

# MERRYLANDS MEN'S BOWLING CLUB BY-LAWS

## 1. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1.1. PREVAILING LAWS

- 1.1.1. **LAWS & CONDITIONS OF PLAY:** All Club Championships shall be played under the domestic Regulations of the current World Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Edition) and the current Conditions of Play of Bowls NSW.
- 1.1.2. **CONDITIONS OF PLAY- Changes:** The Bowls Management Committee reserves the right to alter the prevailing Conditions of Play in order to bring each Championship event to a successful outcome.

### 1.2. SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

- 1.2.1. The Scheduled Dates of play shall be set by the Match Committee and applied through the Bowls Coordinator, and, unless otherwise stated, contestants are encouraged to play on or before the Scheduled Date, provided that the proposed date of play has been approved by the Bowls Office/Coordinator who will have checked/confirmed that (a) the proposed date/time is suitable (b) a rink is available and (c) the Green can be prepared beforehand, if needed.
- 1.2.2. Each Scheduled Match is to be played on or before the Scheduled Date set for the round. Contestant(s) unable to meet that requirement shall forfeit the game, unless, in consultation with the Match Committee, the Bowls Coordinator deems there to be Special/Exceptional circumstances and permit extension of that date of play.
- 1.2.3. Club Championships are NOT to be scheduled for long weekends, public holidays or on Mothers' or Fathers' Days unless by mutual agreement between Contestants and approval of the Club Bowls Coordinator
- 1.2.4. No matches are to be re-scheduled on a Monday as it is Green Maintenance Day.

- 1.3. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the case of extreme weather conditions, as per clause 4, the Club, through its delegated representatives, has the responsibility of deciding whether to permit players on the green, and if it is considered to be unsuitable or unsafe, the Club has the responsibility of closing the green by so advising any prospective players and posting high-visibility notices for the attention of its patrons. All matches for that day will be deferred to the next available playing date. Any matches that have not been completed due to inclement weather will be scheduled to be completed at the next available playing date. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter or set new dates.

- 1.4. **ATTIRE:** Contestants are required to wear current Club uniform, otherwise, as a lesser preference, traditional white/cream. Club coloured headwear is encouraged.

### 1.5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR SINGLES MATCHES

- 1.5.1. **MARKERS:** Unless otherwise stated by the Bowls Office/Coordinator, it is the responsibility of Entrants to organize a competent MARKER for the first round of a Singles Championship. In subsequent Scheduled rounds, the Loser is required to be available to mark the next-tier game (usually determined on the 'toss of a coin' between the two Losers of same-tier games). In the case of Non-Scheduled games, Contestants bear the responsibility of finding a Marker.

## CAUTIONARY NOTES

**OBLIGATIONS OF ENTRY INTO SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:** By entering Singles Championships, contestants/players agree to make themselves available to mark a following game if they are Losers in the immediately-previous round of that Championship. A penalty may be imposed on players failing to fulfil this obligation, eg. by being refused entry into a future Club Championship(s).

**MARKER COMPETENCY:** Situations have occasionally arisen where Contestants have experienced frustration with the ability of a person functioning as Marker for their game. For the First Round of Scheduled Games, the Match Committee/Bowls Coordinator should ensure that Markers are experienced/capable. However, in later rounds, Controlling Body of the day should advise any intending Marker(s) that he/she should ensure (in advance) that they are familiar with the basic obligations/duties/limitations of their role so as not to hinder the smooth progress/outcome of a game for either Contestant. **In case of doubt**, a Marker should consult the Umpire **prior to the game** to update their duties/obligations.

## 1.6. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players must be registered with Bowls NSW at Merrylands. Event's where women are to play, they must be a member of the Women's Bowls NSW and registered through Merrylands

