

MATHOURA BOWLING CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS OF PLAY



1. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1 The MBC Committee in conjunction with the Bowl's Co Ordinator may make such rules and regulations as are deemed necessary for the conduct of Club Championship events.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Subject to the overall control by the Bowls Committee, the Bowl's Co Ordinator shall be responsible for the satisfactory conduct of all Club Championships.

3. INTERPRETATION

- 3.1 In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:
- a) BA – means Bowls Australia.
 - b) BV – means Bowls Victoria.
 - c) Club - shall mean the Mathoura Bowling Club.
 - d) Committee - shall mean the Bowls Club Committee of Management..
 - e) Bowler - shall mean a bowls member affiliated that season with the Mathoura Bowling Club.
 - f) Bowl's Co Ordinator – refers to the person organising and running Club Championship events and has been endorsed by the Committee.
 - g) Member - means a financial bowls member of the Mathoura & District Servicemen's Bowling Club Ltd. for the year in which the Championship is run.
 - h) Deadline Matches - shall mean matches where rounds must be completed by a specific date.
 - i) Draw Schedule - shall for each championship event show the pairing of players/teams, byes where necessary and the dates of each round and be prominently displayed on the Championship Section on the notice board.
 - j) Inclement weather - shall cover weather conditions or other valid causes which renders the green unplayable or which forces the closure of the greens.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Every bowler, who is a financial Playing Bowling member for the season shall be entitled to enter and take part in any or all Club Championships or other Club events.
- 4.2 **Payment to enter an event must be made before the due date, otherwise players will not be included in the draw.**
- 4.3 Late payments may be accepted at the discretion of the Bowl's Co Ordinator under certain circumstances.
- 4.4 This is conditional to following the rules which may be in force at the time and provided the member conform to these rules for championship games, published by the Bowl's Co Ordinator.
- 4.5 Entries for Club Championship events shall close at a designated time on a designated date. Such time and date to be advertised on the noticeboard, website and via text to members.

- 4.6 Further entries (beyond such date and time) may be accepted at the discretion of the Bowl's Co Ordinator, however no additional entries shall be accepted after commencement of the first round of any event.
- 4.7 Entries accepted to avoid a bye should be allocated to the bye position in the Draw Schedule. If necessary the Bowl's Co Ordinator may arrange for the Draw Schedule to start afresh.
- 4.8 Where entry for a Club event is based on a handicap, then a Handicap Committee consisting of the Bowl's Co Ordinator, a Selector and Club Coach representative shall together establish a player's handicap for such an event.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduling for any Championship or Club event shall depend on an adequate number of players entering the draw.
- 5.2 Where numbers are less than originally scheduled then the Bowl's Co Ordinator may reduce the number of rounds for the Championship or event despite the number of rounds published. In such an event the Bowl's Co Ordinator will prominently display the amendment to the Draw Schedule on the Notice Board.
- 5.3 The Bowl's Co Ordinator may cancel a Championship or event where the number of entries is inadequate.

6. DATES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.1 The Bowl's Co Ordinator in conjunction with the Committee shall allocate deadline dates for each round of a Championship or event and such dates shall be published and placed on the noticeboard, website and sent via text as a guide.
- 6.2 Where, in any Championship, it subsequently becomes necessary to amend the date of any round or reduce the number of rounds such change shall be prominently displayed on the Club noticeboard, website and sent via text.

7. SCHEDULING OF GAMES

- 7.1 The greens are reserved for pennant training/coaching purpose on Thursdays from 2.30pm – 6.00pm. Any preliminary championship rounds scheduled to be played on a Thursday must be played outside of this time.**
- 7.2 No games are to be played before 11.00 am unless agreed upon by negotiation with the Bowl's Co Ordinator.**

8. DEADLINE DATES

- 8.1 All rounds in any Championship are to be played by the deadline dates specified by the Bowl's Co Ordinator. It shall be the responsibility of the first named player/team in each match to contact their opponent to arrange a suitable playing date within the time limit for the respective round.
- 8.2 When a match has not been played by the scheduled date and the Bowl's Co Ordinator considers one player/team to be at fault, then that player/team will be deemed to have forfeited the match to their opponent.
- 8.3 If unforeseen circumstances have caused a delay beyond the deadline date for a particular round and neither player/team is at fault, the Bowl's Co Ordinator may grant an extension provided such extension does not prejudice the playing of the ensuing round.
- 8.4 The Bowl's Co Ordinator has the right not to grant an extension where they believe the match could have been played before the deadline date for the round.

9. BV & REGION EVENTS

- 9.1 The Bowl's Co Ordinator shall have regard to BV & REGIONAL trials and championships and avoid conflict of dates with such events whenever possible.

