.

(c) Mixed Six Player Medley will be played by sides of six—three women and three men—playing two games of Triples, one game of Pairs and one game of Fours. The CB for the competition will be a member or members appointed by the BC.

3.7 **Minor and Novelty events**, excluding Novice Singles, can attract nominations from affiliated members who have transferred to the Club from other clubs during the year. Transferees who have contested similar events in other clubs during the current bowling season are eligible to enter. However, eligibility for Minor Singles and Minor Pairs events is qualified by the particular eligibility for those events (see Clause 13.4).

3.8.1 **Novelty events** shall follow the format of the particular event and consist of:

- (a) Mixed Novice Singles: First to 25 shots, with nominations restricted to Novice bowlers, that is, bowlers who have joined the Club within the last two years prior to the competition start date—or other time as determined from time to time by the BC—having not previously played bowls at this Club or elsewhere and has not won the Mixed Novice Singles or a Minor or Major Single or Pairs competition;
- (b) Mixed Consistency: First to 100 points and to Conditions of Play determined by the BC; and
- (c) Handicap Events: Handicaps will be determined by the Selection Sub-committees (men handicapping men—women handicapping women) and will range from Zero (0) to plus fifteen (+15). The handicap of each player is their starting point for the match. Score cards to show the adjusted handicaps before the game starts.
 - (i) Handicap Singles: First to 31 shots,
 - (ii) Handicap Pairs: 21 ends. The Controlling body will separate the nominees into two groups such that there is an equal number of "Skips" and "Leads"—Skips being the players on higher handicaps—and the players will conduct an "open draw" for partners. The handicaps of the partners will be averaged, that is, added and divided by two and, if the result involves a fraction, rounded up, and
- (d) Singles Sets Play: This will consist of 2 Sets of 8 Ends per game to be played as a Sectional Round Robin with a Final Series. Tied results will be resolved by playing a "tie-breaker" series. The Final will be played over three sets of nine ends.

3.8 **The Laws** shall have precedence in any dispute or interpretation of these Conditions of Play.

4. **ENTRY NOMINATIONS / FEES**

- 4.1 Entry nominations shall be in accordance with the Programme and guidelines as published by the Controlling Body. Both Men's and Women's Entry nominations will normally close fourteen days before the scheduled first round of an event. The Nomination Sheet shall include the basic Conditions of Play for each event.
- 4.2 Entry fees for all Club Championships will be as determined by the BC from time to time.

5. **NOTIFICATION FOR PLAY**

- 5.1 Event draws shall be conducted at the Club as soon as possible after the closing time for nominations. Notification for play will be advertised on the Bowls Notice Board immediately on completion of a draw.

6. **PLAYING PERIODS / TIMES**

- 6.1 All Men's events will be conducted as publicised in the Programme if possible: subject to changes where necessary, as the availability of rink space or weather conditions permit.
- 6.2 All Women's events will be conducted as publicised in the Programme, if possible: subject to changes where necessary, as the availability of rink space or weather permits.
- 6.3 Games for morning play will normally commence at 9:30 AM (9:15 AM trial ends) and afternoon play will normally commence at 1: 15 PM (1.00 PM trial ends) unless advised otherwise by the Bowls Coordinator.
- 6.4 Women's games scheduled for Wednesdays shall commence thirty (30) minutes prior to the start time for social bowls.
- 6.5 One trial end may be permitted each way before the start of play, or resumption of play on another day, of any game—Law 18
- 6.6 The Controlling Body will make every endeavour to schedule finals of any events on days other than those on which semi-finals are played.

7. **PRECEDENCE FOR EVENTS**

- 7.1 **Championship** events shall be given precedence over Minor events, which in turn shall be given precedence over Novelty and Special events. Participation in Bowls ACT Championships / events or representative games shall be given precedence over Club Championships.
- 7.2 (a) A player qualified to play in more than one event being conducted by the Club shall not be penalised for failing to play in any other Club event/s scheduled to be played at the same time [DR 6.1]. Forfeits shall not be applied to entrants "double booked" in Club events.
- (b) If a player enters in two or more competitions conducted by different Controlling Bodies—other than Bowls ACT—which are scheduled to be played at the same time, a substitute is not to be permitted [DR 4.1.9(b)]. The player's position shall be declared vacant [DR 4.1.9(c)] and the player replaced under DR 4.1.3.
- (c) However, if an intended player is not able to play in a championship event because of playing or officiating in an International or Interstate event (time being allowed for two way travel), then:
- (i) In a team event, a substitute may be permitted [DR 4.1.5];
- (ii) In a side event, one substitute may be allowed in each team [DR 4.1.11];
- (iii) If the event is a Singles Championship, the game shall be rescheduled to an earlier date [DR 6.2 dot 1]; or
- (iv) If the championship cannot be rescheduled, then the player shall decide which event to contest [DR 6.2 dot 2].
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the conditions of Clause 7. 1 (above), if scheduling permits, the Controlling Body may afford dispensation to members to play in Intrastate and official Association matches—Championship Singles, Pairs and Fours, Champion of Club Champions and Masters events and Pennants. If allowed, such dispensation is to cover travelling time to and from venues of play, training, practice and selection trials and officiating at such events.
- 7.4 The Controlling Body shall not apply forfeits on Club members who are scheduled to play in both golf and bowls games occurring on the same date/time. Precedence is to be accorded to official golf tournaments / championships.

8. **FORFEITS**

- 8.1 (a) The Duty National Umpire shall apply forfeits if the opposition is not available to start play 30 minutes after the due time for commencement of play. This Clause shall apply to all rounds of competition. Forfeits will not apply to entrants "double booked" in Club events (see Clause 7.1 (a) above).
- (b) In the absence of a National Umpire the Controlling Body or the opponents may appoint an independent person to act as Umpire [Law 55. 2 dot 13].
- 8.2 The Controlling Body on appeal can apply forfeits.

