

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

CONTROLLING BODY:	Match Committee Weekend Pennant Appointed Tournament Director: Wayne Gill
EVENT:	APBC Club Championships 2021-22
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 NOVICE (those bowling who began bowling on or after 1 September 2019)

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

CLUB PROPORTIONAL

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP

the following competitions are open to all female Club members:

LADIES' SINGLES

LADIES' PAIRS

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.

Entries

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

- place the names of all intended 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

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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 - 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.

Constitution of Players/Teams

Entered players will become constituted immediately when their first game in the competition has commenced (when the jack is delivered in the first end), even when a substitute is playing in an entered player's place.

The entered players of a team credited with a win by default become constituted players.

If an entered player or team forfeits their first match, the affected players become constituted and therefore ineligible to act as a replacement player or substitute in that competition.

An entered player or team receiving an unpaired bye in the first round of a competition become constituted as soon as their opponent(s) in the second round become constituted.

If an entered player or team withdraws without being constituted, the affected players are regarded as not having entered the competition and are therefore eligible to act as replacement players or substitutes in that competition.

A constituted team must not be altered during a game in either personnel or playing position, except as necessitated by the introduction of a substitute.

Prior to the start of any subsequent game in the same competition, the playing positions of the constituted personnel can be altered.

Constituted players in a team, whether defeated or not, are ineligible to act as a substitute, become a replacement player, or become a constituted player in any other team in the same competition.

3. FORMATS

Singles competitions:

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

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; First to 16 shots 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).

Club Proportional:

Four bowl singles; First to 100 points 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).

Points shall be allocated on each end as follows: nearest the jack = 4 points, next nearest = 3 points, next nearest = 2 points, next nearest = 1 point (i.e. 10 points allocated each end). The player with the bowl nearest the jack shall start the next end.

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

If both players are tied on 100 or more at the end of an end, an additional end or ends shall be played until one player has a higher score at the completion of an end, and that player shall be the winner.

4. DRAWS & SCHEDULING

After the closing date of each competition, the Controlling Body shall create a draw for that competition on a random basis (i.e. no seeding of teams or players allowed) and post this draw on the club notice board, along with any relevant play-by dates and/or times. Each draw shall be conducted in the presence of a neutral independent member.

If the Controlling Body has set a date and time for one or more rounds of a competition, matches shall 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 shall begin at 3:00pm on the completion date.

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

6. UMPIRES, MARKERS & MEASURING

Singles competitions:

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

For any other Final match, either player may ask the Controlling Body to appoint an Umpire and/or Marker.

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.

Team competitions:

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

For any other Final match, either team may ask the Controlling Body to appoint an Umpire.

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 all matches where an Umpire is appointed, this shall be a suitably qualified member who is not (1) playing in the match, (2) playing in another match at the same time, or (3) acting as event manager on the day.

Players responsible for determining the score each end shall use a box measure (or similar tool) for measuring contested shots. Where more precise equipment is required to determine a result, the Umpire shall be called.

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.

If a player/team will be playing a championship or other match on the Club's green on the same day they are playing a championship match, that player/team shall notify their opponent/s and their opponent/s will be permitted to practice on the day of the match other than on the rink to be used for their match.

8. RESERVATION OF GREEN & SELECTION OF RINKS

For matches other than finals, non-competition games may be played at the same time on rinks adjacent to the competition match(es), although players on such adjacent rinks are reminded to respect the seriousness of the competition match(es) being played.

For finals matches, non-competition games may be played on the green at the same time, provided that such play is separated from the competition match(es) by at least one empty 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. In such cases, four contiguous rinks shall be nominated as the available rinks for the draw, from which specific rinks for each match shall be drawn randomly, with both skips (or players in singles) present at the draw.

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 (either entered or constituted) 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 constituted player 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 constituted 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 constituted player of another team entered in the competition; and
- has not played previously in the competition (except as a substitute for the same team).

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 team or player shall be allowed in a match.

15. RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

After play in an end begins, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

Singles Matches: the opponents – after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

Pairs Matches: the leads (playing 1st shift) – after delivery of their second bowl;
(2X2X2X2) the skips (playing 2nd shift) – after delivery of their second bowl;
the leads (playing 3rd shift) – after delivery of their first bowl; and
the skips (playing 4th shift) – after delivery of their first bowl.

Triples Matches: the leads – after delivery of their second bowl;
(2X2X2) the seconds – after delivery of their second bowl; and
the skips – after delivery of each of their bowls.

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In exceptional and limited circumstances, a singles player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, earlier than described above.

When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their own first bowl.

16. INTERPRETATION & DISPUTES

Any disputes relating to the interpretation or application of these Conditions of Play will be decided by the applicable 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, whose decision shall be final.

17. 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 v3.1 and Domestic Regulations for Australia, as published in April 2019 including amendments (located at www.bowlsaustralia.com.au).