10. DURATION AND METHOD OF PLAY

- 10.1 In Club Championships and events the duration and conditions of play shall be in accordance with BV and Club rules which currently are:

- a) **Club Four (4) Bowls Singles Championship:** Knockout from first round, 25 shots up, and four (4) bowls each player, played alternatively. The FINALS of both the men's and women's singles championship will be played at the same time on the THIRD Sunday in December starting at 3.00pm as published on the entry form conditions of play.
- b) **Open B Grade Two (2) Bowls Singles Championship:** Open to both men and women bowlers who have not won any Club championship or events and regularly plays division 2 or lower in both weekend & midweek pennant. The FINAL will be played at the same time as the Club Singles Championships on the THIRD Sunday in December, starting at 3.00 pm as per entry form conditions of play. Knockout singles to 25 up.
- c) **Men's & Women's Two (2) Bowl Club Singles:** Knockout from first round, 25 shots up, and two (2) bowls each player, played alternatively. The FINALS will be played on the first Sunday in February starting at 11.00am. as published on the entry form conditions of play.
- d) **Men's & Women's Four (4) Bowls Pairs Championship:** All matches in the Pairs Championship are 15 (live) ends. The FINAL of both the Men's Club Pairs Championship and the Women's Club Pairs Championship shall be played on the SECOND Sunday in February starting at 3.00 pm as published on the entry form conditions of play.
- e) **Mixed Pairs Four (4) Bowls Championship:** Knockout from first round and played over 15 (live) ends. This will be a whole day knockout event played on the first Sunday in March beginning at 11.00 am. The final will be played after lunch.
- f) **Men's and Women's 100 Up .** A handicap event to a score of 100. Scoring will be 4 points for shot, 3 for 2nd shot, 2 for 3rd shot and 1 point for 4th shot. Players' handicaps are to be in the form of a negative number (or zero), determined by the handicap committee consisting of the Bowl's Co Ordinator, a Selector and the Coaching Co Ordinator using BV & Club handicap guidelines.
 - i. Players will be required to start scoring at their handicap, for example a player with a handicap of -15 will need to score 15 points before registering a positive overall score, while a player on scratch (handicap zero), will start positive scoring immediately.
 - ii. The FINAL of both the Men's & Women's Singles Handicap 100 shall be played on the second Thursday in March at 4.00 pm. a time published on the entry form conditions of play.

- g) **Men's and Women's 21 Up:** A handicap event to a score of 21. Scoring will be number of shots per end. Players' handicaps are to be in the form of a negative number (or zero), determined by the handicap committee consisting of the Bowl's Co Ordinator, a Selector and the Coaching Co Ordinator using BV & Club handicap guidelines (divide 100 Up handicap by 2.5 and take to the next whole number).
- i. Scoring will be number of shots per end. Players' handicaps are to be determined by a handicap team consisting of the Bowl's Coordinator, a selector and the coaching coordinator using BV & Club guidelines. This will be in the form of a negative number (or zero). Players will be required to start scoring at their Singles Handicap. This will be in the form of a negative number (or zero).
 - ii. The FINAL of the men's & Ladies' 21 Up event will be played on the THIRD Thursday in March at 4.00pm.
- h. **Open Triples Two (2) Bowls Championship:** All matches in the Triples Championship are 18 (live) ends. Each team is to have a **minimum of one lady bowler**. The FINAL of the Open Triples shall be played on the third Thursday in February starting at 3.00 pm as published on the entry form conditions of play. Official training/coaching will still be scheduled from 4.30pm. - 6.00pm.

11. TRIAL ENDS & PRACTICE

- 11.1 Before start of play, or on the resumption of a match on another day, not more than one trial end each way shall be played. Trial ends shall be permitted only before the first match of the day and must be completed prior to the appointed time for commencement of play.
- 11.2 An intended player/team due to meet a player/team that has previously played on the same day may practice provided:
- i) there is sufficient time available without delaying the competition and a rink is available.
 - ii) the Bowl's Co Ordinator shall allocate the rink.
- 11.2 Practice is not permitted on a rink upon which the player/team has been drawn to play in a subsequent round.

12. TIES

- 12.1 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the set number of ends or shots up, then an extra end or ends shall be played to obtain a result.

13. SUBSTITUTES

- 13.1 A substitute (as opposed to a replacement) means a member who acts as a proxy for an intended member or a constituted player in a team, who is unavailable or physically incapable and thereby prevented from playing in a match or part thereof.
- 13.2 No member may act as a substitute unless the Bowl's Co Ordinator has granted permission after being satisfied regarding the eligibility of the proposed substitute and the circumstances governing the request.