- 1.6.1. MEN MAJOR EVENTS comprise the Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.
- 1.6.2. MEN MINOR EVENTS- SINGLES: Is only open to players who have NOT won a Major or Minor Singles before, at ANY Club in any year.
- 1.6.3. MEN MINOR EVENTS- PAIRS, TRIPLES & FOURS: Open to players who have a verifiable NSW Pennant Grading no higher than Grade 4, on the Closing Date of Entry.
- 1.6.4. MEN SENIOR EVENTS- SINGLES & PAIRS: Open to players aged 60 years or over, on the Closing Date of Entry.
- 1.6.6. GRADED EVENTS: Men's points will be equal to their current Bowls NSW Grading. Women points will be equal to TWO TIMES their current Women's Bowls NSW grading MINUS ONE.  
E.G. Women grade 3 = 5 points (3x2-1)
- 1.6.6. GRADED EVENTS: Open to any Merrylands player, Men and Women. See Appendix C for Conditions of Play.
- 1.6.9. MIXED PAIRS: Open to players who shall play with a member of the Merrylands Women's Bowling Club.
- 1.6.10. MIXED TRIPLES: Open to any of a combination of both genders of Merrylands Bowling Clubs. Players may play in any order.
- 1.6.11. JUNIOR EVENTS- SINGLES & PAIRS: Open to players aged under 18 years at the Scheduled Date of the Final.
- 1.6.12. CONSISTENCY SINGLES: Open to any Merrylands player, Men and Women, irrespective of grading. See Appendix B for Conditions of Play.
- 1.6.13. BUTTERFLY SINGLES: Open to any Merrylands player, Men and Women, irrespective of grading.
- 1.6.14. NOVICE EVENTS- SINGLES & PAIRS: Open to Merrylands registered Players, who have been a registered bowler for three (3) years or less on the Closing Date of Entry. Previous Winners are ineligible to enter.

## 1.7. FORMAT OF GAME- Duration & Bowls Used

1.7.1. Singles- Major & Minor.....	31 shots up	4 bowls
1.7.2. Singles- Senior, Junior & Novice .....	25 shots up	4 bowls
1.7.3. Singles- Consistency .....	150 points up	4 bowls
1.7.4. Singles- Butterfly .....	Best of 3 sets 7 shots up	4 bowls
1.7.5. Pairs- Major, Minor & Mixed .....	21 ends	4 bowls
1.7.6. Pairs- Junior, Novice & Senior .....	21 ends	3 bowls
1.7.7. Triples- Major .....	25 ends	2 bowls
1.7.8. Triples- Minor & Mixed .....	21 ends	2 bowls
1.7.9. Fours- Major & Minor .....	21 ends	2 bowls

## 1.8. Entry Numbers

For any Club Championships, if three entries are received, then, unless specified in the Bowls NSW CoP, the Championship with three entries will be run as a round robin event. The Committee may decide to alter the length of the matches to bring the event to a conclusion over one day.

For any Club Championship where only one or two entries are received, then that Club Championship will not be played in that year.

## **2. PENNANT**

- 2.1. When a side Manager is required, the Selectors shall appoint such side Manager
- 2.2. When a Coach is required, the Board of Directors shall appoint such Coach.
- 2.3. Players participating in pennant trials must wear current Club Uniform or regulation dress if club uniform is unavailable to the member from the club.
- 2.4. Players participating in pennant must wear the current Club uniform.
- 2.5. Selections must be made no later than Monday evening before a pennant round.
- 2.6. Selected players must indicate their availability no later than Thursday evening prior to a pennant match.
- 2.7. Players who know they will be unavailable for selection must indicate their unavailability no later than one (1) week prior to the date of the match.
- 2.8. Teams playing in State play-offs will have a Tour Manager appointed by the Board of Directors.

## **3. BOWLS – GENERAL**

- 3.1. The President shall be entitled to mark the final of all singles competitions, except the final of the Minor Singles, if he is available and he so desires. In the event of the Vice-President being unavailable to mark the Minor Singles final, the President shall be entitled to mark the final of the Minor Singles.
- 3.2. The Vice-President shall be entitled to mark the final of the Minor Singles, if he is available and he so desires. In the event of the President being unavailable to mark any Singles finals, the Vice-President shall be entitled to mark the final of such event.
- 3.3. The Club shall pay entry fees for all bowlers representing the Club in all Association events.
- 3.4. In the event of vacant rinks being available during Association matches, controlled practice or social matches may be approved by the controlling body.
- 3.5. The Match Committee shall have the right to set and alter the local Conditions of Play to bring the event to a successful conclusion.

