

Bowls Auckland 2025-2026 Event Conditions of Play

Interclub Events – 1-5 Interclub

The following Event Conditions of Play are to be read in conjunction with the Bowls Auckland General Conditions of Play.

- 1. Dates of event:**
 - a. Qualifying: Saturday 11 April 2025
 - b. Post Section: Sunday 12 April 2025
- 2. Venues:**
 - a. Headquarters and host venues will be advised when the draw is released.
- 3. Start time:**
 - a. Will commence by 9.00 am on each event day, with the following round commencing at 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.
- 4. Side Composition:**
 - a. Format of side: Each side will comprise six (6) players –
 - i. A singles player,
 - ii. A Pairs team,
 - iii. A Triples team.
- 5. Definitions:**
 - a. “Rink”: a single rink (game) played of any given discipline
 - b. “Match”: three rinks, one of each discipline combined to form a match
 - c. “Team / Side”: Any combination from the same club that are full playing members.
- 6. Draws & sections:**
 - a. All entries will be drawn into sections of four; section winners will advance to the post-section.
 - b. In the event we have more than 32 sides entered, the final (4th Round) will be required to be played later, which will be agreed upon after the semi-final.
- 7. Playing format:**
 - a. Singles: 4 bowls - 21 shots
 - b. Pairs: 3 bowls - 18 ends
 - c. Triples: 2 bowls - 18 ends
- 8. Trial ends:**
 - a. Under Law 5.1 of the laws of the sport, trial ends will be allowed before competition commences, only before the first round of play.
 - b. Should teams have a bye in any round, they will be entitled to free practice on neutral rinks.
- 9. Defaults and byes:**
 - a. If a team defaults, their score will be recorded as a Loss.
 - b. The non-offending team (or a team that receives an uneven bye) will be awarded:
 - i. Three (3) Match Points, Six (6) Rink Points, +10 NTOS
- 10. Ties in games:**
 - a. In the event of a tie in any game, an extra end will be played.
- 11. Time limit:**
 - a. All games (Including finals) are played under a time limit of 2 ½ hours.
 - b. If an end started before time expires is killed after time expires, the end shall be replayed, with the replayed end being re-spotted if killed again.

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12. Dead Ends:

- a. In the event an end is made dead (Law 19), the jack must be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at the appropriate re-spot position described in Law 56.5.3, (the 2-metre mark) or as close as possible as described in Law 56.5.4, and play must continue.

13. Determining a winner:

- a. Rink Points - In all games, one (1) point will be awarded for each game/rink won.
- b. Match Points - In all Matches, the team with the highest number of “rink points” will be awarded the match and one (1) match point.

14. Post Section:

- a. Section Winners will qualify for post-section play.
- b. Section winners are to be determined by
 - i. Highest Match Points
 - ii. Highest Rink points
 - iii. Highest NTOS
- c. The results and the Post Section draw will be published on Bowlshub.
- d. All post-section play will be single elimination.

15. Movement of players:

- a. A player may not interchange between sides at any stage of the competition.
- b. Players may not interchange between disciplines, but the order of play within the disciplines may be changed before any game.
- c. Any substitute must play in the discipline in which the player is being removed
- d. Any Substitute cannot play as skip (Triples and Pairs)

16. Restricting the movement of players during play:

- a. In time-limit games as per this Regulation, the movement of players during play shall be restricted as specified in Appendix A.4.1 - Laws of the Sport:
- b. In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a Skip can ask that a player walk up to the head earlier than described in Appendix A.4.1.
- c. If a player does not meet the requirements of Appendix A.4.1, Law 13 of the Laws of the Sport shall apply.

17. Coaches:

- a. Per 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.

18. Side Support (Manager/Marker/Coach):

- a. Each side must have a support person appointed.
- b. The duties of the support person may include:
 - i. Ensure that scorecards are completed accurately and in full for each round.
 - ii. Mark singles match (as/if required).
 - iii. Providing coaching as support (per law 44)

19. Regional finals:

- a. The winners will receive an invitation to the Regional Mercedes Cup Finals to be held in Northland on 2 May 2026.

20. Prize money:

- a. Prize money will be for the team and directly credited into a nominated bank account.
 - i. Winner: \$400
 - ii. Runner up: \$200

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