



2023 – 2024 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

General Conditions for All Events

1. Introduction

All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport and in conjunction with Bowls NSW COP's and these Conditions of Play.

These Conditions of Play shall govern the conduct of Club Championship Events.

Situations may arise that are not specifically covered by these Conditions of Play. It is expected that in such circumstances any decision taken will reflect the spirit of these Conditions and embody the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship supported by good common sense.

2. Attire

All players must wear Club Uniform when participating in Club Championships.

Club Uniform may include the current or immediate previous version of club shirt.

3. Championship Events

- i. Major Singles (Men & Women)
- ii. Major Pairs (Men & Women)
- iii. Club Triples (Men & Women)
- iv. Club Fours (Open & Women)
- v. Minor Singles (Men & Women)
- vi. Minor Pairs (Men)
- vii. Senior (O60) Singles (Men)
- viii. Veteran (O70) Singles (Men)
- ix. Senior (O60) Pairs (Men)
- x. Handicap Pairs (Men)
- xi. Consistency Singles (Women)
- xii. Patrons Cup (Women)
- xiii. Presidents Cup (Women)
- xiv. Mixed Pairs
- xv. Mixed Fours

4. Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$10 per person is payable when entering Club Championships.

This fee must be paid to the Bowls Co-ordinator (or representative) at the time of calling of cards for that player or teams 1st round of each championship.

Failure to pay will result in player (or team) becoming ineligible to participate and forfeits will apply.

No Green Fees are payable when playing Club Championships.

5. Dates and Starting Times

Dates are as per 2023 – 2024 Season Calendar.

The season calendar dates are indicative only and may be subject to change.

Starting times shall be determined and notified on draws, considering entries and conditions.

All draws will be released with a minimum 7 days' notice.

Any postponements or unforeseen changes to dates/times will be advised.

All matches are to be played on or before the date set down.

If requiring a match to be played prior to set date, please advise Bowls Co-ordinator after confirmation from opposing player/team to ensure green space is available.

If a match scheduled to be played prior to set date cannot be played, due to adverse weather or any other condition, and the match is not played by the set date, the player/team who required the match to be played earlier will be forced to forfeit the match.

By mutual agreement and with approval of Bowls Co-ordinator, matches may be played on any day prior to the next set date for the subsequent round.

If a match scheduled to be played after set date cannot be played, due to adverse weather or any other condition, and the match is not played by the set date of the subsequent round, the player/team who required the match to be played after the original set date for that round will be forced to forfeit the match.

All matches involving working members and/or juniors should only be organised to be played of a weekend or evening (except if that championship eligibility & format states otherwise).

Any disputes will be resolved by Bowls Co-ordinator together with any respective committee.

6. Trial Ends

A singles player or team shall be allowed two (2) trial ends for each match, playing the number of bowls to be used in the event on each end. Trial ends shall be completed prior to the scheduled starting time.

The rink on which a player or team is to play shall be announced and made available for trial ends not later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

7. Practice

Players may practice up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match, providing that rink space is available, and/or it has been approved by the Bowls Co-ordinator (or its representative) or Greenkeeper.

Players shall not practice on the rink on which their match is drawn to be played.

8. Markers

A marker shall be appointed for each singles match.

Players losing a match in a singles event may be required to mark in the next round.

Failure to fulfil this obligation without notice to the Bowls Co-ordinator, may result in suspension of entering future club championships.

9. Inclement Weather

Bowls NSW has an Extreme Weather Policy, any decision on suspension or cessation of play shall be made in line with the Bowls NSW Extreme Weather Policy.

10. Eligibility & Formats

10.1 Major Singles

Played in Single Gender Competitions. 4 Bowls – First to score 25 shots.

Competition may be played in sections of 3.

Open to any Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member.

10.2 Major Pairs

Played in Single Gender Competitions. 4 Bowls per player in 2x2x2x2 format 21 ends.

Open to any Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member.

10.3 Club Triples (Men)

2 Bowls per player – 21 ends.

Open to any male Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member.

Teams must comprise of players that total a minimum of 12 points, based on their Open Pennant gradings.

If a player does not have an Open Pennant grading, their grading will be allocated by the Bowls Co-ordinator.

10.4 Club Triples (Women)

3 Bowls per player – 18 ends.

Open to any female Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling members.

Single name entries only.

Names will be placed into equal lots comprising skips, 2nds & leads as determined by Grandviews Women's Committee and then will be randomly drawn together to comprise teams.

10.5 Club Fours (Open)

2 Bowls per player – 21 ends.

Open to any Grandviews (male or female) declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling members.

Female members can only enter and play in the Open Fours or Women's Fours, not both.

