

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

**CONTROLLING BODY:** APBC Saturday (for Club events and Mixed Pairs) and  
Midweek Match Committee (for Ladies' events)  
Appointed Tournament Director: Carole Rafferty

**EVENT:** **APBC Club Championships**

**DATES:** As advised by the Controlling Body

**VENUE:** Albert Park BC

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

Except for those members who are:

- not financial (i.e. current membership year fees not paid); or
- Social, Dual or Permit members; or
- at the time of entry, under disqualification or suspension by their state/territory association, national authority, or the Club,

the following competitions are open to all Club members:

CLUB SINGLES

CLUB PAIRS

CLUB TRIPLES

CLUB PROPORTIONAL

CLUB MINOR (those not having previously won a club championship title)

CLUB NOVICE (those bowling for less than 2 years from 1 September)

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP

the following competitions are open to all female Club members:

LADIES' SINGLES

LADIES' PAIRS

LADIES' PROPORTIONAL

and the following competition is open to teams of one male and one female Club member:

MIXED PAIRS

### 2. ENTRY CONDITIONS

Teams shall consist of the relevant number of eligible members.

To submit a valid entry a player or team must, on or before the closing date:

- place the names of all players on the relevant sign-up sheet; and
- pay to the Executive Officer or Treasurer the relevant entry fees (if any).

Late entries will be accepted only under exceptional circumstances, and then only at the discretion of the Controlling Body. A late entry will normally only be considered from a player or team comprising one or more members new to the Club, who was/were not a member/s when entries for the relevant competition closed, but has/have become eligible under Condition 1 above at least seven days before the posted competition or completion date for the first round.

All entries must be for existing Club members as at the date of entry. No unnamed entries shall be accepted.

Any player on a team (except Substitutes or Replacements - see 12 below) may play as skip in each match, but once a match has begun the players in the team must not change position.

### 3. FORMATS

#### *Singles competitions:*

Four bowl singles; 25 shots up in all matches (knock-out rounds and the final).

If scores are tied at the end of the nominated number of ends, an additional end or ends shall be played until one player has a higher score at the completion of the end, and that player shall be the winner.

#### *Pairs competitions:*

Four bowl pairs, played 2-2-2-2; 15 ends for knock-out rounds, 18 ends for the final.

If scores are tied at the end of the nominated number of ends, an additional end or ends shall be played until one team has a higher score at the completion of the end, and that team shall be the winner.

#### *Triples competitions:*

Two bowl triples; 15 ends for knock-out rounds, 18 ends for the final.

If scores are tied at the end of the nominated number of ends, an additional end or ends shall be played until one team has a higher score at the completion of the end, and that team shall be the winner.

#### *President's Handicap:*

Four bowl singles; 16 shots up in all matches (knock-out rounds and the final).

Handicaps shall be allocated by the Tournament Director using a publically posted methodology.

The handicap for each player should be played out before progress toward 16 begins. However, if the players agree, they may net their handicaps and have the lower handicapped player begin on zero (or both players begin on zero if their handicaps are equal).

#### *Proportional competitions:*

Four bowl singles; 100 shots up in all matches (knock-out rounds and the final).

Handicaps (where applicable) shall be allocated by the Tournament Director using a publically posted methodology.

The handicap for each player should be played out before progress toward 100 begins. However, if the players agree, they may net their handicaps and have the lower

handicapped player begin on zero (or both players begin on zero if their handicaps are equal).

All shots scored for each player in each end shall be added to the player's total score. If both players are 100+ at the end of an end, the player with the higher score shall be the winner.

#### **4. SCHEDULING**

If the Controlling Body has set a date and time for one or more rounds of a competition, matches will be conducted according to that schedule.

If only a completion date for a round has been set by the Controlling Body, competing players or teams shall arrange between themselves a date and time for their match on or before the completion date. If no mutually convenient date has been agreed by the posted completion date for the round, the match will begin at 3:00pm on the completion date.

Any team or teams not ready to begin the match by the agreed or mandated starting time shall forfeit their position in the competition. If one team in a match forfeits, the opposing team shall be deemed the winner. If both teams in a match forfeit, the opposing team in the next round shall receive a bye. If both teams in a semi-final match forfeit, the winning team of the other semi-final shall be deemed the winner of the competition.

#### **5. FOOTWEAR & ATTIRE**

Knock-out rounds:           Mufti, BA approved or flat soled shoes

Final                            Full Club Uniform, BA approved or flat soled shoes

#### **6. UMPIRES & MARKERS**

##### *Singles competitions:*

If the Controlling Body has set a date and time for one or more rounds of a competition, the Controlling Body shall appoint an Umpire for the day and a Marker for each singles match.