## **4. EXTREME WEATHER POLICY - GENERAL**

- 4.1. The Extreme Weather Policy (the "Policy") will apply to all organised matches of Lawn Bowls conducted at the Merrylands Bowling Club.
- 4.2. The safety and wellbeing of players, officials, and spectators shall be of paramount consideration.
- 4.3. The Policy will be implemented by the Controlling Body.
- 4.4. The Club shall ensure that each umpire and each person acting in the capacity of Controlling Body is aware of and familiar with the Policy.
- 4.5. The Policy shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board.
- 4.6. In making a decision in relation to this Policy, the Controlling Body will take into account all relevant factors, including the age and health and wellbeing of players and officials in extreme conditions
- 4.7. Where the Policy has been implemented, play may be suspended for a limited time if there is a possibility of weather conditions improving. Play will be abandoned if the weather conditions do not improve.
- 4.8. The following shall be available at all times:
  - (a) Suitable water fountains in good working order
  - (b) Sunscreen (not less than SPF30+)
  - (c) Shaded areas and sun shades in good working order
- 4.9. The temperature will be determined by instruments of an appropriate standard located in a suitable location.

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- 4.10. A member of the Management Committee, upon being aware of forecasted extreme conditions, should regularly check the weather conditions. If the activity goes ahead (being noted) the record is available over a period and used for determining an acceptable criteria for "ceasing play" or activity period reduced.
- 4.11. First Aid should be available at all times.
- 4.12. **Hot Weather**
  - a) As per the Bowls Australia Heat Index
  - b) For matches on the artificial green use two (2) points below Bowls Australia policy
- 4.13. **Wet/Cold Weather** - During light rain conditions play may continue.
- 4.14. When heavy rain is experienced or threatening, play should be suspended or abandoned where:
  - (a) Proper wet weather clothing is not being generally worn;
  - (b) Water is penetrating the clothing of bowlers;
  - (c) Players are having difficulty holding bowls, seeing though their glasses, or standing on the mat; or
  - (d) Concentrations of water have formed on the green and/or surrounds which are potentially hazardous to bowlers.
- 4.15. When the temperature falls to 8° C or below, play will be discontinued while ever the temperature is maintained at this level.
- 4.16. The temperature recorded from the weather station in the bowls office will be the official temperature used for 4.12 and 4.15
- 4.17. If **thunder** is heard and/or when **lightning** is approaching, play should be suspended or abandoned and participants advised to seek shelter within a large building. Rink shelters, sheds and other partially open or small structures are NOT safe.
- 4.18. Play may recommence when lightning or thunder ceases.
- 4.19. **Windy Weather** - Play shall be suspended or abandoned when the wind is sufficiently strong to:
  - (a) Move the jack and/or bowls from a stationary position;
  - (b) Persistently blows mats out of position;
  - (c) Prevent players from take a suitable stance on the mat; or
  - (d) Cause items to be blown dangerously across the green.

Appendix A

Heat Stress Index

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**BOWLS AUSTRALIA HEAT POLICY WHEN THE INDEX REACHES 36  
PLAY TO BE SUSPENDED FOR 5 MINS EVERY 20 MIN**

**WHEN INDEX REACHES 40 PLAY SUSPENDED**

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY CONSISTENCY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & MARKING.

This championship is open to all men and women who are Full Bowling Members of the Merrylands or Guildford Clubs, AND who are registered on the website of RNSWBA or RNSWWBA as member of either of these Clubs. Players may be graded or ungraded. This includes Grades 1 - 7 for Men and Grades 1 - 4 for Women.

It is also a requirement that should any entrant lose any preliminary round, he/she must be available to be a **Marker** or be responsible for providing a **Marker** for any subsequent game. Failure to satisfy this requirement may result in a penalty, such as exclusion from entering other Club Championships as will be determined by the Bowls Committee. It is expected that Markers be formally attired in his/her Club uniform or according to RNSWBA guidelines.

### 2. LOCATION OF PLAY.

All games are scheduled to be played at the Guildford Club, however, should any contestants find this difficult, application may be made to the Bowls Coordinator for any individual game to be played at an alternative agreed time at the Merrylands Bowling Club.

### 3. FORMAT OF GAME.

The game is essentially one played as a Singles game, overseen by a Marker, and is played in conformity with the current 'Bowls Australia- Laws of the Sport of Bowls' (Crystal Mark Edition).

As in a normal Singles Championship, each bowler delivers 4 bowls, in alternate sequence, to be as close as possible to the Jack which remains at a 'fixed' location on the rink during an end.

However, there is a limitation..... should the Jack be moved/driven into the Ditch or Out-of-Bounds during the course of play, the end is automatically terminated and the maximum points (10) for that end will be awarded to the opponent of the Player who caused this outcome. Normally, there is no scoreless end in this game.

