BOWLS WA MIXED STATE PAIRS
CONDITIONS OF PLAY

To be read in conjunction with the Bowls WA General Field of Play Rules

Controlling Body

Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee

Competition Dates

- Sectional Play (knockout is required) – Saturday 8th May 2021
- Knockout Play – Sunday 9th May 2021

Entry Fee

Online Entries - $42 per team
Offline Entries - $50 per team

Report and Start Time

- 9.00am – All teams to report to host club
- 9.15am – Trial ends commence
- 9.30am – Trial Ends finish and Games Commence

Format:

- 3 Bowls Straight Pairs
- Sectional Play (4 teams per section whenever possible) followed by Alignment (if required) and knockout
- Sets Play, 2 sets of 7 ends with a one end tie break if necessary
- No Dead ends. Jack to be re-spotted on the Tee
- **First set:** the players (opponents in Singles) must toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in law 5.2.2.
- **Second set**: the winner of the first set must place the mat, then deliver the jack and the first bowl. If the first set is a draw, the winner of the last scoring end in that set must place the mat, then deliver the jack and the first bowl.

Tie Breaker

- If a game is tied after the two sets have been completed (each player having won one set or both sets having been drawn), a tiebreaker consisting of one end must be played to decide the winner

- The players must toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in law 5.2.2.

Determining a Winner

- Three (3) game points will be awarded for each game won. No game points are awarded for any game lost.
- One (1) set point will be awarded for each set won. A half set point (0.5) will be awarded for each set drawn. No set points are awarded for any set lost (the tie-breaker is not a set).
- If a game is forfeited, the non-offending team will be awarded three points for win, two set points and a net total of 2 shots.

Ladder rankings will be determined as follows:

- Highest number of game points scored.
- If game points are equal, the team with the highest net total of set points (total set points for – total set points against) shall be ranked higher.
- If game points and net set points are equal, the team with the highest number of sets won shall be ranked higher.
- If game points, net set points and sets won are equal, the team with the highest net total shots (total shots for – total shots against) over all games in the section (not including tiebreaker ends) shall be ranked higher.
- If game points, net set points, sets won and net total shots are equal, the team that won the most games between the teams that are equal shall be ranked higher.
- If game points, net set points, sets won and net total shots are all equal, and the teams have both won an equal amount of games in matches between the two teams, the team with the most total shots for across all matches within the section (not including tiebreaker ends) shall be ranked higher.

Late Entries

- Late entries will be accepted onto a waiting list up until the Event Draw has been published. Should withdrawals from the original draw occur, teams on the waiting list will be added to the draw in the order they were received.

- Late entries accepted will be used to fill any byes in the original draw before the specific event draw has been published

- Once the draw has been published, NO late entries will be accepted.

Heat Rule

In the best interest of the competition continuing, whilst bearing in mind the risk associated with heat stress, the following principles shall apply:

- It is understood that the temperature will not be 40° at the start of play, therefore play will commence with the first game of the days play.
- Play shall cease when the temperature exceeds 40° as shown by the venues thermometer.
- Play shall re-commence at the discretion of the Umpire of the Day.
- Any player can appeal to the Umpire of the Day at any time. Refer to the Bowls WA Extreme Weather Policy.

Trial Ends

- Two (2) trial ends are permitted before the start of the first game of the day or before continuing an unfinished game on another day.
- Two trial ends are permitted if a team must change greens during the day.

Practice

If a team that has not yet played, is due to meet a team that has already played on the same day, the team that has not yet played can practice as long as:

- The Controlling Body gives approval
- A rink is available on a different green than that on which their match is to be played; the team will still be permitted to have two (2) trial ends on the rink on which they are drawn to play.

If a rink is only available on the green on which the team is drawn to play, the team may choose to:

- Practice on the available rink as long as they like (but not beyond match starting time) but forfeit their right to trial ends on the rink on which they are drawn to play or;
- Choose not to practice and have two (2) trial ends on the rink on which they are drawn to play.

If a team has already played on the same green on the same day, that team can practise in line with the above, if they have a BYE.

Restricting movement of players during play

Players will be able to follow their bowls up to the head under the following circumstances only:

Leads – After delivery of their third bowl only

Skips – After delivery of their second and third bowls

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier.

Replacing an Original Team Member

Intended players in a team, who are unable to play due to unforeseen circumstances, may be changed. However, permission to change intended players and the composition of teams MUST be approved by the Controlling Body or the Umpire of the Day prior to the starting time of the event.

Footwear and attire

As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, footwear and attire must adhere to the standards as denoted in the Bowls Australia Logo Policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia website www.bowlsaustralia.com.au

Smoking and the Consumption of Alcohol

Any lit or unlit smoking implement, electronic cigarettes and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the greens during any Bowls WA Competition or Event.

Photographs

All photographs that are taken at Bowls WA Association Events by the Official Bowls WA Photographer remain the property of Bowls WA.

Bowls Stickers

In Bowls WA State Events stickers shall be allowed in lead up games provided all bowls within that team have identical stickers.

Stickers may be provided for semi finals and finals by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee.

General Playing Conditions

All players must adhere to the Bowls WA Field of Play Rules.

Please Note: games may be played on grass or synthetic greens. The decision will be made based on number of entries and condition of grass greens leading up to the event.

The Fixtures and Events Committee reserve the right to alter the conditions of play at anytime.