

1. Status

- a) These General Conditions of Play are written per Law 55.3* which permits Bowls Auckland as the Controlling Body to establish conditions of play to cover certain aspects of the sport.
- b) These General Conditions of Play shall apply to all Bowls Auckland-hosted events in conjunction with any Special Conditions of Play as outlined.
*Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark 4th Edition (2022) and Bowls New Zealand Domestic Regulations.

2. Controlling Body

- a) The Controlling Body is Bowls Auckland in association with the appointed Operations Committee.
- b) The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter, add to, or delete any conditions of play in this document and supporting event overview documents to enable the completion of the tournament.
- c) Bowls Auckland will assign a Convenor to each event.
- d) The Controlling Body will act on any complaints and all playing disputes, provided they are submitted in writing to Bowls Auckland at convenor@bowlsauckland.co.nz.

3. Entry requirements

- a) In all Bowls Auckland Centre Events*, all players are to be financial members of the same club affiliated with Bowls Auckland who have full playing rights to enter.
- b) Any team or club playing ineligible team members may be penalised \$100 per ineligible team member and may be immediately withdrawn from the tournament.
*Special entry conditions may apply to individual events, see related event Special Conditions of Play.

4. Bowling Attire

- a) All players participating in Bowls Auckland competitions, tournaments and events are required to wear Bowling attire, abiding by clothing and footwear requirements.
- b) All players in a team or singles player shall wear their approved club uniform shirt, of any vintage. Bottoms in a bowls appropriate style, of white or matching club colours.
- c) Only approved footwear as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Domestic Regulations 11.1, may be worn by players when playing on a bowling green. All footwear must be flat-soled and heel-less. Soles may be of a non-slip material with a slightly abrasive surface.
- d) Logos that conflict with the event sponsor will not be permitted and must be covered up. Failure to comply will result in the offending team or side being defaulted for each round until they comply.

5. Postponements

Any postponements owing to weather conditions will be published on the Events page of Bowls Auckland website, its Facebook page and Infoline.

6. General format

Also, refer to the Event Special Conditions of Play

- a) Qualifying:
 - i. Unless otherwise specified Players and/or teams will be randomly allocated a position in a templated draw that has pre-populated rink numbers, based on the order they are drawn.
 - ii. Venue and rink allocation may change due to wet weather. If two teams from the same club are required to face each other, they will do so in the first round.
 - iii. Players/teams will play three rounds/games.
 - iv. Players/teams winning two or three games will qualify for the Post Section.

- v. Should there be an uneven number of Players, a section(s) may contain a bye. The bye will be treated as a Win.
 - b) Post Section:
 - i. All qualifiers will go into a templated, randomly drawn post-section knockout with pre-populated rink numbers.
 - ii. Byes will be dispensed in the first round.
 - iii. All games will be a straight knockout.
 - iv. Ties in qualifying and post section:
 - i. If after the specified number of ends or the time limit has expired (whichever occurs first), the scores are equal, then an extra end or ends will be played to determine a winner.
- 7. Trial ends**
- a) Before the scheduled start of the first game, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day, one trial end may be played in each direction (Law 5.1.)
 - i. Players are permitted an additional set of trial ends when moving between greens of any surface type, before or during a game.
- 8. Late appearances/defaults**
- a) When any Player has failed to commence play 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be awarded to the opponent.
 - b) If a team defaults on any game, their score will be recorded as a Loss. The non-offending team will be awarded a Win.
 - c) A team entry cannot withdraw from a team event except with granted permission from the Controlling Body where the team has submitted evidence of just cause for the withdrawal. Any offending teams or team members may be penalised up to \$100 per playing team member defaulting.
- 9. Time limit**
- a) In all games subject to a time limit, the start time will be shown on the draw and a time signal will be used to indicate the start and end of play.
 - b) Should for any reason, an individual game's time limit is not common to all games on the green, the Umpire shall notify both sides in individual games when the time limit has begun/expired.
- 10. Dead jack (time limit games)**
- a) If the jack becomes dead during regulation play, before the time limit signal has sounded, the end is replayed.
 - b) If an extra end becomes dead before the end of the time limit signal sounds, the extra end shall be replayed.
 - c) However, if the time expires during an extra end in play, the end can be replayed with the following condition:
 - i. For an extra end that starts after the time limit signal, should the jack become dead at any time during the end, the jack is re-spotted at the 2-metre mark and the end continues until all bowls have been played.

11. Substitutes

- a) Substitutions* are allowed per Domestic Regulations (2).
 - i. Any change in playing personnel during an event shall be subject to a request and approval of the Controlling Body.
 - ii. An application form is available to download from the Bowls Auckland website.
- *Special conditions may differ.

12. Cell phones (electronic devices), smoking & alcohol policy

- a) Use of personal electronic devices is not permitted by Players on or alongside the greens during play. It is preferred that cell phones be switched off or turned to silent.
- b) Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping are not permitted in the clubhouse, on the greens or the immediate surroundings.
- c) Host clubs will have designated 'smoking area/s' for Players, officials, and spectators.
- d) The drinking of alcohol is to be confined to the designated areas, in line with respective host clubs' licensing agreements and host responsibility policy.
- e) Alcohol is not permitted on greens during Auckland Centre events.

13. Scorecards

- a) Scorecards will be completed clearly and in full for every game.
- b) The names of all Players and the time the game finished are to be entered, and the scorecard is to be signed by both Skips.
- c) Completed scorecards are to be handed in after each round and approved by the Umpire.

14. Entry fees and withdrawals

- a) Late entries will be placed on a waiting list. The entry fee will be refunded if the late entry is unsuccessful.
- b) There are no refunds for entry fees to teams or Players who withdraw less than 48 hours before the scheduled commencement of the event.
- c) Any withdrawals are to be notified to the Bowls Auckland office or the Convenor of the event by noon on the day preceding the scheduled commencement of the event.

15. Appeal against decisions of Umpires

The Umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body (Law 43.2.6). Any such appeal is to be lodged with the Controlling Body within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

16. Failure to comply

Any Player or Team found to be in breach of the Conditions of Play or Player Code of Conduct will be subject to a judicial review which may result in a fine of up to \$100 per offending player.

17. Media:

- a) Some Bowls Auckland Events may be broadcast on one or more digital platforms, and moments during all events may be captured by photographers.
- b) By participating in the Event, each participant acknowledges the right of Bowls New Zealand (if applicable), Bowls Auckland, and its host clubs to broadcast (video) or use photography (stills) or video of any participant captured during the Event for the benefit of the promotion of the game at any time during or after the Event.
- c) The broadcast schedule is set by the Controlling Body in conjunction with the broadcast team, if your match is selected for broadcast, it is not optional.
 - i. Failure to appear for a broadcasted match will be treated as a default (8).
 - ii. Players are to comply with any instructions as directed by the broadcast team eg: the use of bowls stickers, player microphones, and player rink positioning.