Teams must comprise of players that total a minimum of 16 points, based on their Open Pennant gradings.

If a male player does not have an Open Pennant grading, their grading will be allocated by the Bowls Co-ordinator.

If a female player does not have an Open Pennant grading, they will automatically be allocated as a Grade 7.

10.6 Club Fours (Women)

2 Bowls per player – 18 ends.

Open to any female Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling members.

Single name entries only.

Female members can only enter and play in the Women's Fours or Open Fours, not both.

Names will be placed into equal lots comprising skips, 3rds, 2nds & leads as determined by Grandviews Women's Committee and then will be randomly drawn together to comprise teams.

10.7 Minor Singles

Played in Single gender competitions.

4 Bowls per player – First to score 25 shots.

Open to any Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member, who has not won a Major or Minor Singles at ANY club.

Any eligible player who has won a MINOR Singles but not won a MAJOR Singles and that MINOR Singles win was more than 10 years ago, is also eligible to enter.

10.8 Minor Pairs (Men)

4 Bowls per player in 2x2x2x2 format – 21 ends.

Open to any male Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member, who has not won a Major or Minor Pairs at ANY club.

Any eligible player who has won a MINOR Pairs but not won a MAJOR Pairs and that MINOR Pairs win was more than 10 years ago, is also eligible to enter.

10.9 Senior (O60) Singles (Men)

4 Bowls per player – First to score 21 shots.

Open to any male Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member, who has attained the age of 60 years or more as at date of close of entries.

Senior Singles matches may be scheduled to be played midweek (afternoons).

10.10 Senior (O60) Pairs (Men)

3 Bowls per player – 18 ends.

Open to any male Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member, who has attained the age of 60 years or more as at date of close of entries.

Senior Pairs matches may be scheduled to be played midweek (afternoons).

10.9 Veteran (O70) Singles (Men)

4 Bowls per player – First to score 21 shots.

Open to any male Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling member, who has attained the age of 70 years or more as at date of close of entries.

Veterans Singles matches may be scheduled to be played midweek (afternoons).

10.10 Handicap Pairs (Men)

4 Bowls per player in 2x2x2x2 format – 18 ends.

Open to any male Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling or associate bowling member.

Handicaps are based on Open Pennant gradings.

If a player does not have an Open Pennant grading, their grading will be allocated by the Bowls Co-ordinator.

The sum of each player's handicap will be the shots scored to start a match.

For example;

Team A: Player 1 – handicap is 2; Player 2 – handicap is 3; Total handicap = 5

Team B: Player 1 – handicap is 5; Player 2 – handicap is 7; Total handicap = 12

Team A will start on 5 shots, whilst Team B will start on 12 shots.

Handicap Pairs matches may be scheduled to be played on an evening in midweek.

10.11 Consistency Singles (Women)

4 Bowls per player – First to score 120 points.

Open to any female Grandviews declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling members or associate bowling member.

Jack is rolled by the winner of the toss of coin. The Jack is to be placed upon a washer (ring) by the marker at start of each end. If the jack is moved by any bowl during play, it is placed back on the washer (ring). If a bowl is sitting on the washer (ring) it is moved back off the washer (ring) in the direction (hand) the bowl came from.

Scoring: 4 points for closest bowl to washer (ring); 3 points for the next closest bowl; 2 points for the next closest bowl; 1 point for the next closest bowl.

The player who scored the 4-point bowl has control of mat the next end.

10.12 Patrons Cup (Women)

3 Bowls Pairs – 2 x Games of 9 ends (1 end roll up allowed prior to 1st game only).

Single Name entries only. Match/Selection Committee to determine leads & skips.

Teams will then be randomly drawn.

No Dead Ends – Jack re-spotted on 'T'.

2 points for each game win + 1 point for each end won. If points equal, best margins will apply.

10.13 Presidents Cup (Women)

3 Bowl Pairs – 2 x Games of 9 ends (1 end roll up allowed prior to 1st game only).

Matches must be played in Turnaround format, i.e., Leads in first game MUST play Skip in 2nd game and vice versa.

Single Name entries only. Match/Selection Committee to determine leads & skips.

Teams will then be randomly drawn.

No Dead Ends – Jack re-spotted on 'T'.

2 points for each game win + 1 point for each end won. If points equal, best margins will apply.

10.14 Mixed Pairs

4 bowls per player in 2x2x2x2 format – 21 ends.

Teams must comprise 1 male & 1 female player.

Open to any Grandviews (male or female) declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling or associate bowling members.

10.15 Mixed Fours

2 bowls per player – 18 ends.

Teams must comprise at a minimum, 1 male and 1 female player.

Open to any Grandviews (male or female) declared (affiliated) and financial full bowling or associate bowling members.