- 13.3 A constituted player in a team, whether defeated or not, shall be ineligible to act as a substitute in any other team in the same event.
- 13.4 A substitute shall be chosen from available eligible members whose playing ability shall not be considered.
- 13.5 A member, who has acted as a substitute, if they remain eligible, may continue to act as such in that, or any other team, in the same Championship or event, or they may be changed at the completion of any end during the match or between succeeding matches in the same Championship or event.
- 13.6 If a team, having a substitute for a portion or all the time, eventually wins a Championship or event, the appropriate award thereof shall be given to the constituted player of the team and not to the substitute.
- 13.7 A substitute may play in any position except skip. In the case of a triple or four the other players may rearrange their positions as desired.
- 13.8 In a team only one substitute shall be allowed.
- 13.9 If one member of a team is absent and no substitute is available the team shall forfeit the match.

14. REPLACEMENTS

- 14.1 A replacement (as opposed to a substitute) applies when there is no possibility of the player's return to fill his/her place in the team in that competition.
- 14.2 If, during a game or competition, a constituted player in a team is physically incapable of continuing in the competition, or becomes ineligible by resignation, suspension, expulsion, forfeiture of playing status or disqualification, the position shall be declared vacant and the Bowl's Co Ordinator shall allow an eligible member to fill the vacated position as a constituted player of the team.
- 14.3 Only one player may be replaced in a team under this provision.
- 14.4 No member may act as a replacement unless the Bowl's Co Ordinator has granted permission after being satisfied regarding the eligibility of the proposed replacement and the circumstances governing the request.

15. UMPIRES

- 15.1 The Bowl's Co Ordinator shall endeavour to always have an umpire present for Championship finals.

16. MARKING

- 16.1 Duties of a Marker shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 16.2 For Club Singles Championships players shall be responsible for securing a suitable Marker.
- 16.3 For subsequent rounds the losers in the previous round shall be responsible for marking or getting a substitute.

17. CLUB UNIFORM

- 17.1 Non-Club Uniform attire, (i.e. tidy casual), shall be acceptable for all Championships and events apart from finals for which the current MBC uniform must be worn. The same will apply for Markers.

18. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 18.1 Should inclement weather either prevent commencement of play or completion by a deadline date an alternate date shall be set by the players provided such date shall be before the date of the next round.
- 18.2 Players shall agree scores to date, rule off scorecard/s and hold the card/s until play resumes. Trial ends may be played on resumption.
- 18.3 It is expected that the time granted to complete the round by the deadline date should be sufficient. Should inclement weather on the deadline date for a round preclude play, the players risk forfeit of their match unless the Bowl's Co Ordinator believes efforts have been made to play the match prior to the deadline.
- 18.4 The Bowl's Co Ordinator may grant additional time for playing the match, provided such extension shall not prejudice the playing of a subsequent round of that Championship or event.

19. RESERVATION OF RINKS

- 19.1 The players involved shall note on the Green Booking sheet located on the noticeboard the date and time of their match and the Green keeper shall allocate a rink.

20. SCORE CARDS

- 20.1 Where appointed, the Marker shall keep the scorecard in a singles match, otherwise both players shall keep a card. For team events a player in each team shall be responsible for keeping score and confirming the score with his counterpart in the opposing team.
- 20.2 All scores must be agreed and signed by opponents before the result is posted on the Draw Schedule.

21. RESULTS OF MATCHES

- 21.1 All results shall be recorded promptly on the Draw Schedule displayed on the Championship or event Notice Board.

22. APPEALS

- 22.1 The Bowl's Co Ordinator shall arbitrate on any disputes arising in a match under that Championship.
- 22.2 The decision of the Bowl's Co Ordinator in conjunction with the committee shall be final.

23. HANDICAPS

- 23.1 Players competing in Club handicap events shall have a handicap allocated by the Handicap Committee which will use the following table as a guide:
- 23.2 Handicaps for 100Up. (For 21Up, divide 100Up handicap by 2.5 and take to the next whole number.)
- 23.3 The Handicap Committee will: always consider the bowler's current form, Honour board events record, ability and age & position in pennant sides.
- 23.4 Player's handicaps are to be dropped each year if they have not won any honour board events or played pennant, and according to their current form.
- 23.5 Runners-up of Club singles championship – increase handicap by 1.

Schedule 1 – Handicap Chart

100 Up	21 Up	Handicap Criteria
25	10	Current Club singles champion.
23	9	Winner of multiple (2+) honour board events excluding handicap events. Previous year's Club singles champion
20	8	Winner of two (2) honour board events excluding handicap events.
17	7	Winner of one (1) honour board event excluding handicap events. Division 1 skips.
13	5	Winner of a handicap honour board event. Division 1 pennant thirds, division 2 pennant skips and players of similar ability.
10	4	Division 2 pennant thirds, division 3 pennant skips and players of similar ability.
8	3	Division 3 pennant leads & seconds, Division 4 pennant thirds & players of similar ability.
4	2	Division 4 pennant leads & seconds and players of similar ability.
0	0	Novice bowlers with less than two years' experience.

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