



MENS DIVISION

CONDITIONS of PLAY

for

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1 Application of this notice

This notice must be read in conjunction with the notice issued by the Men's Division of the Manly Bowls Club Inc (the **club**) titled *Use of replacement and substitute players in division championship events*.

2 Commencement

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

3 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 club.

event means a men's division championship event.

ladies' division means the Ladies' Bowls Division of the club.

men's division means the Men's Division of the club.

player means an affiliated player of the ladies' division or the men's division.

4 Player to be financial member

- (1) This condition applies to a player of both the ladies' division and the men's division nominating for an event.
- (2) The player must be a financial member of their respective division at—
 - (a) the closing date for nomination for the event; and
 - (b) all times when playing in the event.

5 Eligibility for A Singles, A Pairs and Fours

- (1) Any declared member is eligible to nominate for the A Singles, A Pairs and Fours event.
- (2) In this condition—

declared member means a player who—

- (a) is also a member of another affiliated bowls club; and
- (b) has declared that the men's division of the club is the club the player will represent in the district Champion of Club Champions (Singles, Pairs and Fours) events.

6 Eligibility for Triples

Any player of the men's division is eligible to nominate for the Triples event.

7 Eligibility for Open Singles and Mixed Pairs

Any player of the ladies' division and the men's division is eligible to nominate for the Open Singles and Mixed Pairs event.

8 Eligibility for B Singles

A player of the men's division is eligible to nominate for the B Singles event if he has not won an A or B Singles event at the men's division or elsewhere.

9 Eligibility for Novice Singles

A player of the men's division is eligible to nominate for the Novice Singles event if—

- (a) he only started playing bowls for the first time within 3 years before the closing date of nomination for the event; and
- (b) has not won a Singles event at the men's division or elsewhere.

10 Eligibility for B Pairs

A player of the men's division is eligible to nominate for the B Pairs event if he has not won, at the men's division or elsewhere, an—

- (a) A or B Singles event; or
- (b) A or B Pairs event.

11 Eligibility for Veteran Singles or Veteran Pairs event

A player of the men's division who is at least 70 years as at the closing date for nomination for the event is eligible to nominate for a veteran event.

12 When nomination for event may be called

The games director may call for nominations for an event any time after 1 December in the year immediately prior to the year in which the event is to be contested.

13 Nomination to be given on nomination sheet

A player nominating an intention to participate in an event must—

- (a) for a Singles event—write the players name on the nomination sheet provided for that event;
- (b) for a Pairs, Triples or Fours event—write the names of each player of the team on the nomination sheet provided for the relevant event.

14 Closing date for nomination for event

- (1) The closing date of nomination for an event will be—
 - (a) decided by the games director; and

(b) displayed on the men's division notice board.

(2) The nomination sheet must be displayed for at least 30 days prior to the closing date.

15 Minimum number of nominations required for event

(1) If the number of nominations received for an event (other than the Novice Singles event) is less than 8, then the event will be cancelled for that year.

(2) If the number of nominations for the Novice Singles event is less than 4, then the event will be cancelled for that year.

16 Dress standard for player and marker

(1) During the playing of a game of a round for an event—

(a) a player, including a marker, of the men's division must wear his current division uniform; and

(b) a player of the ladies' division must wear her current division uniform.

(2) A player or marker who fails to comply with this condition may not be permitted to participate in the game.

(3) In this condition—

division uniform means an ensemble approved by the Board of Management of the club made up of the following articles of clothing—

(a) for the ladies' division—

(i) for the upper body—the current playing top;

(ii) for the lower body—the current shorts, skirt or trousers;

(b) for the men's division—

(i) for the upper body—the current playing shirt;

(ii) for the lower body—the current shorts or trousers.

17 How draw for event made

(1) As soon as practicable after the closing date for an event, the games director will—

(a) set up the event in Bowslink; and

(b) carry out a random draw using the Bowslink database.

(2) In this condition—

Bowslink means the purpose-built National membership database that provides a results and competition management system for the sport of lawn bowls.

18 How event to be conducted

- (1) Each event, except the Open Singles event, will be conducted as a knockout competition.
- (2) The Open Singles event may be played as—
 - (a) sectional play for round 1; and
 - (b) a knockout competition for all other rounds.
- (3) For subcondition (2), the format of the sectional play for round 1 will—
 - (a) be determined by the controlling body having regard to the number of nominations received for the event; and
 - (b) be notified to each player prior to the scheduled start day of round 1; and
 - (c) require each player to play more than 1 game on the day.

19 Duration of game in event

- (1) The duration of a game for a singles event continues until a total score of 25 shots has been awarded to 1 player.
- (2) The duration of any other game continues until—
 - (a) for a Pairs and Fours event—21 ends have been played; and
 - (b) for a 2 bowl Triples event—28 ends have been played.
- (3) Despite subcondition (2), there must be no further play if at any point it becomes impossible for a team to win the game given the number of ends left.

20 Player or team withdrawing before start of event

- (1) This condition applies to a player or team withdrawing from an event before the 1st round of the event.
- (2) The player or team must notify the games director, as soon as practicable, of their decision to withdraw from an event before the 1st round of the event.
- (3) The games director must, as soon as practicable after being notified of the withdrawal mentioned in subcondition (2),—
 - (a) reschedule any game affected by this withdrawal; and
 - (b) notify the opposing player or team of this rescheduling.
- (4) To remove any doubt, the decision mentioned in subcondition (2) is irrevocable.

