

**1. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 1.1 All Club Championships shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls New South Wales Conditions of Play.
  - 1.2 The playing of Championship matches before the scheduled date is encouraged. Contestants must advise the Bowls Office immediately if such arrangements are made, so that the greens can be prepared and green space can be allocated.
  - 1.3 A scheduled date having been set, each scheduled match must be played or forfeited on that date, unless prior arrangements have been made, by mutual agreement, for the match to be played before the scheduled date.
  - 1.4 For the first round of singles matches, organizing for markers will be the responsibility of the players in each match. In all subsequent matches, losers may be required to mark. Merrylands players not fulfilling their obligations as markers in singles events, may be required to appear before the Management Committee, a penalty may be imposed that singles entry may not be accepted the following year.
  - 1.5 Club Championships are not to be scheduled for long weekends, public holidays or on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, unless by mutual agreement.
  - 1.6 No matches are to be scheduled on a Monday as it is the Greens maintenance day.
  - 1.7 Attire: Current Club uniform. Juniors may wear approved Merrylands Scholarship uniform.
  - 1.8 Inclement weather: In the event of inclement weather, if no play is possible, all matches 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.
  - 1.9 Guildford bowlers are eligible to enter all Merrylands Club Championships except for all Major championships and Minor singles.
  - 1.10 Player eligibility to play in a Graded and or Minor event will be determined by their pennant grading, age and/or standing, as applicable, as at the closing date of entries for a particular event.
  - 1.11 Major or Minor events: Players may enter Minor and or Major events.
  - 1.12 Major events: Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours are open to all players.
  - 1.13 Minor Singles: Is open to any member who has not won a major or minor singles at any club in any year.
  - 1.14 Minor Pairs, Triples & Fours are graded events, restricted to players with a pennant grading 4 to 7.
  - 1.15 Senior Events: Is open to any bowler aged 60 years or over at the closing date of the event.
  - 1.16 Junior Singles & Pairs: Are open to anyone under the age of 18 at the end of the scheduled event.
  - 1.17 Novice Singles: Restricted to players who have been bowling three (3) years or less and excluding previous winners.
  - 1.18 Graded Pairs: Each team to comprise a minimum of 7 grading points.
  - 1.19 Graded Triples: Each team to comprise a minimum of 10 grading points.
  - 1.20 Graded Fours: Each team to comprise a minimum of 15 grading points.
  - 1.21 Mixed Triples: The composition of a team can be two (2) males and one (1) female or two (2) females and one (1) male in any playing order.
  - 1.22 Game duration/ number of bowls per player:
 

Major & Minor Singles.....	31 shots up, 4 bowls
Major, Minor, & Graded Pairs.....	21 ends, 4 bowls
Major, Graded & Mixed Triples.....	25 ends, 2 bowls
Minor Triples .....	21 ends, 3 bowls
Fours .....	21 ends, 2 bowls
Senior, Junior & Novice Singles.....	25 shots up, 4 bowls
Junior Pairs.....	21 ends, 3 bowls
  - 1.23 Consistency Singles: please see Appendix B
- Match Committee reserves the right to alter the conditions to bring a competition to a successful conclusion.

## **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. a) **Hot Weather** - 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.
- 4. 20 **Air Quality** – Once the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches 150 in the local area all organised bowls will be called off. The controlling body may call off bowls at a lower AQI if they believe it is in the best interests of the players as per Bowls NSW Air Quality Policy.

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.

#### 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**.

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 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.