

Glasshouse Country Bowls Club

COMPETITION RULES Conditions of Play



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CLUB COMPETITIONS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Under the provisions of Rule 30 and By-law 14 of Club Glass House Inc. (Bowls Club Section) Constitution and Rules, all Glasshouse Country Bowls Club (GCBC) Competitions will be called and played in accordance with the current Bowls Australia “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” and the Bowls Queensland “Mandatory Conditions of Play”. The Section has framed the conditions of play for these competitions in such a manner that they do not conflict with those Laws and Conditions.

Unless otherwise determined by the Management Committee, Club Championships and Competitions shall be conducted by the Controlling Body (as defined under Condition 21 herein). The match on the day of play shall be under the control of the relevant Games Director (Men’s or Ladies’), or their nominated representative, appointed when required to act in their stead.

1. Club Competitions shall consist of the following events:

1.1. Champion of Club Championships:

1.1.1. Men’s “A” Grade Singles, Pairs and Fours.

1.1.2. Ladies’ “A” Grade Singles, Pairs and Fours.

Note:- The winners of these championships may qualify to play in “Champion of Club Championship” events from Club level through to State Finals.

1.2. Club Certified Competitions

1.2.1. Men’s “B” Grade Singles and Men’s Triples.

1.2.2. Ladies’ “B” Grade Singles and Ladies’ Consistency.

1.2.3. Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours.

1.2.4. Ladies’ Drawn and Graded Pairs and Triples

1.2.5. Any other competition that may be decided by the Management Committee.

1.2.6. Mixed Singles.

2. Format and Duration of Matches:

- 2.1. **Singles:** All matches shall be 25 shots up.
- 2.2. **Pairs:** All matches shall be four (4) bowl and play 21 ends.
- 2.3. **Triples:** All matches shall be three (3) bowl and play 21 ends.
Men will be two (2) Bowl and 21 ends from 2018
- 2.4. **Fours:** All matches shall play 21 ends. *Note: No more than two (2) ladies may play in any Mixed Fours team due to the shortage of ladies in the club.*
- 2.5. **Consistency Ladies Singles:** All matches shall be 150 points up.

3. Player Eligibility: Novice Singles is open to players who have no more than two (2) years, in total, bowling experience. Any member who has won an "Open", District, State or higher singles title or event at any time, or a "B" Grade Singles Club competition, in any registered bowls club, is **NOT** eligible to enter or participate in a GCBC, "B" Grade Singles Club Certified Competition.

4. Player to be Financial: Only players who are financial ordinary or life member of the Glasshouse Country Bowls Club at the closing of nominations are eligible to play.

5. Members of More than One Club: Any member, who is also a member of another bowls club, and who plays any club championship with that other club, is not eligible to play club championships at the GCBC, unless he/she "declares" to play all eligible District events for GCBC, not later than the thirty-first day of January each year, and such declaration shall apply for the ensuing calendar year. Any member, who joins GCBC after that date, shall be eligible to play club championships at GCBC, provided that no such "declaration" has been made at any other club for that bowling year.

6. Transfers:

6.1. Where a Member transfers to another Club/District, they are only eligible to represent that Club/District if they have not participated in competition leading to Champion of Champion's qualifications in their previous Club.

6.2. If a Member has won a championship in the current season in a Club and decides to transfer to another Club in the same District, then, provided they retain membership of the first Club, they are eligible to play in Club Champion of Champion's Event/s if applicable. However, if they resign from their Championship club, then they forfeit their right to participate.

6.3. If a Member has won a Championship in the current season in a District and decides to transfer to another District, then, provided they

retain membership of the first District, they are eligible to play in the Champion of Club Champion's Event/s if applicable. However, if they resign from their Championship district, then they forfeit their right to participate.

7. Nominations for Competitions:

7.1. It is a condition of entry for any of these events, that players are familiar with and accept these Conditions of Play.

7.2. Entries shall be made on the appropriate form, accompanied by the prescribed nomination fees and when required, must be in the hands of the relevant Games Director not later than the nominated closing time.

7.3. Entries will not be accepted unless the team is complete, with an eligible member's name nominated for each player position.

7.4. Nominations shall be open for a minimum of fourteen (14) days, and the closing date for entries shall be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to commencement of play.

8. Notice of Competitions: Conditions of play shall be posted on the Notice Board when nominations are called and will be strictly adhered to at all times.

9. Draws for Competitions shall be made by the relevant Games Director, in the presence of no fewer than three (3) ordinary or life members, each of whom shall attest to the draw by signing each draw before it is placed on the Notice Board.

10. Calling Games: The relevant Games Director shall call games, giving at least fourteen (14) days notice thereof by placing the draw on the Notice Board, and if possible, by public announcement at the club, or by verbal notification on the previous playing day. The ultimate responsibility however, lies with the players concerned, to ascertain the time and date the competition is to be played.

11. Notice of Calling for Play:

11.1. All games shall be played on or before the actual date set. With prior approval of the relevant Games Director, or their appointed representative, players themselves may arrange club competition games at other times prior to the date called to play, provided there are rinks available and the players arrange for the provision of an umpire and/or marker as applicable. These arranged games then become a "called game". If the "Called Game" is then unable to be played due to weather or unforeseen delays, the game has to be played before the next round of play. If the game is unable to be completed by then, the team or player that asked the game to be bought forward will need to forfeit.

Substitute rule can apply. Games Director is to always be informed and along with committee make the final decision.

11.2. All finals will be played, wherever possible, on the actual date set, with the play, substitute or forfeit rule to apply. However, the provisions of Sections 12 and 15 of these Conditions shall be taken into consideration by the relevant Games Director and Management Committee in determining any deferment of a final.

11.3. Applications for deferment of any game, other than a final, will be considered based on the application to the relevant Games Director.

12. Exemptions: No player who has been called to fulfil a Bowls Australia, Moreton Bay District Bowls Association, Bowls Queensland or higher competition, and/or other club commitment (excluding Clubs' Presidents at Home), will be called for club competition.

Note:- The onus shall be on the player to notify the relevant Games Director of any such commitments. The State and District President's at Home shall be regarded as official engagements).

13. The Bowling Year for all competitions shall commence on the first day of January and finish on the thirty-first day of December. Competitions not completed within the Bowling Year shall be declared, "not played".

14. Play, Replace or Forfeit: All competitions will be run on a play, replace or forfeit basis.

14.1. Games set down are to be played and a substitute provided if any player is unavailable.

14.2. Team captains/skips are responsible for their team players, or of a substitute.

14.3. Captains/Skips who have to provide a substitute for an unavailable player, must ascertain if the player is an "eligible" substitute and report the substitute to the Controlling Body prior to the commencement of the fixture. The Controlling Body's consent must be obtained and the score card initialised by them prior to play.

14.4. When any team or player has failed to be in position to commence play thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be awarded to the opponent, excepting in the case of a team game, an eligible member (if available) may act as a replacement, if approval is given by the Controlling Body of the day's play.

14.5. Should both players in a singles match, or both teams fail to make themselves available when called, within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time, then both shall forfeit the game.

15. Postponement: After competitions have been called:-

15.1. In singles or team events, should a player or players be unable to play in a final, the relevant Games Director shall decide if the circumstances warrant an extension of time and if supported by the Management Committee, shall set a new time for the playing of the final.

15.2. In the event of a death of next of kin or a near relative, the relevant Games Director at his/her discretion, may grant a period without forfeit before recalling the game.

15.3. The relevant Games Director may, at their discretion, consider other “extenuating circumstances” and permit a game *to be postponed to “after the due date”*. *However if for any reason, (including inclement weather conditions), the game is not played before the next round is called, the player or team requesting the postponement, shall be deemed to forfeit.*

16. Trial Ends and Practice:

16.1. Trial ends shall be under the control of the Games Director. One (1) trial end each way shall be allowed prior to the scheduled starting time of each day’s play or on the resumption of a match on another day or at another venue, using as many bowls as will be used in the match.

