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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ALL TVBC CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1. Introduction

This document outlines the Conditions of Play applying to all TVBC Championship and other events.

Unless otherwise specified, all Club Championship matches will be played in accordance with the Law of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3 Edition, Version 3.1 April 2019, including any subsequent amendments, Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations, and the Conditions of Play issued by BowlsACT.

2. Championship Events

The following are classified as TVBC Championship events.

2.1 Major Championships (Men's & Women's)

- Major Singles
- Major Pairs
- Triples
- Fours

2.2 Other Championships

	Men	Women	Mixed	Open
Open Singles				✓
Minor Singles	✓	✓		
Minor Pairs	✓	✓		
Minor/Major Pairs	✓	✓		
Novice Singles <i>(AS OF 2025 NOVICE SINGLES WILL BE AN OPEN EVENT)</i>				✓
Mixed Pairs (Twilight)			✓	
Mixed Fours (Twilight)			✓	
Over 60s Pairs	✓	✓		
Consistency Singles				✓

2.3 Other Events

	Men	Women	Mixed	Open
King and Queen			✓	
Versatile Fours				✓
Mixed Sports Day <i>(From 2025 this event will be 3 games of 12 ends).</i>			✓	
Queen of the Green		✓		

Silver Belles		✓		
E & B Trophy		✓		
Doran Bowls (BACT Women's event)		✓		
Open Summer Triples				✓

3. Entries

3.1 Nominations for entry to all events must be made using Bowlslink by the relevant closing time for entries.

3.1.1 By nominating, you accept the requirement to pay for your entry, even if you do not turn up for your first game

3.2 Entry fee is payable on or before the first day of play in the event.

3.3 By paying the entry fee a player accepts these Conditions of Play.

3.4 Late entries or late receipt of entry fees will result in the entry being excluded, unless the Match Committee determines there are exceptional circumstances.

3.5 A minimum of 8 nominations may be required for a non-championship event to proceed. In the event of less than 8 nominations, the final decision on whether the event will be run will be made by the TVBC Management following advice from the Match Committee.

All Major Championship events will proceed provided that at least 2 nominations are received.

3.6 At its discretion, the Match Committee may seek additional entries after the closing time of an event in order to avoid unnecessary byes, or introduce a new player or players to fill a vacancy in a team if this is deemed necessary to facilitate the conduct of the competition.

4. Eligibility

4.1 Unless otherwise specified, to enter and play a Championship event, a player shall be a financial bowling member of the TVBC.

4.2 TVBC bowling members must play club championships exclusively at TVBC.

4.3 The following table sets out the specific eligibility rules for TVBC Championship events. Unless specifically stated, championships will be gender specific.

Championship Format	Eligibility
Major Singles	All members are eligible to enter.
Open Singles	All members are eligible to enter.
Major Pairs	All members are eligible to enter.
Triples	All members are eligible to enter.
Fours	All members are eligible to enter.

Championship Format	Eligibility
Minor Singles	All members are eligible to enter, provided they haven't won a Major Championship (Singles or pairs) at TVBC, or elsewhere.
Minor Pairs	All members are eligible to enter, provided they haven't won a Major Championship (singles or Pairs) at TVBC, or elsewhere.
Major/Minor Pairs	A team must consist of: One Major - a player who is a previous winner of a Major Singles, Major Pairs, TVBC Triples or TVBC Fours event. One Minor - a player who <u>has not</u> won a Major Singles, Major Pairs, TVBC Triples or TVBC Fours event.
Novice Singles	Entry is open to players with less than 3 years bowls experience at any club, from the date of the first round of the Novice event. Previous winners of a Novice event may not enter.
Over 60s Pairs	Entry is open to all players who are 60 years of age or over as at the date of the first day of play for the event.
Mixed Pairs	Any 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 may play in any position in these events.
Mixed Fours	Each team must consist of 2 men and 2 women. Any 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 may play in any position in these events.
Silver Belles	Entry is open to all female players who are 70 years of age or over as at the date of the first day of play for the event.
Queen of the Green	All women members are eligible to enter.
E & B Trophy	All women members are eligible to enter.
Open Consistency singles	All members are eligible to enter.

5. Dress

- 5.1 Club uniform **MUST** be worn for all championship matches. The only exception is the Novice Singles event when neat, casual clothing is required if a player does not have a club uniform. Approved footwear is required at all times.

6. Controlling Body

- 6.1 The Match Committee is the Controlling Body for all TVBC Championship events. The Match Committee may delegate the functions of Controlling Body to the umpire in charge of the event.
- 6.2 Umpires are **not** required for in-house, non-Championship events. An in-house event is any event that is restricted to TVBC members only. It is expected that players (Skips in the event of Pairs, Triples and Fours) will determine the outcome of any disputes e.g. winning shot, length or jack etc. Players from other rinks may be called on to adjudicate if required.