If only a completion date for a round has been set by the Controlling Body, the players in each match shall agree on whether to appoint a Marker and/or Umpire for their match. In the absence of agreement, the match shall be played without a Marker and/or Umpire.

For the Final, the Controlling Body shall appoint an Umpire and a Marker. For this match, the Umpire and Marker shall comply with Condition 5 above - Footwear & Attire.

##### *Team competitions:*

If the Controlling Body has set a date and time for one or more rounds of a competition, the Controlling Body shall appoint an Umpire for the day.

If only a completion date for a round has been set by the Controlling Body, the teams in each match shall agree on whether to appoint an Umpire for their match. In the absence of agreement, the match shall be played without an Umpire.

For the Final, the Controlling Body shall appoint an Umpire. For this match, the Umpire shall comply with Condition 5 above - Footwear & Attire.

## 7. PRE-MATCH PRACTICE

If mutually agreed, practice on the day of a match is permitted, other than on the rink to be used for the match. In the absence of agreement, no practice on the day of a match shall be allowed.

## 8. SELECTION OF RINK

If the Controlling Body has set a date and time for one or more rounds of the competition, rinks for those rounds shall be assigned on a random basis by the Controlling Body.

If only a completion date for a round has been set by the Controlling Body, players or teams shall agree on the rink on which the match shall be played. In the absence of agreement, the rink shall be determined by the winner of the toss of a coin.

## 9. INITIAL POSSESSION OF MAT

Possession of the mat for the first end shall be determined by the winner of the toss of a coin. The winner may choose to keep the mat or give it to the opposition.

## 10. TRIAL ENDS

One trial end in each direction shall be allowed, beginning at the nominated start time for the match.

## 11. JACK OUT OF BOUNDS

If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the end shall be declared dead and be replayed.

## 12. SUBSTITUTE/REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

*Singles competitions:*

No substitutes or replacement players allowed.

*Team competitions:*

### **Substitutes**

If one player on a team becomes unavailable to play on an agreed or mandated completion date, a Substitute player may take the place of the absent team player for that one match provided the Substitute:

- is an eligible member under Condition 1 above;
- is not a member of another team entered in the competition;
- has not played previously in the competition; and
- does not play as skip.

Only one Substitute is permitted per team per match.

If the team in question goes on to win the competition, the original members of the team (i.e. excluding the Substitute) shall be recognised as the winners.

If all players on a team become unavailable to play on an agreed or mandated completion date, the team shall forfeit the match.

### **Replacements**

If one player on a team becomes permanently unavailable to play in the competition, a Replacement player may take the place of the original team player for the remaining duration of the competition provided the Replacement:

- is an eligible member under Condition 1 above;
- is not a member of another team entered in the competition;
- has not played previously in the competition (except as a substitute for the same team); and
- does not play as skip.

If the team in question goes on to win the competition, the final members of the team (i.e. including the Replacement, but not the replaced player) shall be recognised as the winners.

If all players on a team become permanently unavailable to play in the competition the team shall be eliminated from the competition.

## **13. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

### *Heat Rule:*

A match shall be suspended if the actual dry bulb temperature recorded at the Melbourne Bureau of Meteorology station has reached 36°C. Every effort must be made to complete the end in progress prior to leaving the green for the suspension of play. The game should be completed on the same day providing time allows and the temperature falls below 36°C prior to recommencement. Otherwise, the game will be continued at a time and date as agreed by the players or, in the absence of agreement, as set by the Controlling Body, with scores as they were at the time of stoppage.

### *Other Inclement Weather:*

If an adverse weather event or condition (including lack of sufficient light) causes the match to be suspended, players shall agree whether to wait for the event or condition to pass or to recommence the match at another nominated time and/or date.

## **14. DELAYING PLAY**

Players must not delay play by leaving the rink of play unless the opposing player in a singles match or the skip of the opposing team in a team match agrees, and then only for no more than ten minutes. Only one such mutually agreed delay per player shall be allowed in a match.

## **15. INTERPRETATION & DISPUTES**

Any disputes relating to the interpretation or application of these Conditions of Play will be decided by the Controlling Body. Issues should be raised first with the Tournament Director. If the resulting resolution is unacceptable to a party to the dispute, the matter shall be brought to the Controlling Body, who's decision shall be final.

## **16. OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS & POLICIES**

All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the 2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls CM3 and Domestic Regulations for Australia, as published in January 2015 including amendments (located at [www.bowlsaustralia.com.au](http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au)).