

# CONDITIONS OF PLAY

For

## Club Manly Bowls Championships.

1. These are the Conditions of play for Club Manly Championship competitions conducted by the Men's Division including Mixed Championship competitions. They are in force from the commencement of the 2022 championships.
2. All games must be conducted in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition ("the Laws of Bowls"), Domestic Regulations for Australia ("DRs") and these Conditions of Play ("CoP").
3. The "A" Singles, "A" Pairs and Club Fours Championships (referred to collectively as the "CoC Championships") must be played as knockout competitions. Other Club championships may be played as knockout competitions or sectional play or a combination of both.
4. The Men's Committee is the controlling Body through its delegate the Men's Games Director or person acting in his place.
5. The Men's Committee has power to make, repeal and amend these conditions of play under clauses 5.7 and 9 of the Men's Rules.
6. The Games Director sets dates and times for games in the various championship rounds. Games must be played by the appointed dates and times. Games may be played earlier by mutual agreement between the players who must make arrangements between themselves and the Games Director for rink availability and umpiring. Games should not be scheduled outside Club opening hours.
7. The Venue for all Games is the Manly Bowls Club.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

8. Eligibility to enter Club Championship competitions is determined as at the closing date for entries set by the Games Director.
9. Eligibility for the various championships is open to Members of the Division and is delineated in Clauses 39 and 40 of the Men's Rules.<sup>1</sup> Members of the Ladies Division are eligible to play with members of the Men's Division in mixed championships.

## **NOMINATIONS**

10. The Games Director will call for nominations at least one month before the starting date of each championship. The call for nominations must include a closing date and the intended starting date.
11. The Games Director will conduct a draw for each Championship as soon as possible after the closing date for nominations for that Championship. The names of all members of a team must be notified to the Games Director before the draw.
12. Two weeks' notice must be given of each game. Notice of games may be given in the form of a schedule for the competition. Dates may be changed by the Games Director so long as two weeks' notice of the change is given or the players agree.
13. Entry fee of four Dollars per player is payable together with the green fees prior to the commencement of play in the first round.

## **WITHDRAWALS and FORFEITS**

14. The Games Director may postpone a game and Players scheduled for that date will be advised accordingly. However, games will not be postponed merely to suit the convenience of a player or players.
15. Withdrawals from the competition before it starts must be advised to the Games Director to allow for rescheduling of games.

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### **<sup>1</sup> Clauses 39 and 40 of the Men's Rules read as follows:**

39. The following Club championship events, which are open to all Declared Members of the Division, must be held each year. 39.1. "A" singles championship.

39.2. "A" pairs championship 10

39.3. Club fours championship.

40.1. "B" singles championship which is open to all members who have not won an "A" or "B" singles or an "A" pairs championship in any bowls club.

40.2. "B" pairs championship which is open to all members who have not won an "A" pairs, a "B" singles championship or a "B" pairs championship at any bowls club.

40.3. "C" singles championship which is open to all members who have not won an "A", "B" or "C" singles championship or an "A" or "B" pairs championship in any bowls club.

40.4. "Novice singles" which is open to all members who have been a member of any bowls club for less than three years at the closing date of nominations and who have not won a singles championship in any grade at any club.

40.5. "Veteran singles" which is open to any member who aged seventy (70) years or over at the closing date of nominations.

40.6. "2 bowl triples" championship.

40.7. Any other club championship events, which the Club wishes the Games Director to conduct.

40. The Club may also conduct other Club championship events, open to declared and non-declared Members of the Division, the eligibility for which is as follows:

16. Teams and players must be present at the scheduled starting time or the opposition may claim a forfeit. However, latecomers will be allowed thirty (30) minutes grace to arrive or advise the Games Director of their intentions before the forfeit law is applied – (Law 39.1.2).
17. If a team or singles player intends to forfeit, the player or a member of the team must notify the Games Director without delay. On receipt of such a notice, the Games Director may excuse the opposing team/players from the need to be present to claim the forfeit.

## **UMPIRE**

18. The Games Director must appoint an umpire for all games played at the dates and times appointed by him.
19. An Accredited National Measurer may be appointed but his/her duties are limited to measuring on the green only.

## **MATCH COMMITTEE**

20. Disputes are adjudicated by the Match Committee in accordance with clauses 41 to 44 of the Men's Rules.

## **DURATION**

21. The format and length of championship games is as follows:
  - 21.1 Fours and pairs - twenty-one (21) ends.
  - 21.2 Triples - two bowls - twenty-eight (28) ends.
  - 21.3 Singles twenty-five (25) up.
22. In the Veterans/Senior Singles championship, not more than one (1) round may be scheduled each day.
23. In all other championships, two (2) games per day may be scheduled by the Games Director whether or not some or all of the players qualify as veterans.
24. Lighting may be used for any Championship game, and games are permitted to be played at night during Club opening hours.

## **TRIAL ENDS**

25. Trial ends are permitted before the start of all games except where a player/team has played a game in the same competition on the same green on the same day.
26. Trial ends must commence twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled start time.
27. Late comers are not entitled to trial ends.

## **SUBSTITUTES AND INCOMPLETE TEAMS**

28. The Games Director, and, in his absence, the umpire of the day, may authorise a team to play a replacement player or a substitute before the commencement of the game in which the substitute or replacement is to play.
29. A team applying for permission to play a substitute or replacement player must give reasonable notice of its application to the Games Director. Failure to do so may be taken into account in determining whether or not the replacement or substitute will be authorised.(DR 2 applies)

30. If a member of a team is selected to play in a G.D.B.A./B.Q. or B.A. side he is entitled to a substitute or he may have the game rescheduled at his option. If the said player has to play Club singles then that game must be rescheduled.
31. Players representing the Club in District Champion of Champions Events are entitled to have Club Championships games on the same day rescheduled.
32. Players drawn to play District, State or Australian Championships and Club Championships on the same day are not entitled to have their Club Championship game rescheduled but may be permitted to have a substitute despite DR 2.4.10. In all other respects DR 2.4 must be complied with.

### **33.GENERAL**

34. The Manly Club Uniform or Whites and approved bowls footwear must be worn for all Club Competition events.
35. Green Fees will not be charged for any Finals played.
36. Electronic devices are not permitted within two (2) metres of the green during play. After a warning from the Umpire non-compliance can result in disqualification of the Team or Player.
37. Practice at Club Manly before a Championship Game on the day of play is not permitted except in the circumstances outlined in clause 4 of the Laws and with the express permission of the Games director or, in his absence, his delegate and only then if it is convenient to make a rink available for such practice. Any practice which is permitted must cease at least one hour before play is scheduled to commence. This condition does not apply to practice undertaken by a player as part of a team practice authorised by the Men's committee or its delegate in preparation for competitions in which the player is representing the Club.

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