

ASPLEY MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB

COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Including "B' Grade, Veteran's, Novice, 100 & 25 UP singles, and other Club selected games.

1. Competition

a. The competitions shall be known as the Aspley Memorial Bowls Club Championships.

b. All games shall be conducted in accordance with the **current** "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" -with Domestic Regulations for Australia (Laws), Bowls Australia (BA) policies, Bowls Queensland (BQ) By-Laws and these conditions of play.

c. The Controlling Body shall be the Games Director/Assistant plus any two of President, Vice President, Secretary and the Umpire of the day.

d. Disciplines shall be Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

e. All competitions shall be subject to an open draw.

f. The Competition year runs from February to November each calendar year.

g. In the event of a death of an immediate family member, Refer to Clause 7(e) of these Conditions of Play. Immediate family is defined as husband/partner, children, father, mother, sister, brother and grandchildren.

h. Due to illness on the day of finals, one week deferment is allowed for singles only. Refer Clause 7(e).

2. Eligibility

a. All members of Aspley Memorial Bowls Club Division who are financial members and eligible at the time of nominations close and for the duration of the competition/s.

b. Novice: - Player who has been playing for three years or less.

c. Veteran: - Player who will attain 70. years of age during the year.

d. B Grade: - Player who has previously not won a "B" or "A" grade singles title at any club.

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e..Handicaps for 100 & 25 up will be calculated at the beginning of each playing year based on results over the last four years and length of time bowling. These handicaps will be used in 100 up games. Handicaps will be divided by 4 for the 25up Singles.

3. Nominations

a.All entries must include the names of all members of the team and must include Nomination Fee.

b.Entries will close at 1.00 p.m. on the nominated date which is at least two weeks after nominations open and then played two weeks after the closing date.

c. Any nomination received after the closing date shall not be considered for the Draw.

d. Nomination fees will not be refunded after the Draw has been made.

e. All games to be played shall be called and posted on the noticeboard one week prior to the scheduled starting date. An umpire/measurer will be appointed and posted on the notice board.

All competitions are to be completed within the playing year. Two games of competition may be called on the one day if required to determine the winner/s of the event/s for the current year.

4. Duration of Play

Championship Competition will be as follows

- Singles 25 shots up
- Pairs (four bowls) 21 Ends
- Triples (2 bowls) 25 Ends
- Fours (2 bowls) 21 Ends

Format of play shall be a knockout competition. Should there be a tied game, an extra end or ends shall be played in accordance with Law 28 in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition.

- 100 Up Handicapped Singles 100 points

To be played as a singles game – 4 bowls each with a marker.

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- The game then proceeds as a regular singles game.
- When all bowls have been played and the end is being declared, the closest bowl is counted as 4 points, next is 3 points, next is 2 points and the next is 1 point.

- The player who receives the 4 points rolls the jack for the next end.

NOTE: If the umpire is called to measure shots and it is determined that both shots are equal distance from the jack, the scores for the shots being measured are to be added and the result divided by 2. E.g. Measure for first and second shots cannot be determined the score for first shot shall be added score for second shot and the result divided by 2. Shot 1 = 4 plus shot 2 = 3 so, $4 + 3 = 7$ divided by 2 = 3.5 points per player with the scores of shots 3 and 4 being added to that amount to finalise scoring of the end.

Players shall play to at least 100 points. If equal score close of 100 points, all bowls to be counted on the last end. The winner shall be the player with the highest score reached. E.g. $96 + 4 = 100$ and $96 + 6 = 102$ (102 is winner). Should there be a tied game, an extra end or ends shall be played in accordance with Law 28 in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition version 3.1.

5. Replacement Player

If a constituted player is unable to continue in any round after the first round for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body then a replacement player can be used. Only one replacement player per team shall be permitted per competition, and can play in any position including that of skip. The Replacement Player will be a player who satisfies the eligibility requirements to be a member of a team as stated in Domestic Regulations 2.5

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PLAY, SUBSTITUTE OR FORFEIT RULE SHALL ALWAYS APPLY

6. Withdrawals, Forfeits and Substitutes

- (a) Withdrawals from the competition before time of closure must be advised to the Games Director. After the Draw is completed, further withdrawals become subject to Play, Substitute or Forfeit rule and no refunds will be given.
- (b) All forfeits/withdrawals from subsequent rounds must be advised to the Games Director.
- (c) All players must be present at the scheduled starting time of Competition Day. If, 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, one or more players are absent from a team or a singles player, the defaulting team/player will forfeit the game
- (d) To claim a forfeit, a competitor/team must be on time, dressed in Club attire and have paid green fee. Any competitor or team may be asked to play the next round on this day provided they are agreeable. This can assist the Greens Director.
- (e) All substitutes must be eligible players approved by the Controlling Body/umpire. Only one substitute per team is allowed per game. Skips are responsible in Championship games regarding substitutes. A substitute can play any position except that of Skip.
- (f) They must notify the Games Director of the name of the substitute and what position they are taking.