7. Format/Draws

- 7.1 The Match Committee shall decide the format of each event after taking into account factors such as number of entries received, availability of greens, etc. Events will normally be conducted on a straight knockout basis. However, the Match Committee may implement a sectional format for Singles tournaments where the number of entries impacts on scheduling of other championship or BACT events, or on the number of rinks available on the day
- 7.2 The draw for each event will be conducted as soon as practicable after the closing date for receipt of entries. The draw will be sent to all members of the TVBC by email and a copy will be placed on the club noticeboard at least 7 days prior to the first scheduled date for the event.
- 7.3 A draw for a Match Committee event (TVBC Championship event) shall not be added to, amended, altered, or in any way interfered with, by any player or member of the club.
- 7.5 The Match Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries accepted to an event where venue access and/or available playing dates is limited.
- 7.6 While the Match Committee will endeavour to avoid clashes with Bowls ACT (BACT) events, upon application to the Match Committee, deferment will be granted to players engaged in BACT teams or matches - provided the event has been specifically granted BACT order of precedence. Selected players are to inform the Match Committee of the dates involved as soon as possible, (and may be required to play make up games before the next scheduled championship round)
- 7.7 The Match Committee will exercise every effort to ensure there is no clash between Championship games.

8. Start and Finish Dates and Times

- 8.1 The playing dates for events will be published with the call for nominations.
- 8.2 The starting times for each event will be published with the issue of the draw. The Match Committee reserves the right to alter these times to suit local conditions.
 - 8.2.1 Players who are not available to start their scheduled game within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time may forfeit that game.
- 8.3 To facilitate the timely completion of club competitions and maximise the number of entries the following guidelines will apply to all future club competitions:

Scheduled matches may be played at any time up to the scheduled date and time in Bowlslink subject to the following guidelines and limitations:

Any matches played at a time other than scheduled in Bowlslink must:

- a. Be agreed by all competitors in the match (Skips are responsible for negotiating date/time match is to be played for team events).
- b. Notify the TVBC match committee of the agreed date/time at least 24 hours before the match is played.
- c. Note that green preparation will not be provided for these matches (noting that playing during scheduled social bowls will provide limited green preparation).

- d. Note that Umpires will not be provided for these matches.
- e. Notify the TVBC Match committee of the results as soon as practically possible following the completion of the match.

Regardless of any attempts to play matches prior to the Bowlslink scheduled start date/time, if they are not completed before the Bowlslink scheduled starting date/time, then standard match conditions as per the conditions of play apply. (Note: TVBC Match Committee has the authority to reschedule matches in Bowlslink due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.)

9. Number of Bowls Used

9.1 Unless otherwise stated in this document, the number of bowls per player to be used for TVBC Championship events are as follows:

Format	Number of bowls
Singles	Four (4)
Pairs	Four (4)
Triples	Two (2)
Fours	Two (2)

10. Duration of Matches

10.1 Unless otherwise varied by the Match Committee, events will be conducted as follows:

Format	No. of ends
Singles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First player to 21 shots (qualifying games) • First player to 25 shots (quarter finals, semi-finals & finals). N.B. This is consistent with BACT Conditions of Play for Singles championships.
Pairs	21
Triples	25
Fours	21

10.2 Unless otherwise specified, dead ends will be replayed.

10.3 At its discretion, the Match Committee may apply time limits to matches.

11. Minimum number of ends to constitute a match

11.1 If the match ceases due to inclement weather (excessively wet, cold, hot, windy, lightning, smoke etc.), bad light or other reasonable cause before the relevant minimum number of ends (see table below) have been completed, the match may, at the discretion of the Controlling body, be continued on an alternate date; or be declared abandoned, to be replayed at a new date.

Format	Minimum number of ends
Singles	The game will usually be rescheduled. The game will recommence from the score at the time the game was interrupted.
Pairs	15
Triples	19
Fours	15

11.2 For all **finals** matches, the **full number of ends must be played**.

12. Markers (Singles matches only)

12.1 A marker shall be appointed for each singles game to perform the duties as stipulated in section 42.2 of the Laws of the Sport.

12.2 Players entering a singles event do so on the understanding that they will be required to mark another match prior to or after their scheduled game. This stipulation applies to matches that may be played on a different day to the player's scheduled game.

12.3 It is a condition of entry for Singles Championships that a losing player should mark a subsequent game, as required.

