



# CONDITIONS OF PLAY

## FOR MEN'S AND MIXED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### GENERAL RULES:

1. Club Championship matches will be played in accordance with the laws of Bowls Australia (BA) and the general Conditions of Play governing all Association Championships as detailed in the Bowls Queensland By-Laws.

2. The Match Committee is responsible for all Club Championship events, as Controlling Body. The Match Committee will comprise three bowling members elected by the Board of Directors.

3. Bowls Queensland Conditions of Play:

- Open Singles; Pairs; Triples; Fours

Club Conditions of Play:

- B Singles; Pairs; Triples; Fours
- Mixed Pairs; Mixed Events

Any other events as may be determined by the Match Committee.

4. Entry for Club Championships is to be made on the entry forms located at the Bowls Office, Bowls Website or the Front Desk. Complete teams only are to be nominated for all events. Upon nomination, a player shall pay green fees prior to each round of competition and in doing so, accepts all Conditions of Play.

5. The Games Director and Match Committee will create the draw for each event. All championship draws are to be made on an open draw basis. The draw for each event will be posted on the notice board with the timetable of playing dates. Not less than Ten (10) days' notice will be given of the play or forfeit date of any round, together with the play or forfeit dates of remaining rounds on which games will be played. Exceptions are to be made (within reason) with referral to the Unavailable Book.

6. Games will be played by the specified date unless deferment is granted under Rule 8. Should the deferred playing of the round not be completed by the time of

the next scheduled round, the team that requested the deferment will forfeit. In the case of Finals, any re-scheduled date must not be more than two (2) weeks from the original date and to be prior to district championships.

7. If engaged in club competition (any day, date or time) Wests Tigers Bowls Club Uniforms are to be worn (this includes markers of singles games).

8. Games may be played prior to the scheduled playing date, by mutual agreement between the players or teams concerned, subject to availability of green space and other scheduled events, as appropriate.

9. Upon application to the Match Committee, deferment will be granted to players engaged in Australian, State, Zone or District matches and to players forming part of a Club Team engaged in a major tournament approved by Bowls Queensland - provided that tournament has been specifically granted State order of precedence - when such matches conflict with Club Championship games.

10. Players who have entered, or have been selected for external events with higher order of precedence, are expected to notify the Match Committee of the dates involved as soon as possible.

11. The Match Committee will exercise every effort to ensure there is no clash between Championship games.

12. In all Club Championship games, thirty (30) minutes is allowed after the scheduled and agreed starting time for the game (commencement of roll-ups) for a late player or team to arrive or a substitute found, after which the Match Committee will award the game to the non-offending player or team.

13. A member who plays Bowls Queensland governed Club Championships or State Pennants for another affiliated club, is not eligible to play Bowls Queensland governed Club Championships at Wests Tigers Bowls Club in the same calendar year.

14. It is expected that Club Championships will be played in the true spirit of sportsmanship and that the application of common sense will resolve most disagreements.

15. The Match Committee may, under special circumstances, vary these Conditions of Play. They may alter a draw, change the number of ends to be played, change the days and times of play, change greens or make other such adjustments as are deemed necessary to complete an event.

### **SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

1. A member may enter both the Open and B Singles Championships.

2. A member who has previously won an Open or B Singles Championship at Wests Tigers Bowls Club or ANY other bowling club is not eligible to play in the B Singles. New playing members of the Club are expected to declare their previous achievements, if any, to the Match Committee.

3. Players should enlist their own marker in the first round of a singles competition. Losing players must be available to be markers in the next round. Markers for the next round to be determined by the toss of a coin if a dispute arises between the two losing markers. The Club President or his delegate shall be the marker for Open Singles final and the B Singles final.

**MIXED PAIRS:**

Each member of a team may play in any position. The introduction of a substitute must not alter the composition of the team i.e. the substitute must be of the same sex as the player being replaced. Substitutes are not permitted to skip.

**DURATION OF GAMES:**

1. Open and B Singles will be first to 25.
2. Pairs, Fours will be 21 ends.
3. Triples will be:
  - Two (2) bowls – 28 ends
  - Three (3) bowls - 21 ends.
4. If a Pairs, Triples or Fours game is drawn at the end of allotted ends, an additional end will be played until a result is achieved.

**SUBSTITUTES AND REPLACEMENT PLAYERS:**

The provisions for substitutes and replacement players are contained in the Domestic Regulations of the current law book, Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition.

1. For all Club Championship events, requests for substitutes or replacement players require the prior approval of the Match Committee. Substitutes are not allowed to skip.
2. Forfeiture In the circumstance where a player/team determines that they will be unable to continue to compete in a particular Club Championship event, the following rules will apply:
  - a. During a game – if the game has not reached the target score (for singles) or the scheduled numbers of ends have not been played, the forfeit will be awarded to the opposing player/team, in that round.
  - b. Post a completed game and/or prior to the next scheduled game – the forfeit will be awarded to the opposing player/team from the next round.

Rule 2.2.6: If an intended player, team or side withdraws without being constituted, the intended players are regarded as not having entered the competition and are eligible to act as replacement players or substitutes in that competition.

2.3.7.2: In a pairs team, if a replacement player is used, then a substitute can only take the place of the replacement player.

2.4.4: Only one replacement player is allowed per team in any competition.

2.1.3 Nominated Player: one whose entry has been lodged and will remain a nominated player until entries for that particular event close.

2.1.4 Intended Player: one whose entry has been accepted as a player, team or side for a particular competition from the time entries close until the member is constituted.

2.1.6 Constituted Player: a singles player or member of a team who has commenced their first game in a competition (when the jack is rolled in the first end as per Law 5.3) or has become constituted as per the provisions of DR 2.2.

2.1.7 Replacement Player: a player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who cannot play in any round after the first round of that competition for a reason accepted by the controlling body.

2.1.8 Substitute: a player who is appointed to play in the place of an intended player or constituted player who is unavailable or physically incapable of attending, playing in or continuing in any part of any game for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

Constitution of Players – see the provisions of DR 2.2.

A player is a nominated player from the time that nominations for a competition are called until nominations close.

Players can be changed at this time without consequence.

Once nominations close and the draw is conducted the nominated player becomes an intended player until the player becomes constituted.

If an intended player becomes unavailable for whatever reason and withdraws from the team, the team is entitled to a substitute only, for the first game of the competition.

After the first game, the substitute, or any other eligible player can become a replacement player.

If the missing player has no intention of or can't return to the team, a replacement player can fill the player's position after the first round. The team can then, if necessary and approved by the controlling body, utilise a substitute.

Each team is entitled to utilise one substitute and one replacement player per game in a competition except in the first round when only a substitute can be utilised.

#### **DISPUTES:**

1. In the event of disputes arising during the playing of Club Championships, the Match Committee is charged with the responsibility of resolving them with the parties concerned.

2. If amicable agreements cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors.

THESE CONDITIONS OF PLAY ARE APPROVED BY WESTS TIGERS BOWLS CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS