

GRACEVILLE BOWLS CLUB INC.

COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY (Updated January 2024)

MEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPEN TO FINANCIAL MALE MEMBERS

LADIES' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPEN TO FINANCIAL FEMALE MEMBERS

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| 1 | "A" Singles | Individual nominations. Two rounds may be scheduled on the same day. Games played to 25 up |
| 2 | "A" Pairs | Self selected
Games played to 21 ends |
| 3 | Fours | Self selected
Games played to 21 ends |

OPEN COMPETITIONS

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| 4 | Open Novice Singles | Individual nominations. Open to any male or female member who commenced bowling on or after 1 January 2021, and has not won any Singles event at this or any other bowls club.
Games played to 25 up. |
| 5 | Open Triples | Self selected. Open to male and female members.
Games of two bowl triples played to 28 ends |
| 6 | Open "B" Singles | Individual nominations. Open to any male or female member who has not won an "A" or "B" singles event at this or any other bowls club.
Games played to 25 up. |

- 7 Open "B" Pairs Self selected. Open to male and female members who have not won an "A" pairs, or more than one "B" pairs event at this or any other bowls club. Teams may be comprised of two men, two women, or one man and one woman. Players who have won one "B" Pairs may enter but may not play with the same partner.
Games played to 21 ends
- 8 Tatham Triples Club selected. Open to all male and female members.

GRACEVILLE BOWLS CLUB - COMPETITION RULES

1) RULES OF PLAY

All games shall be played according to the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition, Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations, Bowls Queensland, and Cunningham District Bowls Association laws, by-laws, and rules and the conditions specified in this document.

2) CALLING OF ENTRIES

Entries for competitions shall be invited by notice on the club notice board, which notice shall be displayed for at least one week prior to entries closing.

3) DATES OF PLAY

The notice calling entries shall indicate the proposed dates for the playing of the competition. Subject only to Rule 7 of this document, no deferment shall be granted to any player who is not available to play on the nominated date.

4) NOTICE OF PLAY

- (a) Notice shall be given to entrants by placing the date(s) of play on the notice board or by email, together with playing dates of subsequent games.
- (b) If a game cannot be completed on the scheduled day, the players shall, as far as practicable, be given at least one week's notice of the new playing date either personally, by email, or by placing of a notice on the notice board. (For the purposes of these rules, notification to the skip of a team shall constitute notice to all members of that team).
- (c) Any notice required by this Rule shall include advice as to the starting time for each match concerned. If members of a team, or a player in singles, are not ready to play within 15 minutes of the nominated starting time, then the team, or player, shall forfeit the match to the opposing team or player.

5) MEMBERS MUST BE FINANCIAL

- (a) Entrants in any competition must be a financial member of GBC at the closing date for entries and must remain so until the completion of the competition.
- (b) In the event that a member is or becomes non-financial then he or she shall be ineligible to take further part in any competition until he or she becomes financial. A replacement player may be included to take the place of a non-financial member in a team event.
- (c) An entry fee for any competition shall be determined by the Management Committee and must be paid prior to commencement of the first round of the competition. Failure to pay the entry fee shall render the player ineligible to play in the competition.

6 GREENS NOT AVAILABLE/UNPLAYABLE

- (a) If play is not possible on the nominated day, subject to the discretion of the Games Director, the games called for that day shall be deferred until the next day available for that competition. Subsequent games affected by this deferment shall be similarly deferred.
- (b) Games commenced but not completed due to inclement weather or any other reason shall be finalised at a date and time decided by the Games Director but to comply with Rule 6(a) as far as possible.

7 DEFERMENT

- (a) Deferment of a competition game shall be granted to allow for participation in Club selected representative fixtures.
- (b) Where a player is called to play in a competition controlled by a higher controlling authority a deferment for a singles game shall be granted, but a substitute shall be played in team competition games.
- (c) When a player or team request deferment of a game and the opponent(s) are in agreement, and the deferred game can be scheduled so that there is no effect or delay in any subsequent game, the Games Director may at his discretion permit the deferment PROVIDED THAT in the event that no result is obtained in the deferred game FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER then the team or player that requested the deferment shall forfeit.
- (d) Except as provided in this rule, players shall play, substitute, or forfeit.

8 MARKING A CONDITION OF ENTRY

It is a condition of entry in singles competition that each round loser shall make himself/herself available to mark a following game in the competition. Failure to honor this obligation may result in future entry in any competition being refused.

9 TRIAL ENDS/PRACTICE

Trial Ends prior to play in any competition shall be permitted as provided in the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition. Practice on the day of competitions shall cease at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of competition games and must not be on the rink on which the player is drawn to play.

10 RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

Player movement during play shall be restricted in accordance with Appendix A.4.1 of the current Law of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition.

11 DISPUTES

- (a) There shall be a sub-committee formed by the Management Committee to consist of the Chairman (or his nominee), Games Director, and an umpire or coach, who shall rule on any interpretation of these Rules and arbitrate on any dispute arising from them. It shall be called the "Match Committee".
- (b) The Match Committee shall be empowered to call any member or expert to give information and/or advice. A qualified umpire shall give advice on the laws, by-laws, and rules and his/her interpretation shall be binding on the Match Committee.
- (c) Disputed matters must be submitted to the Match Committee in writing.

12 MATTERS NOT COVERED BY RULES

The Match Committee shall have the power to make additional Rules (not inconsistent with these Rules) governing the playing of Club competitions.