16.2. Practice shall cease one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play.

17. Marking:

17.1. Except for semi-finals and finals, all players in singles events shall arrange their own markers, acceptable to both players.

17.2. All defeated players in singles competitions, if requested, shall make themselves available, dressed in bowls attire, to mark one game in each event contested.

17.3. For singles semi-finals and finals, the relevant Games Director will appoint the marker.

18. Selection of Rinks: Rinks for competition play shall be drawn from the best rinks available. Rinks will be drawn by team skips or singles players, from rinks selected by the Games Director or his/her appointed representative.

19. Incomplete Match/Competition:

19.1. If a team match is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause, then fifteen (15) ends shall constitute a match.

19.2. For singles, sixteen (16) shots up shall constitute a match.

19.3. Any end not completed when the bell is rung to cease play due to inclement or hazardous weather, **shall not** be completed but should be declared dead. However, **if all bowls in the end have been played**, then the number of shots scored should be decided before the game stops (as per Law 50).

20. Umpiring: An “Umpire of the Day” will be appointed for all Club Championship Competitions and Club Certified Competitions, and Bowls Australia “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” shall apply to umpiring decisions. Being a small club this may at times not be possible and players are asked to do the best they can without an umpire.

21. Controlling Body: A Controlling Body, comprising The Chairman, relevant Games Director and Secretary (or their appointed representative/s) shall be responsible for the conduct of play for all Club competitions. The “Umpire of the Day” shall not be a member of the Controlling Body.

22. Appeals and Protests: An Appeals Panel shall rule on appeals and protests arising from incidents which occur prior to the running of, or during the playing of the game, and which is not under the jurisdiction of the umpire.

22.1. The Appeal Panel shall consist of the Chairman, (or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman), an umpire, plus one (1) other member of the Management Committee co-opted by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.

22.2. Any singles player, or skip of a team who feels they have a valid reason with non-compliance of the Games Director’s decision may appeal to the Appeals Panel.

22.3. Appeals and protests must be lodged in writing either with the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary or relevant Games Director prior to the commencement of play or within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of play.

22.4. No player involved in the appeal, the Games Director or any member involved in the running of the competition shall be a member of the Appeals Panel. The relevant Games Director shall be notified immediately after the Panel meeting of the decision, which shall be final.

23. Restricting the Movement of Players During Play: The movement of players during play in any Club Competition shall be restricted in accordance with Appendix A, "(A.4 Restricting the movement of players during play)" of the Bowls Australia "Laws of the Sport of Bowls".

24. Apparel: Unless otherwise determined by the Management Committee, all players and markers participating in any Club Competition, shall be required to wear a current Glasshouse Country Bowls Club shirt. Men will be required to wear white or cream long trousers or shorts (Navy from 1st June 2017) and ladies will be required to wear navy blue shirts, shorts or slacks. Umpires may wear either Club shirt or National Umpires uniform when officiating in any Club Competition. In extenuating circumstances, the wearing of "whites or creams" or BA approved apparel, in lieu of Club uniform, may be approved by the Controlling Body.

25. Lights: Games may be played or completed under lights if required.

26. Electronic Communication Devices: All bowlers must ensure electronic communication devices are **switched off** for the duration of play. These include mobile phones, pagers etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" personnel by the Controlling Body, after consultation.

These Club Conditions of Play were enacted on 27 August 2011

Revised and amended, by inclusion of Novice Singles, removal of the 3 year eligibility for "B" Singles, inclusion of Rules 23 and 24 by the Bowls Section Management Committee and the Section Quarterly Meeting on 21 June 2014.

Revised and amended, by restricting the Mixed Fours Competition to no more than two ladies per team on 8 December 2015.

8th August 2017 Section 26 amended at the Bowls Management Committee meeting.

Club Certified, 1.2.6. Adding of Open Singles

2. Format and duration. 2.3 Men to play (2) bowl 21 ends from 2018

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