

Bowls WA Men's and Women's State Singles Conditions of Play

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

Controlling Body

Bowls WA

Competition Dates

- Sectional Play – Sunday 21st January 2024
- Alignment Round may be played Sunday 21st January 2024 if required
- Knockout Play and Finals – Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January 2024

Report and Start Time

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

Format of Play

- Singles – four (4) bowls per player
- Sectional Play (3 players per section whenever possible) followed by knockout
- Sectional Play shall be 21 up
- Post sectional play shall be 21 up
- Semi Final and Final shall be 25 up

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, players 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.

Allocation of Points in Sectional Play

- Game results will be awarded in line with the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' Appendix A1.4.4 with the following match points: three (3) points for a win and zero (0) points for a loss.

Determination of Section Winner

- If two or more players have equal game points at the end of sectional play, then the winner will be the player with the highest number of shots up
- If two or more players are still equal, then the winner will be determined by the number of shots for divided by the number of shots against (Percentage %)
- If two or more players are still equal, then the winning player will be determined by:
 1. The player that won the match between the players that are equal in sectional play
 2. If two or more players are still equal then the 'Yardstick Rule' will apply as follows
- Each player shall play on a separate rink which shall not be the rink they last played on but shall be on the same green
- The mat shall be placed two (2) metres from the rear ditch and the jack 27 metres from the mat line
- Each member of the player shall use as many bowls as they have been using in the competition
- Only one end shall be played and if the jack is moved by a bowl it shall remain where it comes to rest
- Measuring shall proceed only after all bowls have been delivered.
- The player drawing most bowls within one metre of the jack shall be the winner
- If two players tie for the most number of bowls within one metre of the jack a subsequent end or ends shall be played until a winner is determined.

Markers

In a Singles competition players are required to mark as drawn or provided in the Conditions of Play for that competition. Defeated players may be required to mark in the following round of the same competition.

A person with a disability may nominate a person to undertake the duties of marking on his/her behalf, with approval from the Controlling Body.

The duties of a Marker are listed in Bowls Australia Laws of the Sport of Bowls

Penalty: If a player is requested by the Controlling Body to mark and they refuse, they may receive a fine.

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 38°C at the start of play, therefore play will commence with the first game of the days play.
- If the temperature reaches 38°C, the Umpire of the Day shall call the players off the green at the completion of each rinks specific end for a designated 10-minute rest period. The rest period will not begin until the last rink has left the green.
- After 10 minutes, play will recommence for a further 30 minutes.
- If the temperature is still above 38°C, then the Umpire of the Day will continue the process of 10 minutes rest and 30 minutes play until the temperature drops below 38°C
- 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 player must change greens during the day.

Practice

If a player that has not yet played, is due to meet a player that has already played on the same day, the player 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 player 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 player is drawn to play, the player 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 player has already played on the same green on the same day, that player can practise in line with the above, if they have a BYE.

Forfeit

- A player that forfeits during any Bowls WA event (Sectional or Knockout) shall be liable for a fine (per player). However, in the final game of any sectional play, if the result of the singles players or players drawn to play each other will have no effect upon the final sectional winner, the opposing players or players may, with the consent of the Controlling Body, elect not to play. If one player wishes to play the final game, then the game must be played.
- A player or singles player that forfeits one or more games in sectional play will be considered as never entering the event and all previous scores shall be deleted.

Restricting movement of players during play

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

- After delivery of a players third and fourth bowls

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a player can ask the marker if they may walk up to the head earlier.

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 player have identical stickers.

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

Livestreaming

It is anticipated that the Men's and Women's Finals will be livestreamed under the direction of Bowls WA.

To achieve this, it will be required that each final will be played as a lone fixture on Finals Day.

Bowls WA will determine in what order each of the finals will play and communicate this to all players involved the day prior to the final day.

Bowls WA has the right to require a player to remove any item of clothing believed to be not appropriate on a livestreamed broadcast

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.

CLUB ORGANISERS- Please read out the competition rules of the event to all players prior to commencing play

The Bowls WA reserve the right to alter the conditions of play at anytime.