



MENS DIVISION

CONDITIONS of PLAY

for

THURSDAY EVENING OPEN SINGLES EVENT

1 Commencement

This notice will remain in force for 3 years commencing on 1 September 2025.

2 Terms used in this notice

bowls laws means—

- (a) the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*, Crystal Mark Edition, in force at the relevant time as published by World Bowls Limited; and
- (b) the Australian Domestic Regulations (**DR**) in force at the relevant time as made by Bowls Australia.

controlling body means the men's division of the Manly Bowls Club.

event means the men's division Thursday evening open singles event.

games manager means the person appointed by the controlling body to manage the running of this event,

player means a person who is member of a club affiliated with at least 1 of the following—

- (a) Bowls Australia;
- (b) the International Women's Bowling Board;
- (c) the World Bowls Board,

and whose membership has not been suspended or cancelled.

3 Eligibility to play in event

Any player is eligible to nominate for this event.

4 Nominating for event

A player must declare the players intention to participate in this event by either—

- (a) writing the players name on the nomination sheet provided for this event; or
- (b) sending the players name to the games manager by an electronic communication using a mobile phone or compatible device.

Note—

The contact mobile number for the games manager is stated on the nomination form.

5 Closing time for nomination to play in event

A nomination may be made not later than 5pm on the start day of this event by a player.

6 If uneven number of nominations received

- (1) This condition applies if, prior to the scheduled start time for this event, an uneven number of players have nominated for this event.
- (2) The games manager reserves the right to disregard the player's nomination that is in excess of the nominations required to create an even number of players for this event.

7 Event to be played under the bowls laws

Subject to these conditions, this event will be played under the bowls laws.

8 Conditions of play may be amended

- (1) The conditions of play for this event may be amended by the controlling body.
- (2) The amendment of the conditions of play includes imposing a condition of play that was not a condition of play before this event started.

9 Controlling body may decide event not to start

The controlling body may decide, before the start of play of this event, that this event should not be played, if the controlling body considers a reason exists for this event not to start.

10 Dress standard for player

During the playing of this event a player may wear—

- (a) approved bowls attire; or
- (b) casual (mufti) clothing.

11 Practice (Roll up) arrangements

- (1) A player who is to participate in this event may practice on a nominated green in the specified direction of play not more than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for this event.
- (2) For subcondition (1), the number of bowls to be used for practice is to be decided by the player.
- (3) To remove any doubt—
 - (a) the practice arrangements mentioned in subcondition (1) are instead of the playing of trial ends before the scheduled start of the 1st game; and
 - (b) the player must be ready to start playing by the scheduled start time of the 1st game; and

(c) the player is not permitted to practice prior to the scheduled start time of the subsequent games.

12 Format of event

- (1) This event is made up of 3 games of 8 ends.
- (2) Each player is to select the score card with the players playing number recorded on it.
- (3) The score card mentioned in subcondition (2) will state the rink number for each game that the player has been drawn to play on in the event.
- (4) The schedule start time for the event is 6.30pm but the games manager may, with the agreement of a majority of the players, start the event earlier than 6.30pm.
- (5) Despite subcondition (4), the game must not be started earlier than 6pm.
- (6) The start of play in each end will be as follows—
 - (a) a jack is not to be delivered by the player to play 1st but is to be placed on the centre line of the rink with the nearest point of the jack to a mark being 3m from the front ditch;
 - (b) the player to play 1st must place the centre line of the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink with the mat line at least 2m from the rear ditch and not less than 21m from the nearest point of the jack.
- (7) A marker will only be provided for the rink of play in the final round of the event.
- (8) In the absence of a marker, both players on a rink must, if the situation arises, agree—
 - (a) that a particular bowl is a toucher; and
 - (b) whether the bowl needs to be marked as a toucher.
- (9) If agreement cannot be reached as required under subcondition (8), the end is to be replayed.
- (10) It is intended for this event to be played with the spirit of fair play and it is expected that each player will be considerate and helpful to players on an adjacent rink whenever practicable.
- (11) In this condition—

toucher see Law 14 of the bowls laws.

13 Re-spotting of jack

- (1) This condition applies if the jack is displaced completely outside the side boundaries of the rink of play during the playing of an end.
- (2) The jack must be re-spotted on the centre line of the rink with the nearest point of the jack to

the mat line being 2m from the front ditch.

- (3) If the spot mentioned in subcondition (2) is covered by a bowl, the jack must be placed on the centre line as close as possible to the spot but not touching the bowl.

14 Completed scorecard to be returned to games manager

- (1) The completed scorecard must be returned to the games manager as soon as practicable after the end of each game.
- (2) The scorecard must be completed by each player for each game.
- (3) If both scorecards completed for the event mentioned in subcondition (2) are not returned to the games manager, the winner of the game will be decided from the scorecard received.

15 Deciding winners if at least 8 players in event

- (1) If there are at least 8 players participating in the event, the 4 players with the highest number of games won will play a 3 end semifinal round.
- (2) However, if there are more than 4 players with the same number of games won for the 3 games, then the 4 players with highest combination of the winning margin of shots scored and ends won in the 3 games will play in the semifinal round.
- (3) The semi- final rounds will be played as follows—
 - (a) the player with the highest combined score will play the player with the 4th highest combined score; and
 - (b) the player with the 2nd highest combined score will play the player with the 3rd highest combined score.
- (4) If the scores are equal when all ends have been played in any game mentioned in subcondition (3), then an extra end must be played to decide the winner of that game.
- (5) The final round of the event will be played—
 - (a) as a 3 end game; and
 - (b) between the winner of the game mentioned subcondition (3)(a) and the winner of the game mentioned in subcondition (3)(b).
- (6) If the scores are equal after all ends have been played in the final round, then an extra end must be played to decide the winner.

16 Deciding winners if less than 8 players in event

- (1) If there are less than 8 players participating in the event, the 2 players with the highest number of games won will play a 3 end final round.
- (2) However, if there are more than 2 players with the same number of ends won for the 3 games, then the 2 players with highest combination of the winning margin of shots scored and ends won in the 3 games will play in the final round.
- (3) If the scores are equal after all ends have been played in the final round, then an extra end must be played to decide the winner.

17 Use of electronic communication devices near greens

- (1) The use of any electronic communication device by a player or spectator (other than on-call emergency personnel) is not permitted within 6m of the green during play.
- (2) In this condition—

electronic communication device includes a mobile telephone, a radio and a paging device.

18 Effect on player after nominating to play in event

A player who has nominated to play in this event is taken to—

- (a) have read and understood these conditions of play; and
- (b) have declared their eligibility to play in this event; and
- (c) have agreed to comply with each condition of play applying specifically to their participation in this event; and
- (d) understand the consequences of their failure to comply with any condition of play applying specifically to their participation in this event.