### 4. OBJECT OF THE GAME.

Once the Jack has been rolled by the Player beginning the end, the Marker places a flat washer centrally on the rink at that distance from the mat, and mounts the jack on it, where it remains, or to where it is returned (see Cl.5), for the duration of the end. Players alternately deliver their bowls to try to ensure a maximum of his/her Bowls are closest to that Jack, and the nearest bowls are allocated a score (see Scoring, Cl.6). The game continues until at the conclusion of an end, one Player has accumulated 150 points or more and is declared the winner.

### 5. DISPLACEMENT OF JACK.

- A. Anytime during the course of play, should the Jack be moved off the washer by a Bowl, with the Jack remaining in play on the Rink (not in the Ditch), the Marker will place the Jack back on the washer (however, see Cl.5 B below). If the delivered Bowl has made direct contact with the Jack, and remains 'alive' within the rink boundaries (including, in the Ditch), it shall be marked as a 'Toucher' by the Marker.
- B. If a resting Bowl **partially** obstructs the washer so that it is not possible to place the Jack back on the washer, the Jack shall be placed so that its nearest part is as close as possible to the centre of the washer.
- C. If a resting bowl **totally** obscures the washer, the Jack is placed behind, and in contact with, the obstructing Bowl, where it remains until the Marker can replace it on the washer. The Marker must watch for this during the remainder of the end as the obstructing Bowl may be sufficiently moved by a subsequent bowling action.
- D. If at the completion of the end, a bowl(s) is covering the washer, once the bowl(s) that is covering the washer is counted, the jack is immediately replaced on the washer for further measurements.

### 6. SCORING.

At the conclusion of each end played, Players decide by mutual agreement (and measurement, if necessary)-

- the closest bowl to the Jack, which is worth **4 points**,
- the 2nd nearest bowl, which is worth **3 points**,
- the 3rd nearest bowl, which is worth **2 points**, and
- the 4th nearest bowl, which is worth **1 point**.
- if bowls are tied, the points of the bowls that are tied are added and then divided by the number of bowls that are tied to work out the score for each bowl.
- There can be no more than **10 points** scored on any end.

The 5th nearest and all other remaining 'live' bowls are worth **0 points**.

Under normal circumstances, the total points allocated for each end is 10 points.

However, if 3 or fewer Bowls remain 'live' on the rink of play, the total points allocated for an end can be less than 10.

### 7. DECIDING THE WINNER.

As cited in Cl.4, play continues until at the conclusion of an end (where each player has delivered 4 bowls), one

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Player has accumulated a minimum of 150 points and the other has accumulated less than 150 points.

If after the particular end, both Players have accumulated a minimum of 150 points, then the Player with the higher score is declared the Winner.

If after the particular end, both Players have accumulated 150 points and therefore, are tied, further end(s) must be played until one Player achieves a higher score than the other and can be declared the Winner.

Appendix C

### **Graded Events**

The Graded Pairs, Triples and Fours to be played as a one day event, with multiple short games, with the highest ranked teams qualifying for finals. Open to members from both Merrylands Men's and Women's bowls clubs.

#### **Conditions of play:**

- Graded Pairs (7 points), 3 bowl pairs played over 8 end games.
- Graded Triples (10 points), 2 bowl triples played over 8 end games.
- Graded Fours, played over 6 end games. (All entries for the graded fours are to be single names, with players selected into four different groups. The first group will be the best players, the second group the next best players and so on. Each team will have one player randomly drawn from each group)

5 rounds (blind draw, tournament play)

Teams will be ranked on wins, draws (2 draws = 1 win), highest margin, ends won, percentage and if still even the controlling body will determine a way to separate sides.

1<sup>st</sup> rank vs 4<sup>th</sup> rank and 2<sup>nd</sup> rank vs 3<sup>rd</sup> rank in the semi-finals with the winners advancing to the final. If any finals match is tied after the completion of allocated ends, then an extra end(s) will be played until there is a winner.

There will be no "dead" ends, if the jack moves outside the boundaries of the rink it will be placed on the centre line at 2 metre mark.

Grading's will be based on the player's current grade. Women's Grading will be doubled minus 1. If a player is graded with both the men and women, the men's grading will be used.

9:30am start. Lunch taken after round 3.

No trial ends.

The Committee may alter the length of games or amount of rounds to bring a conclusion to the event on the day.