9. **REPLACEMENTS** [DR 4.1.3]

- 9.1 A replacement player may, on approval of the Controlling Body, take the place of an intended player who is unable to play, or continue to play, in a competition. The replacement can play in any position including that of Skip:
- 9.2 A replacement must be an eligible player and must not have previously played in that competition:
- 9.3 Only one Player may be replaced in a team per competition—DR 4. (c).

10. **SUBSTITUTES**

- 10.1 Substitutes may be allowed on application to the Controlling Body [Law 51] and the substitute's name shall be entered on the score card as a substitute for the team member. [Law 51 and DR 4.1.5]
- 10.2 The score card is to be marked with the substitute's name and initialled by the Duty National Umpire.

10.3 The following points shall guide Duty National Umpires when deciding on the eligibility of proposed substitutes. A substitute:

- (a) may be allowed if the proposed substitute has **not** been constituted for the same event [DR 4.1.20].
- (c) shall **not** be allowed to play as skip [Law 51.4 and DR 4.1.14]
- (d) shall not be allowed if the absent player enters another competition scheduled to be played at any other venue at the same time. The Controlling Body shall declare the position of the absent player vacant [DR 9 (b)] and shall allow an eligible member to fill the vacated position as a replacement player [DR 4.1.3].
- (e) **may** be allowed when a player is unavailable due to sudden illness, death or sickness in the family or of a near relative, or when the unavailability is caused by an accident, work commitments, or any other **justifiable** situation, which is outside the control of the player. Players should not enter a competition when they know they will not be available for a semi-final or the final.
- (f) the Laws shall be observed with regard to the inter-relationships between eligible, intended, replacement and constituted players.

10.4 Only one substitute is allowed in a team—DR 4.1.9 (e)

10.5 (a) Only a Fours team may contain a substitute and a replacement simultaneously—DR 4.1.9 (f):

- (b) Triples or Pairs game will be allowed one replacement or one substitute but not simultaneously—DR 4.1.9 (g).

11. UN-SCHEDULED PLAY

11.1 If unavoidable circumstances prevent play on the scheduled day, players / team may apply to the Controlling Body, to play the game at a date and /or time **earlier** than the scheduled date [see Clause 11.2 (c)] or at a date and /or a time **earlier** than the next scheduled round. The lack of green space (due to the staging of other events) or inclement weather) shall not constitute a valid reason to request further (i.e., more than one) consideration.

11.2 The following matters are to be observed where the Controlling Body agrees to a proposed re-scheduling of a game under these conditions of play:

- (a) The rescheduled game is to be played at this Club,
- (b) National Umpires and Markers are to be arranged by the opposing Singles players, or the teams requesting the rescheduling of the game.
- (c) games are NOT to be arranged so that they take place prior to the officially scheduled date / time where advantage could be gained by avoiding playing more than one game on any one day, when more than one game is scheduled by the Controlling Body, and
- (d) un-scheduled game results are to be notified by the participants to the Controlling Body at the earliest opportunity.

12. DUTY UMPIRES

12.1 The Controlling Body shall arrange for Club National Umpires to officiate at Championship events. If an Accredited National Umpire is unavailable the Controlling Body or the players may appoint a competent neutral person to act as the umpire (Law 36.1.6)

12.2 National Umpires adjudicating on appeals about weather conditions should be guided by the Green Keeper and / or Controlling Body where such weather conditions may have an adverse effect on the greens.

13. CONDITIONS OF PARTICULAR APPLICATION

- 13.1 All events. Entrants in any event may be required to play more than one game—other than finals—on any one day. Where such arrangements exist, exclusive of byes, forfeits and rescheduling under Clause 11.1, their opponents shall also have participated in a previous game on that day. [See Clause 11.2(c)].
- 13.2 Only one game of Women's Singles is to be played per day.
- 13.3 Singles events. All players, entered in Singles events, shall make themselves available to mark in the first rounds of such events where they are not drawn to play. Losing players in Singles games shall make themselves available to mark subsequent games in that event.
- 13.4 Mixed Fours events. Mixed Fours events shall consist of two men and two women who will bowl in any order as directed by the Skip.
- 13.4 Eligibility to play in Minor events. As follows:
- (a) a player who has won either a Major Singles or a Major Pairs championship event at this or any other club, or more senior (eg. Association) Singles or Pairs event, is not eligible to compete in Minor Singles or Minor Pairs events at this Club,
 - (b) a player who has won both Minor Singles and Minor Pairs events at any club is not eligible to play in further similar Minor Singles or Minor Pairs events at this Club,
 - (c) a player who has won a Minor Singles event at any club but who has not won a Minor Pairs event at any club is eligible to play in Minor Pairs events at this Club, and
 - (d) a player who has won a Minor Pairs event at any club but who has not won a Minor Singles event at any club is eligible to play in Minor Singles events at this Club.

14. **RESCHEDULING / CANCELLATION / DISQUALIFICATION / APPEALS**

14.1 Rescheduling of Games. Authority is as follows:

- (a) For changes to the Bowls Programme—the BC—Clause 1(f)(i)
- (b) If weather conditions and / or Greens are not suitable—the Controlling Body. If the Duty National Umpire—on appeal by the players—agrees to abandon play, the umpire will immediately inform the Controlling Body.

14.2 Cancellation of Competitions / Games. Authority for cancellation of competitions and /or games is the BC.

14.3 For matters related to appeals and disqualification—the BC—Clause 1(f)(i).

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