

## AUCKLAND CENTRE EVENTS

### Molecheck Interclub 7s - SCOP

1. These Special Conditions of Play need to be read with Bowls Auckland Centre Events General Conditions of Play.
2. Dates of event:
  - a. Qualifying      Saturday 2 March 2024
  - b. Post Section    Sunday 3 March 2024
  - c. Reserve Day    Saturday 9 March 2024
3. Play:
  - a. 9.00 am start each event day. Team Managers will toss a coin for the entire side before each match starting
4. Event format:
  - a. Format of side: Each side will comprise seven players – one Singles player, one Pairs team and one Fours team.
  - b. The Event will be broken into three (3) competitions. (section play over a single division)
    - i. Molecheck interclub 7's - Men
    - ii. Molecheck interclub 7's - Women
    - iii. Molecheck Any Combination - Auckland Cup (Non-pathway division)
  - c. **Each competition will have an entry limit of two sides per club.**
  - d. Any additional sides will be added to a waiting list, called up via ballot should a bye need to be filled.
  - e. National Interclub finals: The winners, in both the Men's and Women's competitions, will qualify for the National Interclub Finals. To be played April 4-7, Venue TBC in the Auckland region.
  - f. Draws & sections: The number of sections, the number of teams per section and the number of games played on the Qualifying day are dependent on entries. If clubs enter two sides, our best endeavour is to place them in different sections.
5. Playing format:
  - a. Men's and Women's Pathway Interclub 7's
    - i. Singles: 21 shots up or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
    - ii. Pairs: 18 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
    - iii. Fours: 15 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
  - b. Auckland Cup - Any Combination
    - i. Pairs: 18 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
    - ii. Pairs: 18 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
    - iii. Fours: 15 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
6. Alterations to the format and length of games:
  - a. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.
  - b. Where a programme is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Controlling Body may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result.
7. Trial ends:
  - a. Under Law 5.1 of the laws of the sport, trial ends will be allowed before competition commences, before the first round only.
  - b. Should players be required to change greens during the day an extra set of trial ends will be allowed.
8. Defaults:
  - a. If a team or singles player defaults their score will be recorded as a loss.  
The non-offending team or singles player will be awarded a win.
9. Draw in qualifying play:

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- a. In the event of a Draw in a single game during qualifying play, no extra end(s) will be played\*.
  - i. \*If the match then results in a draw, an extra end will be played by the discipline that had the drawn result.
10. Time limit:
  - a. All games are to be completed irrespective of score within the designated time limit during section play. Due to the potential ranking of the section.
11. Determining a winner:
  - a. For each game won three points will be awarded, and one point awarded for a game drawn.
  - b. The team with the most game points will be awarded the match and the match point.
12. Post Section:
  - a. Determining a qualifier
    - i. Section winners will qualify for Post Section play determined by
      1. Match points
      2. Then, game points,
      3. Then, NTOS
    - ii. There will be no round-by-round score updates  
The results and post-section draw will be published on Bowlshub, by 7:30 PM
    - iii. Where necessary Byes will be dispensed within the first round.
    - iv. All post-section play will be sudden death based on the playing format in Clause 5.
13. Replacements/substitutes:
  - a. Any change in playing personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Controlling Body. Applications will be considered for the following reasons: sickness, bereavement, work commitments arising after the commencement of the tournament, Jury service, and Bowls NZ commitments.
  - b. Other individual exceptional circumstances may also be considered.
  - c. The Controlling Body may require documents or evidence to support any applications. An application form is available to download from the Bowls Auckland website.
  - d. A substitute shall be permitted to move from the Auckland Cup event up to the Open but not in reverse.
  - e. If the singles player is unable to continue, a player will be taken from the side to play in the singles and an acquired team member/substitute team member will play in either of the team disciplines under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Domestic Regulation Clause 7.
14. Player Eligibility and restrictions:
  - a. All players in a side must be from the same Club.
  - b. If a club has more than one side, players may not be interchanged between sides.
  - c. A player who has previously played interclub for another club in another centre is ineligible to play in this event, regardless of any previous results.
  - d. Players may not interchange between the Singles; Pairs and Fours disciplines during the event but the order of play in the pairs and fours disciplines may be changed before any game.
15. Restricting the movement of players:
  - a. Before the start of each end, the following players will take their positions at the mat end of the green:
    - i. Pairs: The leads
    - ii. Fours: The leads, seconds, and thirds
  - b. In all time-limit games the movement of players during play shall be restricted as specified in Appendix A.4.1 of the Laws
16. Coaches and Team Managers
  - a. Under Law 44 of the Laws of the Sport, it shall be permissible during the event for any Coach to advise player(s) on their side from outside the boundaries of the green.