7. Calling and Playing Games.

- (a) Competition games will be called 7 days before games are due to be played. If a player/s is unable to play on that day because of work commitments or another reason acceptable by the Controlling Body, the game can be played on another day and time which is suitable to both teams, but the game must be played before the next round of the event is played. E.g. a game called on 4

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September to be played on 11 September must be played on or by 17

September. If a suitable date cannot be arranged both players/teams will forfeit.

The Games Director must be advised of the date and time of the rescheduled game so that greens availability and umpires can be arranged.

(b) All competition games will begin at 9.00 a.m.

(c) Each competition will be played on consecutive weeks, including semi-finals and finals providing there is no conflict with National, State or District events that may include a player or players.

(e) Where possible finals are to be played on a Wednesday. If the game cannot be played on the date it is called, the game can be rescheduled to a time and date suitable to all players but within the 13 days' time frame described in clause 7(a). The Games Director to be advised of details of rescheduled game.

(b) If a competition/s has been delayed for any reason acceptable by the Controlling Body, 2 games can be called for the one day in order to complete the event in the current championship year.

8. Trial Ends

One (1) trial end each way shall be allowed prior to each days play or on the resumption of a match on another day, and a player may use as many bowls as will be used in the match.

9. Dead Ends

There will be no dead ends. Any end declared dead shall be replayed.

10. Player Movement During Play

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head as follows: -

(a) Singles Game: The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

(b) Pairs Game: The Leads after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.

The Skips after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls

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(c) Triples Game: The Leads after delivery of their third bowl;

The Seconds after delivery of their second and third bowls.

The Skips after delivery of each of their bowls.

(d) Fours Game the Leads after the second player in their team has played their bowls.

The Seconds after delivery of their second bowl.

The Thirds after delivery of their second bowl.

The Skips after delivery of each of their bowls.

Restricting the movement of players does not prohibit a player being called to the head by the Skip; however, care should be taken not to delay play

11. Delaying Play

No player, excluding Skips, is permitted to remain at the head whilst their opposite number is delivering their bowl. Any Skip that remains at the head shall stand behind the last bowl of the head or retire to the bank. Skips who remain at the head will return to the mat immediately their opponents bowl has come to rest.

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the Skips or the opponents in Singles, decides that a player is playing in an unsportsmanlike manner by deliberately delaying play:

- ☐ On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
- ☐ If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be

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regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent; and

□ If the player offends the third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent (BQ Championship Conditions of Play).

12. Position of Players when not Playing

(a) Players at the mat end not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat. Players at the head end not controlling the head should stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head, or on the surrounds of the green if the jack of in the ditch, or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.

(b) At the start of each end only the Skip or Deputy will be at the head end of the rink in play.

13. Game Stoppages/Inclement Weather

Should a stoppage occur during a game, the Skips may appeal to the umpire for permission to suspend play. In the game stopped for any reason and to be resumed later, the last end completed should be underlined. The player in control of the scorecard/opponents I singles would initial the card and hand it to the Games Director, for when the games resume either by mutual agreement or when rescheduled by the Games Director. Factors concerning play at time of stoppage or continuation – see Law 32. Also refer BA Weather Policy.

14. Markers

For Championship Singles, accredited markers should be appointed. If an accredited marker is not available to mark game/s, a competitor with a bye or a losing player from the previous round may be called mark. If called to mark and you are subsequently unable to do so then it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Games Director.

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15. Attire

The uniform will be in accordance with Club regulation as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 14. Club uniform is to be worn by players and markers for all Club Championships. Accredited Umpires may wear the club umpires' uniform if they are called to mark. All attire for Club Championship games must have BA Logo as outlines in the National logo policy. (Current BQ Mandatory Conditions of Play at Club level).

16. Player Commitments/Exemption

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A substitute is not to be approved for a player who is unavailable because of a commitment to play bowls in another event they have entered.

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A substitute must be permitted for a player who is unavailable to play because of their selection as a player in a recognised National, State or Divisional/Regional Representative side

17. Lights

Games may be played or continued under lights if required.

18. Electronic Communication Devices

All devices located within 6 metres of the green whilst a match is in progress SHALL BE SWITCHED OFF. These include mobile phones, radios, pagers etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" emergency personnel after consultation with the controlling body.

19. Player of the Year

Player of the year is decided I the following way:

- (a) Competitions considered are – Ladies Events – Championship Fours, Triples, Pairs and singles, Mixed Pairs, Mixed Triples and Mixed Fours.
- (b) Only games played for that current competition year are to be considered.

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Competition	Runner up	Winner
C'ship fours	3	5
C'ship Triples	4	6
C'ship Pairs	5	7
C'ship Singles	5	8
Mixed Fours	3	5
Mixed Triples	4	6
Mixed Pairs	5	7
District C of C		5

(d) The Games Coordinator will keep a tally of the scores from these competitions.

(e) Wins always take precedence.

(f) Points are awarded only to players participating in the finals.

20. ALTERATION TO CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Conditions of Play shall be revised at the end of each playing year by the Aspley Bowls Games Committee