12.4 Failure to honour conditions 12.1 to 12.3 may result in exclusion from other club events.

13. Forfeits or Withdrawals

13.1 A player, team or side forfeiting or withdrawing, shall notify the Match Committee and the opponent at least 24 hours prior to the start of the first game.

13.2 The Match Committee will attempt to make timely contact with any players affected by a forfeit or withdrawal.

13.3 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:

13.3.1 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, regardless of score.

13.3.2 Prior to the next scheduled game – the forfeit will be awarded to the opposing player/team in the next round.

14. Postponed Events

- 14.1 A match shall not be postponed without express approval of the Match Committee.
- 14.2 If a match is postponed or could not be completed on the scheduled day, the Match Committee will attempt to reschedule it for completion on another day.
- 14.3 A postponed game shall be played on the next available date as determined by the Match Committee in consultation with the impacted players.
- 14.4 If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so, a forfeit will apply unless:
- 14.4.1 a substitute or replacement player is permitted; or
 - 14.4.2 the players, by mutual arrangement, obtain the express consent of the Match Committee to play the game on another day prior to commencement of the next round of the event.

15. Substitutes and Replacement Players

- 15.1 The following “player” definitions will apply to all Club Championship events:
- Substitute Player** is a player who is appointed to play in the place of an intended or constituted player.
- Replacement Player** covers a player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who cannot play in any round after the first round.
- 15.2 For all Club Championship team events, requests for substitutes or replacement players as defined in condition 15.1 require the prior approval of the Match Committee.
- 15.3 Notwithstanding condition 15.2 cases of where a nominated player, an intended player or a substitute player is unavailable due to illness or isolation caused by Covid19 the Match Committee may allow relaxation of normal conditions. This may include allowing a team to return to that originally nominated.

16. Inclement Weather

- 16.1 Unless otherwise advised by the Match Committee, players should assume play will proceed when instances of inclement weather are experienced.
- 16.2 Players leaving the green prior to a decision by the Match Committee will be deemed to have forfeited the game.
- 16.3 Due to the lack of available dates for rescheduling matches, the mere possibility, or probability, of rain or high winds will not result in matches being automatically called off.
- 16.4 Decisions on whether to call-off or postpone matches due to rain/wind will be made on the basis of the health and safety of participants (e.g.: the presence of lightning, hail, extreme cold/heat), the potential for damage to the green by continuing play, the degree to which play is no longer possible (due to water pooling etc.). All decisions regarding cessation of play in those circumstances will be decided by the Match Committee, in consultation with the Umpire/s of the day, and the greenkeeper and with reference to BA Policies.

16.5 On days of extreme heat:

16.5.1 Where the ambient temperature at the venue of play reaches 38 degrees Celsius or the apparent temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius players shall complete the end currently being played after which play must be suspended by the Match Committee until the temperature drops below these levels. If, within 60 minutes of the suspension, the temperature has not dropped below 38 degrees, play may be abandoned for the day at the discretion of the Match Committee. At all times, players are to be supported to take action that reduces the effects of extreme heat (for example: using regular breaks, maintaining (but not exceeding) adequate hydration, accessing shade, wearing appropriate attire.)

16.5.2 Temperature readings must be taken at the venue no less often than half-hourly on days of extreme heat. Where there are no adequate facilities for gauging ambient and apparent temperatures at the venue of play the readings used shall be those posted on the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) web site for the relevant weather station. This web site must be checked half-hourly on days of extreme heat.

16.6 On days of extreme cold, play *may* be suspended when the temperature drops to 8 degrees or below. The Match Committee will also take into consideration the following:

16.6.1 the condition of the green in relation to traction. If the green is slippery from frost, dew, rain, hail, sleet, ice, snow or mud;

16.6.2 wind chill factor;

16.6.3 availability of shelter or warmth;

16.6.4 bad light; and

16.6.5 advice from the greenkeeper in relation to possible damage to the green.

16.7 Where other environmental factors such as lightning or smoke occur during matches, the Match Committee will assess the risk by reviewing information provided by the BoM. The following general guidelines should also be followed:

16.7.1 If a lightning threat emerges, the Match Committee will make a decision to delay, suspend or cancel matches in consultation with players or other relevant officials.

16.7.2 If players are on the green or surrounds when the lightning threat becomes real then they should leave the area immediately and take shelter inside a building or metal framed car. They should not shelter under or near trees.

16.7.3 Once the storm's path has been reassessed, there must be a minimum of 30 minutes elapsed before returning to the green.

16.7.4 The Match Committee must abide by the Bowls ACT Policy on Air Quality.

16.7.5 In all cases, the health and safety of players should be the prime consideration in determining whether play should be suspended and/or abandoned.

17. Disputes

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 If amicable agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to the Management Committee.