21 Player or team withdrawing after 1st round of event

- (1) This condition applies to a player or team withdrawing from an event after the 1st round of the event has been played.
- (2) The player or team must notify the games director, as soon as practicable, of their decision to

withdraw from an event after the 1st round of the event has been played.

(3) The games director, after being notified of the decision of the player or team mentioned in subcondition (2), may excuse the opposing player or team from the requirement to be present before the scheduled start of the particular round to be awarded the forfeited game.

(4) To remove any doubt, the decision mentioned in subcondition (2) is irrevocable.

22 Arrangements for scheduling start of championship event

(1) A championship event will not be scheduled for playing on a long weekend, public holiday or when a sponsored event is being played.

(2) The 1st round of a championship event will not be scheduled for playing until after 1 January in the year in which the event is to be contested.

23 Games director to notify start of round of event

(1) The Games director must display a notice stating the details about a round for an event on the club notice board at least 21 days before the start day of the round.

(2) The notice must include the following details—

(a) the name of the event;

(b) the scheduled day and starting time of the round;

(c) the name of each player called to play in the round.

(3) The notice mentioned in subcondition (1) may also include other details including the scheduled start day of all subsequent rounds in the event.

(4) The games director may reschedule the schedule start day of the rounds mentioned in subcondition (1) and (2) provided at least 14 days notice of the rescheduling is given to each player or team involved.

(5) The Games director may arrange for the round to be played earlier than the scheduled day and starting time of the round provided all players called to play in the round agree to the earlier playing arrangements.

24 Assigning rinks of play for round of event

The games director must—

(a) conduct a random draw for the rink of play for each player or team prior to the scheduled start time of the event; and

(b) issue the scorecard to be used by—

(i) the team during the game; or

(ii) the marker of a Singles game.

25 Playing of round of event

- (1) The playing of each round must be completed by the end of the scheduled day as displayed on the division notice board unless otherwise rescheduled by the controlling body.
- (2) Furthermore, each round of an event may be played as follows—
 - (a) using artificial lighting;
 - (b) at night;
 - (c) outside normal club operating hours but only with the prior written approval of the management committee.

26 Playing of game in round for event on day before scheduled playing day

- (1) A player or team may decide to play a game in a round for an event on a earlier day than the scheduled day and starting time of the round providing the opposing player or team agrees to the earlier playing arrangements.
- (2) However, prior to the game in the round being played, the games director must—
 - (a) be advised of the earlier playing arrangements; and
 - (b) agree to the earlier playing arrangements.

27 Controlling body may reschedule round of event

The controlling body may decide to reschedule a round of any event to be played on another day if, on the previously notified scheduled day and starting time of the round, the greens allocated for the event are unavailable for play.

28 Practice (Roll up) arrangements

- (1) A player who is to participate in a division championship game may practice on any rink on the nominated green in the specified direction of play not more than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the game.

Example for subcondition (1)—

A player may start practicing on the green from 11.30am if the game is scheduled to start at 12.30pm

- (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 a game; and
 - (b) the player must be ready to start playing by the scheduled start time of the game.

29 Appointment of marker

- (1) A player who has nominated for the A or B Singles event must agree to be a marker for at least 1 of the games in a round for a singles event.
- (2) If a player appointed as a marker for the game is not available to be a marker for the game, the player must—
 - (a) advise both opposing players of his unavailability for the game; and
 - (b) arrange for another player to be a marker for the game.
- (3) A player who has been appointed as a marker for a game in a Singles event must perform the duties of a marker as set out in the bowls laws.

30 Appointment of umpire

An accredited national umpire is to be appointed for each round for an event.

31 Decision of umpire about point of law

- (1) Any question about a player failing to comply with the bowls laws during the playing of a game in a round for an event must be decided by the umpire appointed for the round.
- (2) A player may appeal the decision of the umpire about the question if the decision related to—
 - (a) the meaning or interpretation of any law; or
 - (b) a given set of circumstances not covered in the bowls laws.
- (3) The player must lodge the appeal in the manner set out in the Bowls Australia *Appeals Policy* in force at the material time as made by Bowls Australia.

32 Dispute about matter other than point of law

Any dispute about a matter, other than a matter relating to a decision of the umpire appointed for the event, must be decided by the men's division match committee.

33 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 smart watch, a radio and a paging device.

34 Use of substitute or replacement player

The use of a player as a substitute or replacement player is subject to the requirements as set out in the notice in force at the material time as made by the men's division titled *Use of replacement and substitute players in division championship events*.

35 Forfeiture of game in a round

The forfeiture of a game in a round to the opposing player or opposing team will be decided as set out in the bowls laws as follows—

- (a) if, within 30 minutes after the schedule starting time for the game—
 - (i) for a singles game—the opposing player is still absent;
 - (ii) for any other game—1 or more players are still absent from the opposing team.
- (b) if 1 player in a team game is absent and a substitute player is not approved by the controlling body.

36 Completed scorecard to be returned to games director

- (1) The completed scorecard, also showing the time at which the game ended, must be returned to the Games director as soon as practicable after the end of the game.
- (2) The scorecard must be completed as set out in the bowls laws by—
 - (a) for a singles game—the marker; or
 - (b) for a pairs or triples game—the skip; or
 - (c) for a fours game—the second.
- (3) If both scorecards completed for the game mentioned in subcondition (2) are not returned to the games director, the winner of the game will be decided from the scorecard received.

37 Event to be played under the bowls laws

Each event will be played under the bowls laws.

38 Conditions of play may be amended

- (1) The conditions of play for an 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 the event started.

39 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.