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- b. Each side must have a manager appointed for each day; the manager may be a player within the side.
  - c. The duties of a Team Manager are:
    - i. To list the correct names of the members of their side on the team sheet before the start of play for each tournament day.
    - ii. Ensure cards are filled in correctly, sign the Match Cards at the end of each match and sign the results chart at the end of the day to confirm an accurate record. (No right of appeal will be awarded if unsigned at the end of the day or once sheets are signed as confirmed)
    - iii. To ensure a toss is completed at the beginning of each round for all disciplines (Law 5.2).
17. Markers:
- a. Each side will be required to supply one marker to mark the singles games both for qualifying and for post-section games.
  - b. Sides who fail to produce a marker when requested will be subject to a \$100 fine.
18. Club Green availability.
- a. Due to the large number of greens required to run this event, it is the expectation that by entering the club also agrees to host a section on any or all dates at the request of the controlling body.
  - b. Failure to provide a green as requested, may result in the withdrawal of a club's side from the competition.

**EVENT PROCEDURE**

1. Before each round is played: Bowls Auckland will email host clubs:
  - a. The results sheets for that round(s) of play (showing the rinks draw).
  - b. Team sheets.
  - c. Scorecards.
  - d. Any other information relevant to the progress of the event.
2. Report to venues:
  - a. Unless play is cancelled all players must report to the allocated venues.
3. Postponements:
  - a. Any postponements due to weather conditions will be on Bowls Auckland website [www.bowlsauckland.co.nz](http://www.bowlsauckland.co.nz).
4. Preparation of greens:
  - a. Greens must be prepared and made available to players 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. The Green Superintendent must advise the Tournament Convenor before 3:00 pm on any scheduled day of play if their greens are in doubt for the day.
  - b. No club will cancel their greens play without the Tournament Convenor's approval. Green Superintendents are asked to make their calls promptly.
  - c. Mats, jacks, scoreboards, chalk and buckets of water or dusters will be set out.
  - d. The correct numbers of rinks are to be available, and if possible, the centre line of each rink should be chalked.
5. Recorder:
  - a. A non-playing recorder shall be supplied by the host club. A penalty may be imposed by Bowls Auckland if this condition is not adhered to.
  - b. The duties of a Recorder are:
    - i. Ensuring that all information is correct and complete on the results sheet and the team sheets.
    - ii. Allocating rinks of play according to the result sheet in use for that day and handing out all scorecards.
    - iii. The recorder shall be the only person from the venue to contact the Tournament Convenor during the day with greens, reports or enquires of any nature whatsoever.
    - iv. Please email [convenor@bowlsauckland.co.nz](mailto:convenor@bowlsauckland.co.nz) the completed result sheet and the team's sign-in sheet to the Tournament Convenor as soon as possible after the day's play. Post-section planning cannot start until all the results are received.
    - v. Should a host club not appoint a recorder for the day, then the Team Manager of the host club side shall automatically become the recorder for the venue and shall complete all the above duties for the day.
6. Team Manager:
  - a. Each side shall have a Team Manager, who may be a player on the side.
  - b. The duties of a Team Manager are:
    - i. To list the correct names of the members of their side on the team sheet before the start of play for the day.
    - ii. Post Section only: To toss at the beginning of each round for all disciplines (Law 5.2).
    - iii. To ensure that scorecards are completed in full for each round as per General Conditions of Play clause 19.
    - iv. To ensure the team sheet and the result sheet are signed as a true and correct record before leaving the club at which the round(s) has/have been played. There is no right of appeal.
    - v. once the result sheet has been signed.
    - vi. if the manager/team leave the venue without signing the sheets.